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AC approves priorities for all departments for FY 2023-24

Recommendations made in the Chief Secretaries' Conference part of priorities

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SRINAGAR: In an important decision, the Administrative Council (AC) which met here on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha approved a comprehensive list of priority works for all departments for the financial year 2023-24.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor; Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

These priority works are clearly delineated deliverables and area unique initiative introduced by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir during the last financial year whereby the priority works with respect to



Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha chairing Administrative Council meeting at Srinagar.

each department were identified and timelines were defined to achieve them. The exercise of framing the detailed departmental deliverables and fixing tangible and time-bound targets; was undertaken in consultation with concerned departments and timelines were laid down on monthly, quarterly, half-yearly and yearly basis.

The deliverables primarily

include various developmental projects, service delivery improvements, revenue generation, welfare initiatives and other core activities pertaining to each department. During the last financial year, a total of 1137 deliverables were assigned to the departments. Besides the divisional and district administrations prioritized implementation of these depart-

mental deliverables by undertaking proper planning, assessment and gap analysis for timely action to achieve the targets set out.

The implementation of these deliverables was monitored through a structured mechanism at the Secretariat level and achievements, both at the Secretariat and district

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SIU presents charge-sheet against terrorist associate

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Special Investigation Unit (SIU)-II Srinagar on Tuesday presented a chargesheet against a terrorist associate and an active terrorist before the special designated NIA Court, Srinagar.

According to a police hand-out, the charge-sheet was presented in a case FIR No 02/2023 under Section 8/21 NDPS Act, 302 IPC and 13, 18, 20, 38, 39, 40 UA (P) Act of Police Station Kothibagh.

It said that the case was registered on January 10, 2023 after one scooterist was stopped for checking by a police party at a checkpoint at Regal Chowk

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SCO must not hesitate to criticise countries supporting terrorism: Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: In a veiled reference to Pakistan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday told leaders of the SCO nations that the grouping must not hesitate to criticise countries supporting cross-border terrorism as an instrument of state policy and there must not be any "double standards" in combating terrorist activities.

With Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russia's Vladimir Putin listening, Modi said at a virtual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation



(SCO) that "decisive action" is required to deal with terrorism and terror financing.

Chairing the summit, Modi talked about the growing importance of the SCO and said, "It is our shared responsibility to understand each other's needs and sensitivi-

ties and resolve all challenges through better cooperation and coordination."

The remarks came amid the lingering border row between India and China.

In his opening remarks, Modi also highlighted the need for boosting connectivity, but asserted that it is essential to respect the basic principles of the SCO charter, especially the sovereignty and territorial integrity of member states, while making such efforts.

There has been increasing global criticism of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). India has

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CRPF chief accompanies Amarnath pilgrims; reviews security arrangements

Over 6,500 pilgrims leave for Kashmir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: CRPF Director General Sujoy Lal Thakur on Tuesday accompanied a batch of pilgrims heading to the Baltal base camp for the Amarnath Yatra in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district after reviewing security arrangements at the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here.



Devotees heading towards Shri Amarnath Cave Shrine from Jammu on Tuesday.

The 62-day long annual pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre high holy cave shrine of Amarnath in south Kashmir

Himalayas commenced from the traditional 48-km Pahalgam track in Anantnag district and shorter 14-km

Baltal route on July 1.

"During visit to J&K @sthaosen, DG @crpfndia, reviewed the security arrangements made for the ongoing Sh Amarnath ji yatra . He visited Bhagwati Nagar yatriniwas (Jammu). He also interacted with the pilgrims and took their feedback," the CRPF wrote on its official Twitter handle.

In another tweet, it said, "Continuing with his review of SANJY

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CS launches module for complete 'Switchover to Digital Revenue Record keeping'



Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta launching 'Switchover to Digital Revenue Record keeping'.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday launched the switchover to "Digital Revenue Record keeping Module" to digitize all those pending mutations registered from the time of digitisation of Janabandis.

The launch was attended by Financial Commissioner Revenue (FCR); Divisional Commissioners; Deputy Commissioners besides other concerned officers.

While launching the module, Dr Mehta congratulated

the department for this transformative step for updation of land records. He asked them to keep up the good work. He said that it is an important step towards furthering the quality public service delivery mechanism and significantly enhances transparency and accountability besides promoting ease of access to the significant revenue records.

He directed the DCs that digitization of backlog mutations is a vital step and needs to be taken very seriously. He said that the process needs to

be completed by August 15. He also said that the entire process of the "Switchover to Digital Revenue Record keeping" should be fully completed by November 2023 by fully implementing other allied modules as well.

The Chief Secretary also asked the DCs to identify land in their respective districts that will be provided to the landless poor in the Union Territory under PMAY. The Government has recently decided to provide 5 marlas of land to landless poor people for enabling them to build their houses under PMAY.

He also asked them to submit a detailed plan within a week's time for optimum use of the retrieved land in their respective districts.

Earlier the FCR, Shaleen Kabra, gave an overview of the module and said that with this system in place,

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Two Himachal youths feared drowned in Kathua

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: Two youths hailing from Himachal Pradesh were feared drowned in Ranjit Sagar dam in Kathua district on Tuesday, a police official said.

Gagan (20) and Sahil (19), both residents of Sadar Bazar area of Dalhousie, were taking bath when they ventured into the

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Azad welcomes SC decision to hear petitions challenging abrogation of Article 370

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) chief Ghulam Nabi Azad on Tuesday welcomed the Supreme Court's recent announcement that it will hear a batch of petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution on July 11. Nearly four years after the government abrogated

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PSC holds maiden meeting to review mitigation plan of Pakal Dul HE project

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Six months after its constitution, the Project Screening Committee (PSC) met here on Tuesday to take stock of the implementation of the mitigation and environment plan of the Pakal Dul Hydroelectric Project in the Kishtwar district, an official said.

The PSC was constituted in December last year to contribute and oversee the implementation of environment plans aimed at mitigating the impacts of such mega

projects on local people and the environment and forest health of the area to ensure sustainable development.

The plan envisages various environment and wildlife habitat improvement works worth Rs 236 crore, including Rs 100 crore corpus fund for high altitude national park in the district, the official said.

He said the prime objective of the implementation of the project is to improve the catchment areas of Marusudra, a tributary of

Chenab, on which a series of Hydroelectric projects are being constructed, including Pakal Dul, to harness the huge potential of hydroelectric power of the river.

Afforestation, soil and water conservation activities, along with developmental works, are being executed with the funding provided by the Chenab Valley Power Project (CVPP) against forest and wildlife areas affected by the construction of hydroelectric projects

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LG greets people on Prakash Parv of Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib ji

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday greeted the people on the eve of Prakash Parv of Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji.

In his message, the Lt Governor said, "On the auspicious occasion of Prakash Parv of Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji, I extend my hearty greetings and best wishes to the people."

"Guru Hargobind Ji was embodiment of sacrifice and universal brotherhood,

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Not right to make comments on sub judice matter: Raina on Article 370 SC hearing

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: BJP President of Jammu and Kashmir Ravinder Raina on Tuesday said it was important to refrain from making comments on the matter of Article 370 since it is currently sub judice.

"The Supreme Court of India has announced to hear Article 370 from July 11th through a 5-judge bench. When a matter is sub judice, it is not right to make any kind of comments and statements," Raina told

reporters here.

The apex court decision will put an end to the "propaganda perpetuated by certain parties", and "serve national interest", Raina said.

"The decision that will emanate from the Supreme Court will serve the national interest and put an end to the political propaganda perpetuated by certain parties and factions. It is crucial to note that the court's judgment will not be influenced by political statements

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Facilitate central deputation of IAS, IPS, IFoS officers: Dr Jitendra to states

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Tuesday asked states to facilitate central deputation of officers and follow the practice of cooperative federalism in true letter and spirit.

Addressing the annual conference of principal secretaries of states and Union Territories looking after personnel, general administration and administrative reforms here, he said, it is the responsibility of both the

central and the state governments to maintain the all-India character of the service.

"It is also in the interest of the officers to get exposure to a wide range of experiences at the central level, which in turn also has a bearing on their future empanelment or promotion in the career," said Singh, the minister of state for personnel.

The move assumes significance as the Centre, in 2021, proposed

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