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### Govt investing in...

Bone & Joint Hospitals are also coming up at both the divisions of the UT of Jammu & Kashmir at a cost of Rs. 129.80 Cr and 200 Bedded Additional Block at LD Hospital Srinagar at a cost of Rs. 132.50 Cr. Out of 140 projects with total outlay of Rs. 881.00 Cr under Prime Minister's Development package (PMDP), 112 projects have already been completed and 28 others are targeted to be completed during this year.

Total 220 Health Projects and related works costing Rs. 1757.00 Cr are targeted to be completed during 2022-23. Against the target of 2742 Health & Wellness centers, 2108 have been made operational in the UT of Jammu Kashmir. 636 more Health & Wellness Centers shall be made operational during 2022-23, raising the cumulative progress to 2742 centers.

"Rs. 4200 Cr investment in medi-city will also increase number of beds and MBBS seats in the UT of Jammu Kashmir. Proposed hospitals, paramedical college and super specialty hospitals will add 1,000 MBBS seats, bringing huge relief to the youth planning for a career in medical studies," the Lt Governor further added.

### Three E&S Directors...

Rs. 37,400-67,000 with Grade pay of Rs. 10,000 now revised to Level-14 (Rs. 1,44,200-2,18,200), with effect from February 17, 2022," reads an order issued by Dr. Raghav Langer, Secretary, Planning, Development & Monitoring Department.

As per order, the Directors who have been promoted as Director Generals include Dr. Harjeet Singh Arora, Agriculture Production Department, Civil Secretariat; Parvaiz Sajad Kakroo, Development Expenditure Division-II, Finance Department, Civil Secretariat; and Ather Hussain Qadri, Statistical Training School, Srinagar with additional charge of Regional Director (E&S), Kashmir.

### Budgam grenade attack...

proscribed outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba who was involved in a grenade attack on minorities," a police spokesperson said.

He said incriminating material including a hand grenade was recovered from Malik's possession. On Saturday, police arrested two other "hybrid terrorists" of LeT involved in the attack that took place in Gopalpora in Budgam's Chadoora area.

A civilian was injured in the attack.

### AC approves adoption...

transparent and accountable.

The appointment on compassionate grounds will be made for the Multi Tasking Staff or equivalent or lowest non-Gazetted cadre posts in the Department. However, if an applicant is a Graduate or has higher qualification, there are provisions to allow discretion for considering appointment in the non-gazetted cadre.

However, the compassionate appointment cases still pending disposal in GAD under the existing SRO 43 for various reasons including relaxation of rules and identification of post in other department; will be dealt with in accordance with with SRO 43 of 1994, as amended from time to time.

Furthermore, the new scheme also provides for extending support to the dependants under various self employment/Government sponsored employment generating schemes for obtaining credit as per the laid down norms for setting up a manufacturing unit or a trading venture. The new scheme will put an end to the uncertainty that plagued the erstwhile Compassionate Appointment Rules due to which cases lingered on for years together. The new scheme is expected to provide immediate succour to NOKs of employees who die in harness.

### CJM rejects bail...

Channi Rama near Transit Camp 76 CRPF Investigating agency also collected evidence showing prima facie that petitioner Subash Thakur sold 61 SIMs to different customers based on fake and forged documents. He allegedly used photographs of locals and issued SIM cards to outsiders by forging their identity. Likewise, petitioners Deepak and Mohan Singh are alleged to have issued two and one SIM card to different customers respectively. One SIM card pertains to BSNL as service provider while as remaining 63 belong to Airtel. Investigating Agency asserts that role of service providers in cahoots with petitioners in preparation of fake documents followed by issuance of SIMs on fake and forged documents if any, is also being probed and investigation in that end is at initial stage. In another FIR registered by Gandhi Nagar Police station that on 23.06.2022, respondent police station allegedly received information from dependable channels that few Point of Sale (POS) vendors are involved in fraudulent selling of SIM cards by way of preparing false documents within the jurisdiction of respondent police station for monetary gain and in order to aid and assist criminals etc. etc. Based on this information, FIR no.152/2022 for offences under sections 420/467/468 & 471 of IPC was registered and investigation started. During the course of investigation, out of 11 SIM cards alleged to have been fraudulently issued, the investigating agency obtained Customer Application Forms (CAF) pertaining to 9 such SIM cards from Service Providers i.e., JIO, Airtel etc. 04 such SIMs have allegedly been issued by petitioner to different customers on the basis of fake identity documents.

Chief Judicial Magistrate Jammu Amarjeet Singh Langeh after hearing APP Kuldeep Bhat for Police whereas Advocate Sandeep Gupta for Deepak Kumar, Subash Thakur, Mohan Singh and Advocate Sahil Verma for Sahil Kumar, observed that investigation carried out thus far prima facie indicates that petitioner has forged Customer Application Forms (CAF) as aforesaid and issued 4 SIMs to different customers on the basis of fake identity documents.

"Investigation also insinuates that subsequently petitioner managed to activate the SIM cards so issued by fraudulent means. Under the guise of running Point of Sale (POS), petitioner therefore seems to have indulged in the activity which prima facie attracts offences under sections 420/467/468 & 471 of IPC. In the given context therefore, the offences alleged against petitioner have far reaching and humongous security implications also. That apart, offences under sections 420, 467 & 468 of IPC are non-bailable in nature. Not only this, offence under section 467 of IPC carries punishment upto life imprisonment. In the instant case, all these circumstances are poignantly poised against petitioner; more particularly when some vital aspects of the matter are still under investigation," the Court observed and rejected bail applications.

### BJP slams parties...

out a counter-strategy in the wake of the meeting convened by Abdullah.

The meeting, called by the NC, was attended by Congress, PDP, Awami National Conference (ANC), Shiv Sena, CPI, CPI(M), JDU and the Akali Dal Mann. However, Sajad Lone-led People's Conference and Altaf Bukhar's Apni Party stayed away.

Raina said Congress president Sonia Gandhi is also answerable to the country after her party leaders took part in the meeting as the Act was implemented by the Congress in 1950.

There is no justification for their misleading propaganda. When PDP founder

Mufti Mohammad Sayeed can fight and win elections from Uttar Pradesh and Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad is elected from Maharashtra, there was no uproar at that time.

"How can they oppose those who are living here for decades and were deprived of their rights during their rule over the past 70 years? he said, adding the BJP will launch an awareness campaign on the issue.

Sayeed, who is the father of PDP president Mehbooba Mufti, had won from Muzaffarnagar Lok Sabha seat in UP in 1989. Azad became a member of Rajya Sabha from Maharashtra in 1984.

On allegations that it was an attempt by the BJP to increase its voters, Raina said his party does not need bogus voters as we will achieve our goal of 50 plus (assembly seats) with the support of J&K residents who are satisfied with the functioning of the party.

Referring to West Pakistani refugees, Gorkhas and Valmiki who got voting rights in local elections after the abrogation of Article 370, he said they are getting the chance to register themselves as voters for the first time in 70 years because they were earlier denied the right by these parties.

Our people who are living in different parts of the country are enlisted as voters there but nobody has any objection.

"Farooq Abdullah himself was a union minister, a chief minister, and even his name was recently proposed for the post of president by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and he was happy about it, he said.

He said Abdullah should stay away from such propaganda as he is a citizen of the country.

Continuing his tirade against the NC, Congress and PDP, he alleged, "They have come together under a conspiracy to mislead the public and disturb the peace.

"They have always done their politics over the dead bodies. They are anti-people and least bothered about the prosperity and development of J&K which is taking place at a fast pace under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"They have enjoyed power only because of boycott politics with the support of separatists and Pakistan. They want a return to bomb attacks, stone pelting and strikes, he alleged.

However, Raina said the people are fully aware of their conspiracies and will not allow them to do politics of division and hatred .

We will also stand like a rock and will launch a massive awareness campaign against their misleading propaganda aimed at poisoning the minds of the people, he said.

Raina said the people of J-K have shown that they love their country when they hoisted the tricolour at their homes to mark the completion of 75 years of independence.

Amid the two meetings in the twin capitals, activists of PDP came out from their party headquarters at Gandhi Nagar here and tried to take out a march towards the office of the State Election Commission.

However, they were stopped by police and returned after covering some distance.

They were carrying placards which read stop discrimination and imported voters unacceptable and were also seen chanting anti-BJP slogans.

Separately, a group of Rastriya Bajrang Dal activists torched an effigy of Abdullah for convening an all party meeting in Srinagar on the issue of inclusion of non-local voters.

The activists, some of whom were carrying small tridents, assembled outside the bus stand and shouted slogans against the Kashmiri leaders including Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti before dispersing peacefully.

### Two civilians injured...

LeT, ammunition including two AK magazines and 54 AK rounds were recovered from their possession, the spokesman said.

He said both the arrested terrorist associates were involved in providing logistics support and transportation of arms and ammunition to the active terrorists of proscribed terror outfit LeT in Chadoora area of Budgam.

A case has been registered and further investigation initiated, the spokesman said.

### Judges can't overstep...

Officer for convening a special meeting under rule 27 of the Procedure & Business with respect to a purported resolution for motion of No-confidence alleged to be signed by nine out of sixteen elected Municipality Committee members of the Municipal Committee, Bijbehara. The trial court of Sub Judge, Anantnag, vide its order dated 21st April 2022 came to stay, ad interim, the operation of the said Communication of the defendant Executive Officer, Municipal Executive Committee, Bijbehara read with the resolution bearing No-confidence. Sub Judge Anantnag passed a final order dated 26th May 2022 thereby dismissing the temporary injunction application of the petitioner; and also vacating the interim direction of stay of the communication, with a further direction to the Executive Officer Municipal Executive Committee, Bijbehara, to exercise the process of No-confidence motion strictly in terms of the provisions of the Municipal Act, 2000. The order came was challenged in an appeal before the lower appellate court of the Additional District Judge, Anantnag who called for official record from the office of the Municipal Committee, Bijbehara and made both the petitioner and the respondents to undertake a fresh process & exercise for resolution/motion of no-confidence. The Additional District Judge, Anantnag also nominated a Sub Judge, serving as Secretary, District Legal Services Authority (DLAS), Anantnag on fees of Rs 20,000 payable by respondents to supervise laying of a new No-confidence Motion by the respondents against petitioner before the Secretary Municipal Committee Bijbehara. Borrowing reliance from the report of the Sub Judge as Supervisor; the Additional District Judge, Anantnag came to conduct fresh hearing of the matter and passed a 30-page impugned judgment dated 20/07/2022 bearing a declaration that petitioner has lost majority in the Municipal Committee Bijbehara and has no right to hold the office of the President.

Justice Rahul Bharti observed that adjudicating on the matter the bench observed that under Order 43 rule 1(r) CPC it was mandated upon the appellate court of Additional District Judge, Anantnag to hear the appeal and dispose it on its merits in conformity with the principle of judicial hierarchy and domain of civil courts. The intended outcome of the appeal so filed by the petitioner before the court of Additional District Judge, Anantnag would have been either the order impugned of the Court of Sub Judge, Anantnag getting set aside or confirmed/varied/altered, following the well settled legal principles. "Court also frowned on the Judgement delivered by the ADJ bearing a declaration that the petitioner has lost majority in the Municipal Committee Bijbehara and has no right to hold the office of the President, and then passing on a writ like directive to the Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Bijbehara to proceed as per Jammu & Kashmir Municipality Rules. The Additional District Judge, Anantnag parted with the judgment with wordings appeal disposed of and be consigned to records after due compilation. It is lost to imagination as to what fate the trial court order dated 21st April 2022 and suit of the petitioner was consigned by the Additional District Judge, Anantnag vide his said judgment" Justice Bharti observed. Justice Rahul Bharti observed that impugned order and related proceedings of said order of the Court of Additional District Judge, Anantnag were set at naught by holding the same as null and void

abinitio and directed the District Judge Anantnag to recall the appeal from the Court of Additional District Judge Anantnag with an additional direction to hear and adjudicate it by himself within 30 days from the date of receipt of copy of this judgment. High Court also directed that Principal District Judge, Anantnag shall call upon the Sub Judge (Secretary DLSA) Anantnag to remit fee of Rs 20,000, if received, and the same shall then be returned to the respondents against receipt.

### Speeding car enters...

Yadav (33), Aditya Kumar (12), Lalita Devi (64) and Devan Sahu (29).

Three of the injured are from Delhi rest from Maharashtra, Chandigarh and Jammu, they said.

According to an eyewitness, the vehicle came from the wrong side and hit two people at the entry area followed by others on the way and stopped after hitting an auto.

Senior Superintendent of Police Arif said an FIR has been registered and further investigation is underway.

Meanwhile, a woman whose husband is among the injured has alleged that the administration and police are not helping her; saying, "Our kins are in hospital. We have no money. Administration and police has not helped us at all."

### Not ready to...

after the meeting, Abdullah said the government's move will "end J&K's identity". "The assembly will be in the hands of the outsiders and the people here will be denied it. We discussed the issue and have come to a decision that we do not accept it," he said.

He said all parties, which participated in the meeting, were united against the move to provide voting right to outsiders.

"We are not ready to accept it," he said.

Abdullah had called the meeting to discuss the issue of "inclusion of non-local voters" in the electoral rolls in Jammu and Kashmir after remarks related to the addition of voters in the revised rolls by the UT's Chief Electoral Officer Hirdesh Kumar raised hackles of the regional parties.

The government on Saturday last issued a clarification, saying the reports of a likely addition of over 25 lakh voters after the summary revision of electoral rolls is a "misrepresentation of facts by vested interests".

Dissatisfied with the clarification issued by the Jammu and Kashmir administration on issues related to revised electoral rolls, the National Conference and PDP said they will hold a meeting to discuss the matter.

They claimed the administration has not addressed their main concern on whether "outsiders" ordinarily residing in J-K will be allowed to enrol as voters.

Lone said the meeting seemed to be a point-scoring exercise and he would not want to be a part of it.

"One lady (Mehbooba Mufti) says call an all party meeting and the other makes (phone) calls for it. Also tell me, how much can we pretend? We abuse each other politically 24 hours a day. I have hurled abuses at them yesterday, they have done it day before. How long can we pretend that everything is hunky dory," he told reporters.

"Mehboobaji, desperate to retrieve her (lost) ground, issues diktat for calling all party meeting .... Maharaja Hari Singh's era has long gone by," he added.

Lone also said tjt that party will hold protests, including going on hunger strike, outside all constitutional institutions of the country if any non-locals were enrolled as voters in Jammu and Kashmir.

The mainstream political parties have alleged that the "inclusion of non-locals was a clear-cut ploy to disenfranchise the people of Jammu and Kashmir".

### Pace of execution...

budgetary process and timely release of funds against approved works, online submission of bills through J&K PaySys, Mandatory Administrative Approvals, Technical Sanctions and e-Tendering, digital payments, GFR, GeM and related measures have paced up the development works and brought J&K at par with any other progressive state across the country.

Apart from prioritizing newly sanctioned works, the administration has also focused on languishing projects.

Meanwhile, JKIDFC, a unique model across the country, has achieved tremendous transparency with incorporation of online payment tracking mechanism, tender details/allotment information and geo-tagging of all the projects approved for funding under the languishing scheme of JKIDFC.

The J&K administration linked every project approved under JKIDFC with Google Earth for real time monitoring which facilitated public viewing on the official website of JKIDFC. These measures had been taken to ensure the quality and timely completion of all these infrastructural projects languishing in the UT for a long time.

### H&MED DDOs asked...

strategies for focusing on Preventive and Promotive Health Care for people of the UT. The incidence of Non-communicable Diseases (NCD's) including Hypertension, Diabetics, Cancer's and life consuming diseases are the cause of highest financial burdens to households. The Government of India has been liberal in launching the Ayushman Bharat Jan Arogya Yojna and SEHAT schemes by providing an annual health cover of Rs.5.00 lacs to all families to prevent catastrophic health expenditures. In addition, he emphasized on disease prevention, health promotion and early detection of NCDs by population based screening.

Other issues which were discussed in the meeting include compulsory bio-metric attendance in all the Institutions, ensuring high level of sanitation in the hospitals, monitoring of the Bio-Medical Equipment maintenance program and the ban on private practice during working hours by the Doctors.

The Administrative Secretary while taking serious note of the reports of some doctors doing private practice during working hours said that this practice shall not be tolerated and strict administrative action shall follow against such Doctors. He said that no DDO shall be allowed to draw the salary of any Health official who is attached and such culture of adhocism shall be done away with. He said that focus shall be laid on making cheap and affordable medicines available for patients through the Jan Aushadhi chain of Stores in the Health Institutions of J&K. Appreciating the launch of the Digital Health Mission, he said that this is a huge milestone in the delivery of Health Care of the Country and directions have been issued for its smooth launch.

A PowerPoint presentation was presented by the Director Coordination, New Medical Colleges, J&K about the status of operationalizing the new Medical Colleges Handwara and Udhampur. A detailed overview was also presented about the already established New Medical Colleges.

He thanked all the Heads of Departments including the Principals of the Medical Colleges for their role in improving the health care delivery in J&K and emphasized on making continuous efforts to improve the quality of healthcare which ultimately leads to a higher satisfaction level among the General Public.

## MARTYRDOM OF IAF PERSONNEL: Yasin Malik insists on his physical appearance

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A special court here on Monday offered legal aid to JKLF chief Yasin Malik, but he turned it down and again insisted on his physical appearance in the hearing on the martyrdom of four Indian Air Force (IAF) personnel in 1990.

Malik appeared in the hearing via video conference from Delhi's Tihar Jail where he is currently lodged, standing counsel for the CBI Monika Kohli said. Malik, 56, is serving a life sentence in a terror-funding case.

After the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chief declined the offer of legal aid, the court asked him to submit his stand in writing on the next date of hearing in the third week of September, Kohli said.

Turning down his plea for

physical appearance, the court said there were clear directions from the high court for producing the accused in all cases through video conferencing.

However, the court offered him legal aid but he declined, the CBI counsel said.

Malik observed a 10-day hunger strike from July 22 after the Centre did not respond to his plea for allowing him to physically appear in a Jammu court hearing the Rubaiya Sayeed abduction case in which he is an accused.

Kohli is the chief prosecutor in the two key cases against Malik the 1989 abduction of Rubaiya Sayeed, the daughter of then Union home minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, and the killing of four IAF personnel -- which had taken place when militancy broke out in Kashmir Valley.

She has been representing the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) as a retainer counsel in the Jammu and Kashmir High Court since 2015.

In the case of martyrdom of the IAF personnel, charges were framed against Malik, Ali Mohammed Mir; Manzoor Ahmed Sofi alias Mustafa, Javed Ahmed Mir alias 'Nalka', Showkat Ahmed Bakshi, Javed Ahmed Zargar and Nanaji in March 2020.

They all have been charge-sheeted for murder; attempt to murder and under sections of the from now-defunct Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act.

The framing of charges was in connection with the case related to the killing of Indian Air Force officers on January 25, 1990 on the outskirts of Srinagar city. The charge sheet was filed by the CBI the same year in August.

### Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution), JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Rangoor and adjoining areas shall remain affected on August 23 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Jourian, Troti, Muthi, Mara, Bakora, Rakh Muthi,PHE, BSF, Border Migrant, Sohal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on August 23 from 7 am to 1 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Nagrota, Sainik School, Kattal Battal, Nidor, Panjgrian, Jagti, Nagrota, PHE, Katal, Batal, Sainik School, Migrant Colony, Bamyal Jagti and adjoining areas shall remain affected on August 23 from 7 am to 12 noon. Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Arazi, Agriculture Farm, Chowata area, Dansal, Kotli Mandi, Main Bazar; PHE Installations and adjoining areas shall remain affected on August 23 from 10 am to 12 noon.

### Sufi Cultural event held at Tagore Hall Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: To highlight the teachings of Sufis and Rishis, a Sufi Cultural event organised by the Kaavish Foundation in collaboration with District Administration Srinagar was held at Tagore Hall here on Monday.

Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole was the chief Guest on the occasion, while Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad attended the function as Guest of Honour

Besides, Director Kaavish foundation, Sufi Arvind Guru, senior scholars and students from various universities and colleges from all across were also present on the occasion.

During the Sufi event students presented various Sufi cultural items highlighting the rich Sufi cultural treasure of the J&K valuing our heritage.

## Member DDC Poonch, Chairperson Arising Kashmir meet LG



Riyaz Bashir Naaz, Member, DDC Poonch calling on LG Manoj Sinha.

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SRINAGAR: Riyaz Bashir Naaz, Member, District Development Council (DDC), Poonch called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, here on Monday.

The DDC member apprised the Lt Governor of various issues of District Poonch, pertaining to augmentation of medical facilities, strengthening of road and drinking water facilities, establishment

of trauma hospital, besides connectivity between Poonch

and Kashmir valley via Loran-Langmarg road.

Meanwhile, Syed Rehana, Chairperson of Arising Kashmir, an NGO working for the promotion of various sports activities among the youth met the Lt Governor and apprised him about the various programs run by the NGO for the benefit of the Community.

Similarly, Muneera Tantray, BJP Vice President, Minority, J&K also called on the Lt Governor and submit-

ted a memorandum on behalf of the people of Kokernag, pertaining to promotion of medicinal and mushroom plantation there.

Interacting with the DDC member, Rehana and Tantray, the Lt Governor assured them of appropriate redressal of their genuine issues by taking them up with the concerned.

The Lt Governor further urged them to continue their endeavours towards public welfare.

