

## !! Continuations from Page 1 !! COVID curfew imposed...

vaccination drive shall not be halted. Localised mobile teams shall be constituted to provide vaccination in colonies, residential areas and containment zones.

However, there shall be a 24-hour complete 'Corona' curfew with no movement of people except for permissible activities only, the order read.

All educational institutions shall remain closed, all shopping complexes, bazaars, saloons, cinema halls, restaurants, sport complexes, gyms, spas, swimming pools, parks, zoos, etc. shall remain closed, it said.

No social gatherings whether indoors or outdoors shall be allowed and the permitted ceiling for marriage shall be restricted to 20 people only. The gathering at funerals shall be limited to 10 people only.

The district magistrate also ordered barricading of the restricted areas and intensive door-to-door RAT/RT PCR testing in the mentioned wards.

He directed the Srinagar senior superintendent of police to ensure strict implementation of the order.

## Revenue record to...

and scientists from CDAC participated in the meeting.

It was informed that the IT Department has upgraded its storage capacity to host complete revenue records in the public domain.

The Chief Secretary asked CDAC to suitably upgrade the capacity of its servers in the next 15 days to enable public access to revenue records including mutation, jamabandi, girdawari, and masssavi documents.

Further, the Revenue Department was asked to develop a user-friendly interface by 15th October 2021 to enable hassle-free public access to various revenue documents.

## 1,720 ASHAs of...

According to district wise number of ASHAs appeared in the said examination, 87 ASHAs appeared in Jammu district out of 87 trained; 116 appeared in Doda out of 118 trained; 120 appeared in Kathua out of 120 trained; 80 appeared in Kishtwar out of 80 trained; 116 appeared Poonch out of 116 trained; 175 appeared in Rajouri out of 189 trained; 86 appeared in Ramban out of 88 trained; 59 appeared in Reasi out of 60 trained; 17appeared in Udhampur out of 17 trained.

Similarly, 120 appeared, out of 120 trained, in Anantnag; 96 appeared, out of 103 trained, in Bandipora; 109 appeared, out of 115 trained, in Baramulla; 116 appeared, out of 120 trained, in Budgam; 120 appeared, out of 120 trained, in Kulgam; 116 appeared, out of 120 trained, in Kupwara; 117 appeared, out of 121 trained, in Pulwama and 69 ASHAs appeared in Shopian district.

Despite various challenges, 22% of non-certified ASHLAs in J&K appeared in the All India level NIOS examination. Till date, 41% ASHAs of J&K have been certified by NIOS, which is proportionately the highest in the country.

Yasin Choudhary, MD, J&K NHM, while giving details regarding the examination, informed that the certification of ASHAs has been envisaged to provide a legal and administrative framework within which the ASHA would be eligible and responsible for providing community level care for a range of illnesses. This would enhance the competency and professional credibility of ASHLAs, allow her to use a set of drugs and point of care diagnostics appropriate to that level of care and also provide an assurance to the community on the quality of services being provided by the ASHA, he added.

ASHA certification project is a Government of India initiative and third party accreditation for stabilizing level of quality in ASHA and their cadres as they deal with all the National Health Programmes for pregnant ladies, vaccinations, communicable diseases, tuberculosis, leprosy etc.

At present, about 12622 ASHAs have been engaged in the UT of J&K and all shall be certified in a phased manner by NIOS in a period of two years. The department is targeting that 3000 ASHAs would appear in the All India Level ASHA Certification Examination in every six monthly session by NIOS to create a pool of health activists in J&K. The focus is on ensuring that after 2022 no ASHA is left uncertified in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

This flagship project is being closely monitored and reviewed by Vivek Bhardwaj, Additional Chief Secretary, Health & Medical Education, J&K and Choudhary Mohammed Yasin, Mission Director, NHM, J&K and has a direct and active support of Chairperson, NIOS, Dr. Sitansu S. Sena and National Project Director, NIOS, Alok Mishra.

## Modi holds first...

virtual summits, including that of the Quad in March hosted by the US president. The last telephone conversation between them took place on April 26.

"This morning I'm hosting Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the White House for a bilateral meeting. I look forward to strengthening the deep ties between our two nations, working to uphold a free and open Indo-Pacific, and tackling everything from COVID-19 to climate change," President Biden tweeted minutes before the meeting.

## Submit list of...

Review Committees, assess the performance of employees in the light of Article 226(2) of the Civil Service Regulations and send the recommendations so that the process for their termination can be started.

The Article 226 (2) deals with compulsory retirement of the officials on completion of 22 years of qualifying service or on attaining 48 years of age and to review the cases of all those employees who fall in this provision the Government has already constituted Review Committees.

The Deputy Commissioners informed that they are in process of identifying such employees and the committee meetings will be convened shortly.

Meanwhile, in another meeting the Divisional Commissioner also directed the DCs to submit a revised list of martyrs, prominent citizens for renaming of schools, roads, chowks on their names.

Pertinently, Schools, colleges & Road in the Jammu and Kashmir will be renamed after prominent citizens, The Indian army soldiers, CRPF men, and Jammu and Kashmir police personnel who were martyred in line of duty, while serving the nation.

The DCs apprised the Div Com that the lists have been prepared in their respective districts with consultation with SSPs, BDCs, DDCs.

The Div Com asked the DCs to send the updated lists after consultation with the PRIs with order of priority.

The meeting was attended by Additional Commissioner with Divisional Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner Central and other concerned officers while Deputy Commissioners of Jammu division alongwith SSPs participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

## SASB announces refund...

traditional religious rituals at Shri Amarnathji cave.

SASB had also made arrangements for the live telecast of morning and evening Aarti on TV Channels and social media in addition to facilitating Virtual Pooja, Havan, and Online Prasad booking. Around 7 to 8 Million devotees performed the free virtual darshan on Jio TV platform through live streaming on Shri Amarnathji Channel.

## All infiltration attempts...

meetings with the common people has played a very important role in restoring and prevailing peace here.

He said the current situation in Jammu and Kashmir is far better than what it used to be.

The DGP J&K said that under the aegis of PWWA Chairperson and its members the Police Public Mela which once started as a small activity has gained a significant place in terms of healthy relations between J&K Police and public.

He said that every year the Mela was organized twice but due to COVID-19 it could not be organized in 2020 in the way that used to be but still we managed to organize raffle draw because tickets were already sold out.

In his welcome address ADGP Hqrs. PHQ M K Sinha thanked the DGP J&K, PWWA Chairperson and its members for gracing the function.

AIG Welfare/Communication PHQ Manoj Kumar Pandit conducted the proceedings of the function.

The presentation function was attended by Chairperson PWWA Dr. Rubinder Kaur, Spl DG Crime J&K, A. K. Choudhary, ADGsP S. J. M. Gillani, Dr S. D. Singh Jamwal, M. K. Sinha, Shri Danesh Rana, Sunil Kumar, IGsP Vijay Kumar, Alok Kumar, DIG Sunil Gupta, DPT J&K, Mushtaq Ahmed, PWWA members Archana Chowdhary, Palavi Gillani, Shabnam Mir, and Suma Sinha, AIGs of PHQ and other gazetted officers of PHQ.

The DGP, ADGsP, IGsP, PWWA members, AIGs and other Gazetted officers distributed the prizes.

First Prize Maruti Suzuki Ciaz was presented to Balbir Singh. Second prizes Wagon R cars were presented to Abdul Hamid, Gulzar Ahmad Wani and Feroz Ahmad Begh. Third prizes Alto 800 cars were presented to Jigmat Stobgya, Mohd. Ibrahim and Mohd. Ishaq. Likewise fourth prizes Motor Cycle TVS Sport 100cc were presented to Manzoor Ahmad, Reyaz Qadri, Firdous Ahmad, Manzoor Ahmad and Rameez Ahmad. Fifth prizes Mi full HD Smart LED (55") were presented to Ab. Hamid and Gh. Hussain Mir. Sixth prize Voltas High Wall Spilt AC ( Hot &

Cold) was presented to Firdous Ahmad. Seventh prize of IHP Laptop Quad Core 15.6" HD was presented to Shahid Ahmad. Eighth prize of LG Convection Oven was presented to Raja Begum and tenth prizes of Samsung Refrigerator 192 ltrs were presented to Sarshad Hussain and Reyaz Ahmad.

## Diesel price hiked...

Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd (HPCL) hadn't revised fuel rates since September 5 despite a surge in international oil prices.

On Friday, global benchmark Brent crude rose to USD 77.50 a barrel as crude inventories shrunk from Europe to the US. Oil rates are up 2 per cent for the week and this is the fifth weekly gain.

Since the last price revision on September 5, the price of petrol and diesel in the international market is higher by around USD 6-7 per barrel as compared to average prices during August.

But oil companies, which are supposed to revise prices daily in line with the cost, did not change rates for almost three weeks. They have now started to pass on the increase to customers.

Average international crude oil prices had fallen by more than USD 3 per barrel in August as compared to the previous month. This came against the backdrop of mixed economic data from the US and China and mobility restrictions in Asia fuelled by the fast-spreading Delta variant.

Accordingly, retail prices of petrol and diesel in the Delhi market were reduced by Rs 0.65 a litre and Rs 1.25 per litre by oil marketing companies from July 18 onwards. The last downward revision was on September 5.

Prior to that, the petrol price was increased by Rs 11.44 a litre between May 4 and July 17. Diesel rate had gone up by Rs 9.14 during this period.

The price hike during this period pushed petrol prices above the Rs 100-a-litre mark in more than half of the country, while diesel crossed that level in at least three states. India is dependent on imports to meet nearly 85 per cent of its oil needs and so benchmarks local fuel rates to international oil prices.

## Anurag Thakur inaugurates...

statement said. The five-day film festival is a part of the celebrations of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' commemorating 75 years of India's independence.

"Keeping in view the PM's call for 'Jan Bhagidhari', the film festival will have active participation from the local filmmakers and will showcase talent across 12 Himalayan states and Union Territories," the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting said in the statement.

Addressing the audience at the inauguration ceremony, Thakur said the Narendra Modi government will give a new identity to the hill states and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting will work relentlessly towards that goal.

"The Himalayan states have a diverse culture and have a lot to showcase. The youth of these states need opportunities to display their talent. Cinemas provides a platform to bring all cultural diversities together. The world of cinema provides a prominent platform to the culture of the country," he said.

Thakur said India is a country where the popularity of OTT platforms is increasing.

"This presents an opportunity, not just for the big states but even the smaller states of the country, and soon Ladakh is going to find recognition even in international film festivals," he said.

The minister said India is the fastest growing OTT market and it is the content that is drawing people to these platforms.

"Power lies in content and India can become the subcontinent of content creation of the world. But we need to groom our people to produce that quality content.

"Post-production work for many international blockbusters was done in India and the sector along with gaming and visual graphics sector provide an immense space for growth," he said.

The minister also announced that Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh will be connected with a film training institute soon.

Praising the ministry for organising the film festival, Leh MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal said this will create new vistas for the talented youth of Ladakh at national and international platforms.

He said, "Ladakh is making great strides in education, economy, health, infrastructure etc now and the day is not far when Ladakh will be among the top most UT's in terms of development index in the country."

In the ongoing film festival, short films and short documentaries have also been invited in the 'Competition Section', the statement said.

A food festival showcasing the unique cuisines of Ladakh region, a cultural show showcasing the rich cultural varisity of Ladakh and a music festival will be also held during the ongoing film festival.

The 'Himalayan Film Festival' also envisions institutionalizing a Himalayan Film Fraternity which will have productive repercussions for filmmaking in the Himalayan parts of India," the ministry said.

## Union ministers Chandrasekhar...

medical supplies and other allied infrastructure. The minister then visited the shrine of Hazrat Sheikh Ul Alam. Responding to the grievances and issues raised during the interactions, the minister reiterated that the government is going to improve all ITIs on latest parameters. He added that the latest curriculum and more employment generation courses will be introduced very soon.

The Union minister laid the foundation of Charisharrief Hafroo Batpora road which will be completed at an estimated cost of Rs 3.75 crore.

He said the government is formulating a comprehensive plan to spend the allotted amount on the development of infrastructure in the union territory.

The minister also visited Pattan in north Kashmir's Baramulla district where he interacted with local artisans associated with 'Mirgund Handieraft Cluster'.

He held a comprehensive interaction with the artisans and took first hand appraisal of various activities carried out in the handieraft cluster.

After the interaction, Chandrasekhar expressed his happiness over the outstanding art and skill performed by the local artisans and said the central government has launched various programmes and schemes which aim to promote traditional industries based on local art and skills.

He said through the Skill India programme, special emphasis is being laid for the encouragement of local artisans.

Paras, the Union Minister of Food Processing Industries, visited the Centre of Excellence in Zawoora here and had a detailed interaction with progressive farmers and entrepreneurs.

He said the government is committed to fulfil all genuine demands of farming community of the valley.

He said the government has already initiated several measures to realise Prime Minister Modi's dream of doubling farmers' income by 2022.

Highlighting the initiatives of Union Government for development of food processing sector in Jammu and Kashmir; Paras said the Centre is exploring possibilities to set up mini food parks in the union territory to boost investment.

He said that apart from enhancing processing capacity in the region, this will ensure farmers get remunerative prices for their produce.

He announced that a special team from the Centre will be deputed to the valley to assess the problems being faced by the farming community.

Many entrepreneurs and fruit growers interacted with the minister. They demanded that at least one fruit processing unit be established in every district to cater to local demands.

## DB seeks time...

DB permit Amicus Curiae to file his objections/ response to the aforesaid action taken report and put-forth his suggestions separately for the improvement of the lake. DB also directed Sr. AAG B. A. Dar, Sr. AAG, may to file a further report clearly showing the sanctioned strength of the staff of the Wular Conservation and Management Authority and number of persons employed to show that the authority is really interested in taking effective steps for conservation and preservation of the Wular lake.

## India rejects fresh...

in serious disturbance of peace and tranquillity in the mountainous region.

Reacting to the Chinese remarks made earlier in the day, External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi also said Chinese actions have impacted bilateral relations.

A Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson had again claimed at a media briefing in Beijing that the Galwan valley clashes took place because India "encroached upon China's territory" and violated all agreements.

"We reject such statements. Our position with regard to developments last year along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh has been clear and consistent," Bagchi said in response to a question on the fresh remarks by China.

"It was the provocative behaviour and unilateral attempts of the Chinese side to alter status quo in contravention of all our bilateral agreements that resulted in serious disturbance of peace and tranquillity. This has also impacted the bilateral relations," he said.

Twenty Indian Army personnel laid down their lives in deadly clashes with the Chinese troops in Galwan Valley on June 15 last year that marked the most serious military conflict between the two sides in decades. In February, China officially acknowledged that five Chinese military officers and soldiers were killed in the clashes with the Indian Army though it is widely believed that the death toll was

higher.

"As emphasized by the external affairs minister in his meeting with Chinese foreign minister earlier this month, it is our expectation that the Chinese side will work towards early resolution of the remaining issues along the LAC in eastern Ladakh while fully abiding by bilateral agreements and protocols," Bagchi said.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi had met in Dushanbe on the sidelines of the SCO summit last week.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said that all the agreements and treaties signed between China and India on upholding the peace and stability in the area of the LAC have played an important role in upholding stability in the border areas.

"Last year's Galwan valley incident took place because India violated all the signed agreements and treaties and encroached upon Chinese territory and illegally crossed the line," Zhao claimed.

"We hope India will abide by all the signed agreements and uphold peace and stability in the border region with concrete actions," Zhao said in reply to a question on India's border patrol protocols.

At the meeting with Wang on September 16, Jaishankar conveyed that the two sides should work for an early resolution of the remaining issues.

According to the Ministry of External Affairs, the two foreign ministers agreed that the military and diplomatic officials of both sides should meet again and discuss resolving the remaining issues at the earliest.

The border standoff between the Indian and Chinese armies erupted on May 5 last year following a violent clash in the Pangong lake area and both sides gradually enhanced their deployment by rushing in tens of thousands of soldiers as well as heavy weaponry.

As a result of a series of military and diplomatic talks, the two sides completed the disengagement process in Gogra area in eastern Ladakh last month.

In February, the two sides completed the withdrawal of troops and weapons from the north and south banks of the Pangong lake in line with an agreement on disengagement. Each side currently has around 50,000 to 60,000 troops along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the sensitive sector.

## 761 candidates clear...

Commission on Friday declared the results of the examination, conducted annually to select IAS, IPS and IPS officers, among other civil servants.

Kumar, a Bachelor of Technology (civil engineering) graduate from IIT Bombay, has qualified the examination with anthropology as his optional subject.

Awasthi is the topper among women candidates, according to a statement issued by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

Awasthi qualified the examination with sociology as her optional subject. She completed B.Tech (electrical engineering) from Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT), Bhopal.

Ankita Jain has achieved the third rank in the prestigious test.

A total of 761 candidates -- 545 men and 216 women -- have cleared the examination and recommended for various civil services by the Commission.

The civil services examination is conducted by the UPSC in three stages -- preliminary, main and interview -- to select officers of Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and Indian Police Service (IPS), among others.

The civil services (preliminary) examination, 2020 was conducted on October 4 last year.

As many as 10,40,060 candidates applied for the examination, out of whom 4,82,770 appeared in it, the statement said.

A total of 10,564 candidates qualified for appearance in the written (main) examination which was held in January, 2021.

Of them, 2,053 candidates qualified for the personality test (interview), it said.

The 761 recommended candidates include 25 persons with benchmark disability - seven orthopedically handicapped, four visually challenged, 10 hearing impaired and four multiple disabilities.

Of the successful candidates, 263 are of general category, 86 from economic weaker section (EWS), 220 of Other Backward Class (OBC), 122 Scheduled Castes (SC) and 61 belong to Scheduled Tribes category.

The UPSC said that the top 25 candidates comprise 13 men and 12 women.

The educational qualifications of top 25 successful candidates range from graduation in engineering, humanities, commerce and medical science from premier institutions of the country such as IIT, NIT, BITS, NSUT, DTU, JIPMER, University of Mumbai and Delhi University, the statement said.

The top 25 successful candidates have opted for subjects like anthropology, civil engineering, commerce and accountancy, economics, geography, mathematics, mechanical engineering, medical science, philosophy, physics, political science and international relations, public administration, and sociology as their optional choice in the written (main) examination.

A total of 150 candidates have been put in the reserve list.

The examination was conducted to fill 836 posts of different civil services.

Candidates can obtain any information/clarification regarding their examinations/recruitment on the working days between 10:00 hours to 17:00 hours in person or over telephone nos 23385271 / 23381125 / 23098543.

Result will also be available on the UPSC website i.e. <http://www.upsc.gov.in>.

Marks will be available on the website within 15 days from the date of declaration of result, the Commission said.

## e-shram facilities introduced

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NEWSHERA: While introducing e-Shram facilities, Labour Inspector Nissar Khan on direction of Assistant Labour Commissioner Rajouri Manisha, visited Nowshera and prepared registration cards in Common Center Nowshera Bazar and BDO Nowshera office.



Labour Inspector Nissar Khan educating people.

monthly income is less than Rs 15,000 and ASHA workers with age between 16 years to 60 years will get the benefit of the scheme. He further said that under the scheme, the owner of the card will get a financial assistance of Rs 1 Lakh in case of getting injured in an accident while an amount of Rs 2 Lakh will be provided to NoK in case of demise of card-holder.

## 1,940 cases processed for grant of pension in Nowshera

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NEWSHERA: According to Social Welfare Officer Nowshera, Kabir Khan as many as 1,940 cases pertaining to different categories of people belonging to Sub District Nowshera were processed and sent to District Social Welfare Officer Rajouri and would soon be approved for grant of pension. Vice President, All Jammu and Kashmir Handicapped Welfare Association District Rajouri, Vinod Sharma met Social Welfare Officer Nowshera, Kabir Hussain and highlighted that a large number of pension cases related to handicapped persons, widows and old-aged have been submitted in his office but no pension has been granted till date due to which beneficiaries are facing huge financial crises.

Social Welfare Officers gave a patient hearing to Vinod Sharma and said that he has already sent 1,660 cases of old-aged, 150 files differently-abled and 130 of widows to the District Social Welfare Officer Rajouri, which he hoped would be made through soon and accordingly pensions would be released. He further said that it was his fundamental responsibility and he is always available to ensure that such people get all necessary facilities available under rules.

## GDC Akhnoor organises Freedom Run

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AKHNOOR: Govt. Degree College Akhnoor organised Freedom Run to celebrate 75th year of Independence under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav by NCC Units (boys & girls) in collaboration with the department of Physical Education and Sports under dynamic leadership and guidance of worthy Principal Dr. Namarta.

Nearly 100 students took part in event with great zeal and enthusiasm and started Freedom Run from the main gate of college to village Sohal. A special ambulance service for carrying out this event was provided by B.M.O. Sub. Divisional Hospital Akhnoor for the safety of students. Dr. Namarta on this occasion encouraged the students to participate in such events and make a habit of walk in daily routine for improving their fitness level. The event was coordinate by NCC Officer Prof. Kuldeep Kumar, ANO Boys unit, Prof. Shivani Sharma, ANO Girls Unit and Prof. Sunil Kumar, Director Physical Education and Sports. Other staff members present on the occasion are Prof. Ravi, Prof. Neeru Dhalla, Prof. Indeevar Chanyal, Dr. Aska, Prof. Rashmi Sharma, Dr. Anil Kumar, Dr. Nidhi, Prof. Pooja Devi, Prof. Surinder Kumar, Prof. Shama Rani and others.

