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### Govt working on...

passengers. The system will ensure seamless access control with minimal hassle to devotees. For better crowd management and tracking of the Yatris, 29 counters and control rooms have been set up in Katra and verification counters have been set up at 7 locations on the track.

It was further informed that the work on Spiritual Theme Park will commence before the auspicious occasion of Navratras.

The Lt Governor congratulated all the Members, stakeholders and everyone associated with the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Gurukul for the Foundation Day.

Observing that Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Gurukul is the center of knowledge and wisdom, the Lt Governor said that the Gurukul is a perfect medium to develop the future leaders who will be well accustomed with the Modern, Traditional, and Spiritual Education.

From the last 12 years the Gurukul is paving the way for the strong spiritual-cultural foundation of J&K. The affiliation of Gurukul with Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi is an important step towards revival of Sanskrit in J&K and connecting students with science and spirituality, he added.

At Gurukul, we must encourage original ideas among the students and nurture their mind so that they can learn higher values of life and dedicate themselves towards nation building. It should be our endeavor that necessary changes should be made in the syllabus as per the National Education Policy, the Lt Governor urged the stakeholders.

In the last two years, we have tried to reshape the education system in J&K according to the National Education Policy. Work has been done to develop all the institutions from school to university level as centers of change in consciousness. Today our youth are giving priority to service to society along with personal aspiration and that is a notable transformation after a long time, the Lt Governor said.

We have launched several important initiatives in the last two years, including the flagship program 'Student- Teacher Mentorship' which is a revolutionary step towards enhancing learning outcomes by identifying the learning gaps. In Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Gurukul also, the teachers will get an opportunity to radically change their teaching method by assessing the needs, capability and interests of the students. It will also lead to commensurate changes to the syllabus to inculcate ideas based on future requirements, he added.

The Lt Governor appreciated the efforts of the management for affiliation with the Central Sanskrit University and expansion of the Gurukul as far as Student intake is concerned.

The Lt Governor also highlighted the measures undertaken to cater to the needs of 8-9 lakh devotees visiting Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine every month.

"On this occasion, we must also remember the key role of Jagmohan, former Governor of erstwhile J&K in the constitution of SMVD Shrine Board", said the Lt Governor.

Keeping in view the heavy rush of devotees, we are constantly improving the facilities to make their pilgrimage hassle-free. In the last two years, new projects have been sanctioned for better facilities and resources and important steps have also been taken for crowd management at the holy shrine. The work on Sky Walk will be completed by December, the Lt Governor said.

MoU between National Highway Logistics Management Limited (NHLML) and Katra Development Authority that was inked on 30th August 2022 will create one of its kind intermodal stations for the devotees bringing services like helipad, railway station, bus stand, auto stand, parking, five star hotels, and other modern day facilities at one place, he added.

As many as 18 projects for conservation of places with spiritual cultural importance have been started in Jammu, Kathua, Ramban, Reasi, Samba, Udhampur which were neglected for years. After waiting for seven decades, all these sites will be restored and the surrounding infrastructure will also be developed and comprehensive and holistic development of the entire area will be ensured, the Lt Governor further added.

Mahamandleshwar Shri Swami Vishveshvaranand Giriji Maharaj, Member of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board and Chairman of the Governing Council observed that during a short span of 12 years since its establishment in 2010, the Gurukul has earned a name in imparting quality education in Sanskrit and other subjects and exuded confidence that very soon it will emerge as a centre of excellence.

Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, in his remarks acknowledging the unparalleled emotional connect with the Shrine lauded the achievements achieved so far and emphasised for the pleasant and hassle free experience of the visiting pilgrims.

Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB, in his welcome address highlighted the initiatives taken under the guidance of Lieutenant Governor for facilitation of pilgrims initiated in a very short period by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board like Mobile App, Home Delivery of Pooja Prasad / Panch Mewa Prasad, round the clock Call Centre for facilitation of yatris, installation of Hi-tech Video Walls, construction of Durga Bhawan, e-library, Yatri Queue Management (Sky walk), Underground Cabling Project and RFID Project.

He also thanked the Chief Secretary for extending full support to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board as and when required. He also briefed the gathering on the efforts being made for continuing improvements in the functioning of Gurukul.

Dr. Dhananjay Mishra, Principal of the Gurukul, presented Annual Report of the institution while students of the Gurukul staged an impressive Sanskrit play "Bharat Vijayam", which was highly appreciated by the audience.

The Lt Governor felicitated the meritorious students who have excelled in academics and various other extra-curricular activities during the past one year.

The Lt Governor released a book "Gurukulodayam" tracing the foundation and evolution of Gurukul- an institute of Sanskrit Learning. He also inaugurated a Photo exhibition capturing Pilgrim Centric services and social support interventions of the Shrine Board since 1986.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also laid e-foundation of New Dinning cum Accommodation Complex at SMVD Gurukul and Nature Interpretation Centre & Seed Bank at Kunia Nursery, Panthal.

An impressive presentation of Bhagawati Stuti, Bhajan, culture program by

the students were among the main highlights of the event.

Members of the Shrine Board:- Baleshwar Rai; Dr Ashok Bhan, Dr. Neelam Sareen, Suresh Kumar Sharma, Raghu K. Mehta; Prof. Shrinivasa Varakchedi, Vice-Chancellor, Central Sanskrit University Delhi; Prof. (Dr.) Ravindra Kumar Sinha, VC SMVDU; Dr. Sanjeev Jain, VC Central University Jammu were present on the occasion.

Padma Shri Vishwamurti Shastri, Director SMVD Gurukul; Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Babila Rakwal, Deputy Commissioner Reasi, besides students, faculty member and prominent citizens also attended the function to celebrate the foundation day of Shrine Board and Annual day of SMVD Gurukul.

### Strict action to...

Charan Paduka, Katra.

Sinha said that justice will be ensured, their ability and merit will be respected and strict action will be taken against all those elements who have unethically tried to harm the future of meritorious aspirants.

There were complaints of irregularities in the recruitment examination of Sub-Inspector, Financial Account Assistant and Junior Engineer. High-level committee investigated into the allegations without delay and keeping in view the recommendation of the committee, the investigation of these three examinations has been handed over to the CBI, said the Lt Governor.

### Two Jaish terrorists...

civilian sustained injuries and was rushed to a hospital, where his condition is stable. The two terrorists have been identified as Mohd Rafi, a resident of Sopore, and Kaisar Ashraf Dar, a native of Pulwama. Police said Rafi was twice earlier booked under the stringent Public Safety Act, and that both the terrorists were involved in terror crimes.

### NEET-PG counselling...

Monday deferred the NEET-PG counselling to allow the National Medical Commission (NMC) to complete the process of adding new seats.

The ministry is likely to upload the counselling schedule in a couple of days, the sources said.

"...the NEET-PG Counselling, 2022 was scheduled to commence from September 1. However, National Medical Commission (NMC) is in the process of issuing new letter of permissions (LoPs) for the current academic year and the same will be concluded till September 15.

"Hence, in order to include more seats in the counselling for the benefit of the candidates, it has been decided by the competent authority to re-schedule the NEET-PG Counselling, 2022 which was scheduled to commence from September 1," the ministry had said in a notice.

Usually, the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (Postgraduate), or NEET-PG, is held in January and the counselling starts in March. But on account of the COVID-19 pandemic and the delay in last year's admission process, this year's exam was held on May 21 and results were declared on June 1, a senior official said.

This year's PG counselling is likely to be held for around 60,000 seats. Students who have qualified in the exam will be able to fill their choices with respect to courses and colleges during the counselling process for admission to the all India quota seats, state medical and dental colleges, central and deemed universities.

The counselling will commence for all central universities, deemed universities and 50 per cent of the all India quota and 50 per cent of the state quota of both medical as well as dental colleges simultaneously, officials said.

### BJP to form...

(Org.) Ashok Koul, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, former Dy. CM Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, former MP Shamsher Singh Manhas, General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta, General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal and All Cell Incharge Rakesh Mahajan accompanied Tarun Chugh in the meetings.

J&K Incharges and Co-Incharges of BJP Cells, senior party leaders from districts Core Groups of Udhampur, Reasi, Jammu Rural and Akhnoor participated in separate meetings.

Tarun Chugh stressed that in the coming elections in J&K, the BJP would form the government on its own and all the Cells of the party along with other activists have to play an important role in ensuring the same.

He also said that the welfare and development policies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi have brought dramatic change in minds of the people in J&K. "People want peace and progress that the Prime minister has given to J&K and all party activists must do their part effectively," he said.

Tarun Chugh laid emphasis on the efficient working of the party's cells.

He said that the party's cells have the responsibility to increase the base of BJP in every sector by strengthening the functioning of the organization.

He while interacting with cell convenors said that without an organizational frame work cell convenors cannot be effective in their Party activities and hence state and district level cell bodies must hold continuous meetings.

He further added that appropriate feedback from the party activists to the Party is a must.

Ravinder Raina said that BJP ground-level workers are the "key of success" of the party.

BJP activist is always ready to undertake any uphill task and move together for the success of mission, which is "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwakarman".

Posing faith in their efficient working he said that they need to give further pace to their organizational and development tasks while working in accordance with the expectations of the common masses.

### BJP assigns responsibilities...

the responsibility for Industries & Traders Cell, Transport Cell and Cooperative Cell.

Senior party leader Rakesh Mahajan is assigned the responsibility for Health & Medical Cell, Sanskriti Cell, Sports, Art & Culture Cell and Weavers Cell.

Senior party leader Ved Raj Sharma shall coordinate all the Cells.

BJP National General Secretary & Prabhami J&K Tarun Chugh, J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul along with other senior party leaders assigned the responsibilities of various party Cells to its senior leaders.

Tarun Chugh said that the party's Cells are very important for the progress-

sion of party activities. He said that in order to improve the working of party's Cells in Jammu & Kashmir, senior party leaders have been assigned the responsibility to see the utmost functioning of the party's Cells.

He said that this exercise would ensure that the activities of Cells would be enhanced in Kashmir region along with Jammu region in accordance with the party's principles and people's expectations.

### Uniform Academic Calendar...

week of March. The School Education Department said that it had constituted a committee for implementation of Uniform Academic Calendar for both the Divisions of Jammu and Kashmir in sync with the Higher Education Department and the rest of the country.

Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Alok Kumar said, "The committee deliberated on the issue and was of the opinion that Option-II which is reproduced as under is most suitable for implementation in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir."

"The theory examination in UT of Jammu and Kashmir shall be conducted from the first week of March as per the present Academic calendar of Jammu Summer Zone except in difficult areas of Jammu region and some areas of Kashmir region," it reads.

It also states that the examination in these difficult areas shall be delayed and held from the second week of April as per the calendar proposed, when these areas are fully accessible and the delivery of the examination stationary and confidential material is ensured.

"Even though if examination in these difficult areas shall be conducted separately, the result of these examination can be declared simultaneously, as although the difficult areas constitutes of approx 30-35 percent of the area of the UT, the total number of students from these areas is not more than approx 10-12 percent, since the areas are sparsely populated and the evaluation of answer scripts shall take less time," read the order.

"In supersession of all previous orders issued from time to time on the subject, sanction is accorded to the operationalization of Uniform Academic Calendar in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir from the current academic session.

Stating the guidelines to implement it, the department said, "As per the modified proposed uniform academic calendar, students who appear in Class 10th and 11th examination shall be provisionally admitted in Class 11th and 12th respectively after conclusion of Board examination."

"Students, who are declared unsuccessful in the results, shall be permitted to continue their studies in Class 11th and 12th till the result of Bi-annual/Annual Private examination are declared and in respect of the candidates who fail to pass in Bi-annual examination, provisional admission shall be cancelled," read an order.

"J&K Board of School Education shall restructure the examination schedule from Classes 10th to 12th as Annual (Regular) examination of Jammu Division/Kashmir Division excluding hard zones/areas shall be held in the month of March while Annual (Regular) examination of hard zones/areas of Jammu Division and Kashmir Division/Union territory of Ladakh shall be held in the month of April" it stated and added, however, the result of Annual (Regular) examination of Jammu Division/Kashmir Division including hard zones/areas and Union territory of Ladakh shall be declared in the month of June and Annual Private/Bi-annual examination in Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir/Union territory of Ladakh shall be held in the month of August and its result shall be declared in the month of October.

"J&K Board of School Education shall issue detailed examination schedule including schedule for submission of application form etc and also notify the list of hard zones/difficult areas separately," it stated adding that Other Schedules viz. Registration, renewal of Registration, Migration, Inter-School Migration, Eligibility, Subject change etc shall also be notified separately by J&K Board of School Education.

"The above examination schedule shall be applicable with immediate effect from the current session," it added.

### Money laundering case...

2018 wherein it came to fore that from March 1, 1991 to August 5, 2013 accused Suresh Kumar Rekhi in connivance with his wife namely Kumud Rekhi, accumulated disproportionate assets to the tune of Rs 3,82,74,730.

Accordingly, Enforcement Directorate Jammu registered ECIR/02/JMSZO/2020 on February 21, 2020 against Suresh Kumar Rekhi and Kumud Rekhi under Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2002. The Enforcement Directorate during PMLA investigation identified disproportionate assets acquired by accused which are taken as proceeds of Crime under PMLA Investigation. During PMLA investigation, proceeds of crime to the tune of Rs 2,60,78,550 was provisionally attached vide PAO No. 01/2022 on 31.01.2022 in terms of section 2(1)(u) of PMLA and were found involved in offence of money laundering. Accordingly, adjudicating authority PMLA New Delhi has confirmed PAO No. 01/2022 issued on January 31, 2022 by pronouncing order of confirmation. Further investigation is under process. Immovable properties attached by Adjudicating Authority PMLA New Delhi include Farm House at Village Tarore, Smailpur, District Samba; 1 Kanal 2 Marla plot situated at Bhalla Enclave Channi Himmat, Noida situated at Wish Town, Jay Pee Green, Sector 128, Noida.

Immovable properties as mentioned below of accused persons confirmed for attachment by Adjudicating Authority PMLA New Delhi are as under:-

S. No	Description of immovable properties attached under PMLA	Immovable properties in the name of Kumud Rekhi	Value of said properties/Assets in Vigilance Organization Chargesheet(in Rs.)
1	Farm House at Village Tarore, Smailpur, District Samba	i. Farm House constructed over 8 Kanal 10 Marla land by including 2 Kanal land of Satish Kumar Gandotra. ii. 2 Kanal 3 Marla land other than land of Farm House owned by Kumud Rekhi which is part of 8 Kanal 13 Marla owned by Kumud Rekhi. iii. 2 Kanal land of Satish Kumar Gandotra though part of Farm House of Kumud Rekhi and Suresh Kumar Rekhi.	1,57,63,000/-
2	1 Kanal 2 Marla plot situated at Bhalla Enclave Channi Himmat, Jammu	Kumud Rekhi	44,00,000/-
3	Flat No. PVC0091104 situated in Wish Town, Jay Pee Green, Sector 128, Noida.	Kumud Rekhi	59,15,550/-

### Research Scholar SMVDU presents paper at International Conference

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

KATRA: Arun Bangotra, Ph.D Scholar, School of Mechanical Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) has presented a research paper, titled "Performance analysis of journal bearing having surface waviness operating under misaligned condition" in the 4th MYTRIBOS International Symposium 2022 organized by the Malaysian Tribology Society, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The presentation discussed findings which are likely to be beneficial to bearing manufacturers, designers and researchers for designing a bearing having better and smooth operation. The paper presented in the conference has been authored by Arun Bangotra, Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Reza Taufique and Deepak Bhotra, School of Mechanical Engineering, SMVDU, Katra. Bangotra is presently working as Principal, Govt. Polytechnic Kathua, Jammu.

### Course on Ethics & Soft Skills concludes at SKPA

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Two days course on Ethics and Soft Skills which concluded at S.K Police Academy on Wednesday.

Dr. Madhu Mangal Chitturvi from SMVD University, Dr. Swati Basgotra from IIT Jammu, Dr. Mahesh Koul, Post Doc. Fellow ICPRI, Summati Gupta Assistant Director, Sanjeev Gupta, Sandeep Mahajan members of faculty delivered lectures touching key issues.

In his valedictory address, Sunmati Gupta, AD expressed that soft skills are the core skills applicable to all professions. He advised the participants to make peer groups back home for large scale differentiation.