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(Rs 78800-209200), with effect from September 3, 2022, i.e., the date of meeting of the Establishment-cum-Selection Committee," read an order issued by Dr. Piyush Singla, Secretary, General Administration Department.

As per order, the JKAS officer who have been promoted to Selection Grade include Nargis Bano, Amar Jyoti Raina, Syed Ahmad Kataria, Umar Shafi Pandit, Aziz Ahmad Rather, Rajeev Kumar Khajuria, Waseem Raja, Udham Dass, Rakesh Dubey, Tariq Hussain, Ramkesh Sharma, Vikar Ahmad Giri, Sonam Norbo, Vivek Phonsa, Mamta Devi, Abdul Rashid Dass, Dilshada Akhter, Nighat Alam, Waseem Raja, Minakshi Vaid, Supriya Kohli, Seema Bharti, Chander Parkash, Yar Ali Khan, Sonam Chosjar, Mehraj-ud-din Shah, Girdhari Lal, Samir Ahmad Jan, Reyaz Ahmad Wani, Afaq Ahmad, Surinder Pal Sharma, Syed Shah Nawaz, Mir Nasrool Hilal Jeri, Sudhir Bali, Rishi Kumar Sharma, Ajaz Qesar Malik, Sandeep Seontra and Kaiser Ahmad Bhawani.

Consequently, Waseem Raja, Vivek Phonsa, Reyaz Ahmad Wani and Afaq Ahmad have been designated as Additional Secretaries in the respective departments and rest of the officers shall continue at their present places of postings, till further orders.

"In terms of Non-Functional (Monetary) Scheme (NFS) notified vide SRO-198 dated April 25, 2018, sanction is accorded to the release of Senior Scale (Non-functional) [Level 11 (Rs 67700-208700)] in favour of the 27 Junior Scale officers of Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service, with effect from July 1, 2022," reads another order.

As per order, Senior Scale have been release in favour of Shafiq Ah Wani, Iqbal Hussain Mir, Irfan Ali Khan, Arshad Hussain Ganai, Nazir Ahmad Bhat, Ch. Mohd Nawaz, Jaleel Ahmad Mir, Shiekh Enayattullah, Suhayb Ahmad Wani, Samrinder Singh, Deep Novel Kour, Mohd Imran Niak, Diksha Bamba, Sheikh Salahu Ud Din, Mudasirah, Naveed Hussain Badroo, Jigmet Raftan, Javaid Ahmad Malik, Azhar Amin Zargar, Saima Sharief Khan, Abdul Majeed Rather, Qaiser Mehmood, Ashwani Hansa, Ashu Kumari, Intiaz, Arti and Chander Shakher Sharma.

Govt asks private...

HFR Registry (Health Professional Registry).

The same is said to be required as all these establishments rendering health services to the citizens shall form a integral part of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission ecosystem.

The circular further reads that these directions are mandatory and may be complied at the earliest. For any queries/clarifications the State AB-DM Office, J&K may be contacted through email: amd.abdmjk@gmail.com, as had been given out in the circular.

Maharaja Hari Singh's...

Hari Singh was a great educationist, progressive thinker, social reformer and a towering man of ideas and ideals.

"The public holiday will be a fitting tribute to Maharaja Hari Singh Ji's rich legacy," he added.

Praising the government decision, former deputy chief minister Dr Nirmal Singh said, "The demand of the Dogras of the region have been fulfilled after 72 years".

"It is moment of great happiness and joy that government has respected the sentiment of the Dogras by granting holiday on Maharaja's birth anniversary," he added.

Dogra Sadar Sabha chief and former minister Gulchain Singh Charak said Maharaja's birth anniversary should be celebrated annually as "social justice day" as Maharaja not only delivered justice to all but also undertook great reforms.

Pertinently, on the directions of Lt Governor, a four-member committee was constituted by the union territory administration earlier this year to examine the public demand regarding observing the annual holiday on September 23.

Dr Karan Singh, son of the last ruling Maharaja of the princely state of Jammu and Kashmir, said LG has made an announcement on 'holiday' as he has agreed to the demand.

Some locals, particularly those from the Rajput community, had also staged a protest in the city demanding the declaration of a public holiday in honour of the last Maharaja.

CS calls for...

change will happen only if the government and the civil society joined hands to tackle the multipronged challenges currently being faced in improving the lot of the people in J&K.

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner, Avny Lavasa gave a presentation on the latest status of works and budget expenditure in various sectors.

In the School Education Department, the Chief Secretary assessed the implementation of New Education Policy, NEP-2020 and directed to ensure rationalisation of teaching staff within 15 days in the schools.

He called for adopting the School Complex System under which teachers are able to teach in multiple schools. He stressed that teacher- pupil ratio should be maintained in all schools.

The Chief Secretary directed that toilets be made functional in all the schools and laid stress on saturating kindergarten classes, increased vocalization, and ensuring biometric attendance in schools.

Dr Mehta called for conducting social audit of primary schools by local panchayat members and instituting a system of student feedback from class 6 onwards.

In Higher Education, he directed that GDC Jourian and GDC Bhagwati Nagar should be completed on time.

The Employment Department was asked to organise workshops with the support of allied departments. The departments implementing self employment schemes were directed to support the unemployed youth to establish their units in the district.

The Chief Secretary informed that the largest ever recruitment was done by the government last year since independence.

He said that the government is giving a major thrust to self employment and the same will be promoted in the upcoming Back to Village 4 programme.

He directed that people need to be provided livelihood through various wage employment programmes, MGNREGA and self employment ventures according to capability and educational qualification.

He also directed Employment Department to formulate a District Employment Plan.

The Rural Development Department was asked to ensure door to door segregation of solid waste collection in rural areas with the help of PRIs. The department was also asked to get the all soak-age pits completed by October 2, this year.

Dr Mehta directed the Deputy Commissioner to conduct monthly meetings with officers of Industries department and the stakeholders to speed up setting up of units in the new and upcoming industrial estates.

"A number of industries are coming up in the UT and this would provide major thrust to employment to local youth", he added.

While reviewing roads, the Chief Secretary highlighted that they constitute vital infrastructure for all sections of society and should be kept pothole-free, well maintained and litter free in rural as well as urban areas.

Assessing the progress on the Jammu Ring Road the Chief Secretary directed that parts of the road should be opened for traffic by October 15.

He further directed that the works on the Jammu-Akhnor four-lane project should be completed during the current month.

The Chief Secretary reviewed the Jal Shakti Department and called for immediate resolution of all issues to ensure regular water supply.

Reviewing the Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited, Dr Mehta called for ensuring quality supply of electricity, transparent billing and strict realisation of electricity dues from consumers.

He also directed for strict enforcement and stern action against power theft.

The Chief Secretary directed that the Bone & Joint Hospital Bakshi Nagar, Super Speciality Cancer Hospital and Sub-division Hospital RS Pura should be completed by October this year.

Chief Medical Officer Jammu was directed to ensure saturation of AYUSHMAN Bharat cards.

Directions were also issued for completion of works approved under the languishing scheme (JKIDFC).

Among various other works, Dr Mehta underscored the need of completing all works under NABARD within a year.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed the project of Tawi Barrage and Riverfront and urged for expediting the projects.

He directed completion of works on Anriri Sarovar by 2nd October.

He further asked the district administration to achieve ODF+ status under Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin by October 2.

He directed for swift vaccination drive against the Lumpy Skin Disease while reviewing the animal husbandry sector and its sectoral cooperatives.

The Chief Secretary was also apprised of developments in the agriculture and horticulture sectors. The Agriculture department was asked to prepare a District Agriculture and Export Plan and to make all out the efforts for increase in production of oil seed and cropping intensity.

He was also informed about the GI tag applications for local products like Guchhi, Rajma, Kalari, Anardana and other local products in the horticulture sector.

The Social Welfare & Education Departments were asked to saturate scholarships schemes.

Dr Mehta directed SSP Jammu to ensure that the drug peddlers are nabbed and

booked. He was also asked to generate awareness about the drug menace.

The Chief Secretary also directed for setting up a helpline number of the Social Welfare Department for the assistance of the general public.

Implementation of other schemes like Samridhi Seema Yojana, PMAY (Urban), SAKSHAM scholarships, self employment schemes, Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, Ayushman Bharat etc were also reviewed by the Chief Secretary.

The Chief Secretary instructed all officers to proactively utilise and promote digital services and platforms for public services and called for greater inter-departmental coordination.

Principal Secretary Jal Shakti Department, Principal Secretary Higher Education Department, Commissioner/Secretary Revenue Department, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Commissioner, JMC, Jammu, Directors, HODs and district heads of various departments attended the meeting.

DIG Abdul Jabbar...

of Investigation (CBI) at DIG Level, on deputation basis, for a period of 05 years from the date of the assumption of the charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier, he is hereby relieved to enable him to take up the new assignment," reads an order issued by Raj Kumar Goyal, Financial Commissioner/Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department J&K.

"Sujit Kumar (IPS), Deputy Inspector General of Police, Central Kashmir Range, has been given the charge of DIG, South Kashmir Range, in addition to his own duties, till further orders," it added.

As per another order, the government accorded sanction to repatriate P K Modi, Superintendent of Police, from the Prisons Department to his parent Police Department, J&K with immediate effect.

BJP Disciplinary Committee...

mandate of Bharatiya Janata Party and Mohd Sarber though not elected on Party mandate but has subsequently joined Party in presence of Dr. Jatendra Singh MOS in Union Cabinet," it added.

"You being members of Bharatiya Janata Party has exhibited conduct which is indisciplined and highly objectionable to ethos to which Party stands," it stated and added, "You are as such directed to show cause as to why you shouldn't be expelled from Primary Membership of party for indulging in gross indiscipline which will also entail losing your position as Councillor of Municipal Council Udhampur under rules. "You are further advised to immediately disassociate yourself from No confidence Motion. Your reply should reach Committee within 2 days from today positively failing which it will be presumed that you have nothing to say in matter" it concluded.

SKUAST-K offers...

to make Kashmir an education hub and it is working not only to build capacity to bring students to the Valley, but also send students at premier institutions here outside. "We don't find ourselves in isolation and we want to move international and to create an ecosystem where every university of India must follow us," he said.

Ganai enumerated the benefits of studying at the university, saying Kashmir has adventure and agri-eco tourism as well as winter sporting activities.

CICE SSP Sandeep...

for viewing messages, gallery and contacts and immediately uninstall such apps.

Chaudhary has released a couple of awareness videos on two major issues sextortion and impersonation to extort money over the past two months.

Hurriyat finished, attempts...

bifurcation of J&K into two Union Territories) and August 15.

Hurriyat Conference, an umbrella body of separatist groups in J&K, which once enjoyed a dominant position in the valley, was made inconsequential after jailing of several of its leaders in the wake of abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, and the death of its main leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani in 2021.

August 15 was celebrated in a befitting manner all across the J&K, from Kishtwar to Kathua and in the Kashmir valley with people hoisting the national flag on their homes.

I recently visited the remote Karnah and Keran along the Line of Control (in north Kashmir's Kupwara) where the tricolour is still seen fluttering from top of every house, the DGP said.

He said the people of Jammu and Kashmir want peace and they have understood the criminal folly of Pakistan which is trying to instigate the youths against their own country.

Pakistan is misusing social media which is under watch 24x7 and we are frustrating their designs, Singh said.

Asked about the recent arrest of a madrasa teacher in Kishtwar, he said for most part madrassas are doing a good job. Some people from madrassas joined militancy in the past and so it is imperative that we keep a close watch on them, and it is being done.

If anyone is doing anything wrong, action as per law will be taken against them. Those who involve youngsters with positive thinking are being welcomed, he said.

On September 3, a 25-year-old madrasa teacher was arrested under Enemy Agents Ordinance Act for allegedly passing on information related to security installations to Pakistani intelligence agencies and terrorists.

About the terrorists active in Kishtwar, he said the guardians of peace' are more active than militants who are almost wiped out from the region.

The militancy is on crutches with one or two active members, and they too will be neutralised' soon, he said.

The DGP said the situation in the entire Jammu and Kashmir is well under control with the holding of cricket tournaments and events to pay homage to the police martyrs.

Our youngsters have seen a ray of hope with the atmosphere of terror and bloodshed long gone. We want to provide ample opportunities to the youth to move ahead and excel in a peaceful atmosphere, Singh said.

Referring to the inauguration of multipurpose cinema halls in south Kashmir's Pulwama and Shopian districts on Sunday, he said their opening may also in future lead to the youth to show their talent, produce films, and watch them on the same big screens.

We have a long list of filmmakers who want to shoot in Jammu and Kashmir, engage local talent, and show the beauty of J&K to the outside world. Kishtwar is one such scenic spot which we would like to showcase, he said.

The DGP said Samradhi Sen, an eight-year-old resident of Kishtwar, has become a national icon in the field of singing after participating in Chhoona Hai Aasman', a talent-hunt show initiated by the police.

Today she is taking part in every national event and we stand with her, he said, adding we will support anyone who has a talent and wants to make it big in his or her own field.

Reviews security situation...

security scenario in Kishtwar, the DGP stressed on high alertness and vigilance so that no chance is provided to anti-national elements to revive their structure in the district.

He directed for settling down the sensitive cases on priority.

He asserted that intensified efforts must be made to curb drug trafficking and said that habitual offenders should be booked under the Public Safety Act.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, Shafiq Hussain Batt and officers of the Army and CRPF briefed the DGP about the measures taken to maintain peace and order in the district.

Besides Additional Director General of Police, Jammu, Mukesh Singh, the meeting was attended by Deputy Inspector General of police, Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban range Sunil Gupta and other jurisdictional officers of Police, Army and CRPF, the spokesperson said.

Earlier, the DGP addressed a gathering at the closing ceremony of the cricket tournament and paid rich tributes to Thakur, saying the brave heart was a dedicated and devout officer who voluntarily worked to end terrorism.

He was awarded the prestigious Shuriya Chakra for his gallant act in service of the nation. This tournament is dedicated to remember the martyrdom of the fallen hero, he said.

He said Jammu and Kashmir Police has lost a number of officers and jawans in the war against terror.

The DGP lauded the people of Kishtwar for their contribution in strengthening peace in the district and hoped that they will continue to cooperate and support police.

He also emphasised on strengthening brotherhood and communal harmony in the region.

"With the cooperation of people from across the UT, we are witnessing peace in Jammu and Kashmir. More collective efforts are required to stabilise it further, he said.

Later, the DGP accompanied by ADGP Jammu and DIG DKR range visited Neel Top, Mal Tragan in Ramban and complimented the people for maintaining brotherhood and taking part in peace activities. He alerted them about the cross-border conspiracies and advised the youth to take part in sports activities.

Three-decade wait...

the movies are available on various platforms within no time, the feel and experience of watching it on a big screen is unmatched," Bhat told PTI.

The 30-year-old said eversince noted businessman Vijay Dhar announced his project for opening the first multiplex in Kashmir, he has been keeping a track of the devel-

opment.

"I think the wait is finally over!" he said.

Dhar, who also owns a reputed private school here, said the multiplex will be thrown open to the public on Tuesday with a special screening of Aamir Khan-starrer 'Lal Singh Chaddha'.

"Regular shows will start from September 30 with the screening of Vikram Vedha, starring Hrithik Roshan and Saif Ali Khan," Dhar said.

The first multiplex in Kashmir will have three movie theatres with a total capacity of 520 seats. The premises will also have a food court aimed at promoting the local cuisine.

Bhat, who is into handicrafts business, said he travels regularly to places outside Kashmir mostly related to his work. "Many a time the line between business and pleasure, which for me is watching movies in a theatre, would blur. Now on, I will be travelling purely for business," he said with a sheepish smile.

The scheduled opening of the multiplex, which will be operated by INOX, comes close on the heels of Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurating multipurpose cinema halls -- one each in the twin Pulwama and Shopian districts.

The cinema halls have reopened in the valley after three decades as theatre owners downed their shutters in the Valley due to threats and attacks by militants in 1989-90. Sinha described the occasion as "historic" saying "we will build such multipurpose cinema halls in every district of Jammu and Kashmir soon".

He said cinema halls in Anantnag, Srinagar, Bandipora, Ganderbal, Doda, Rajouri, Poonch, Kishtwar and Reasi will be inaugurated soon.

Asked if the government wanted to send out a message by building such cinema halls, the LG said, "There is no message."

"Cinema is a powerful creative medium which reflects the culture, values and aspirations of the people. It opens the door to the world of knowledge, new discoveries and enables people to get a better understanding of each other's culture, Sinha said.

The Valley had seen nearly a dozen stand-alone cinema halls functioning till the late 1980s, but they had to wind up businesses after two militant outfits threatened the owners. Though authorities made attempts to reopen some of the theatres in the late 1990s, militants thwarted such efforts by carrying out a deadly grenade attack on Regal Cinema in the heart of Lal Chowk in September 1999. Two other theatres -- Neelam and Broadway -- had opened their doors but had to shut business due to poor response. Jammu and Kashmir has a long association with the world of cinema. The new film policy and facilities created has once again made the Union Territory the favourite shooting destination and has brought back the golden era of film-making here, the LG said.

IAF set to...

remaining squadrons of ageing MiG-21 fighter jets.

The No. 51 Squadron is to be retired by the end of September, "as per the plan", the defence sources said. The remaining three squadrons of MiG-21 will be phased out by 2025, they said.

IAF fighter jets had bombed a Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist training camp in Balakot on February 26, 2019, nearly two weeks after the Pulwama terror attack. Pakistan had retaliated on February 27 by attempting to target Indian military installations. Varthaman (now Group Captain) had taken to the skies to thwart an aerial attack launched by adversaries and engaged in a dogfight with Pakistani jets during aerial combat. Before his MiG-21 Bison jet was shot down, Varthaman had downed the F-16 fighter of Pakistan. He was conferred the Vir Chakra, India's third-highest wartime gallantry medal, on the Independence Day in 2019.

The MiG-21 jets were inducted into IAF over four decades ago and many of these planes were lost in crashes. Though the Soviet-era Russian fighter jets have also been in news in the last several years for multiple crashes causing death of pilots, the sources said "when an IAF aircraft is air-borne, it means it is fully serviceable".

"Ageing is a factor, but we read reports that even a modern aircraft can crash. A crash can happen due to multiple factors, including weather," a source said.

And, the retiring Srinagar-based No. 51 squadron, also known as 'Sword Arms', is "happening as per the plan", he said, adding that the old fleet were in operation also as new ones were awaited. The No. 51 Squadron or 'Sword Arms' is one of the decorated squadrons of the IAF, and it participated during Op Safed Sagar (Kargil conflict) in 1999. "It was conferred with one Vayu Sena Medal and three Mention-in-Dispatches for its effective contribution. During Operation Parakram, the Squadron was tasked with the Air Defence Of Kashmir Valley," according to Bharat Rakshak website. It was raised at Chandigarh in 1985. The crest of the squadron portrays a pair of muscular arms firmly clasping a sword, depicting the motto "Vijaya Prakrama" which means 'Valour for Victory', it said.

For its meritorious and glorious service to the nation, since its inception, the squadron was awarded the President's Standards in 2018, the website says.

US visit-an opportunity to present Modi's vision before world: Dr Jitendra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Before leaving for 5-day US visit, as the head of high-level Joint Ministerial official delegation, Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh said here on Monday that the visit offers India an opportunity to present Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision before the world.

Dr Jitendra said, since the forum will bring together all the stakeholders, including atleast 30 Ministers from different countries, hundreds of CEOs and business leaders, scientists and academicians, it is also an acknowledgement of the leading role assumed by India under PM Modi on issues related to Clean Energy concerns.

Dr Jitendra Singh recalled that only last month, the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi had approved India's updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to be communicated to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). India at the 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Glasgow, United Kingdom in November, 2021 expressed to intensify its climate action by presenting to the world five nectar elements (Panchamrit) of India's climate action.

Dr Singh said, since no single ministry is responsible for moving India towards net zero, the Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Ministry of New and Renewable energy (MNRE), and Ministry of Heavy Industries (which implements the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid & Electric Vehicles in India (FAME INDIA) scheme to promote electric vehicles), have largely been the driving force behind India's effort in this direction.

Dr Jitendra said, he is looking forward to very close engagements at the Plenary and Roundtables of Global Clean Energy Action Forum through, especially in the light of recent breakthroughs in the areas of Clean Energy Technologies both at home and abroad.

XIMIVOGUE opens at Anantnag

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

ANANTNAG: Korean-designed fast fashion brand XIMIVOGUE has opened its new outlet in Anantnag. Spread over an area of 700 sq.ft, the store is located on Railway road. Currently, the company boasts of 65 outlets across India.

This international fast fashion franchise brand offers a wide range of Korean design quality products, at great prices. The brand is dedicated to continuously developing cost-effective high quality products from the perspective of global consumers. Their outlets offer enjoyable shopping experience for customers by offering more than 10,000 quality products in categories such as beauty, fashion, home decor and lifestyle to name a few.

Commenting on the store launch, Abhishek More, Director, XIMIVOGUE, said "We are pleased to open our fifth outlet in Jammu & Kashmir. Alike other outlets, this outlet has been designed with the Korean concept. With its launch, the brand has come closer to its northern customers. Now, the brand is present in Srinagar, Ladakh, Jammu (two stores) and Anantnag.

Also, the company has a target of opening 20 more outlets by end of this year" he added.

Equipped with a 50,000 sq. ft. warehouse in Jaipur, XIMIVOGUE has a massive production capacity to meet the market demand. It is the high-quality products and affordable pricing strategy that makes this brand the most preferred shopping destination. As XIMIVOGUE goes from strength to strength, the brand targets 100 Crore turnover by next year. To date, XIMIVOGUE has opened more than 1,700 stores in 93 countries and regions, such as the US, Canada, El Salvador, UK, France, Denmark, Morocco, Italy, Egypt, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Lithuania, Russia, China, Brunei, Australia and Greece.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh presiding over a high-level meeting of senior officials of Govt of India.