

CS reviews transportation arrangements for migratory tribal families

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Saturday reviewed the preparedness for transportation facilities to be provided to migratory tribal families on return from highland pastures to villages. He directed for hassle-free movement of migratory tribal families with all required facilities and smooth management of traffic.

In a first, the Jammu and Kashmir Government has initiated transport facilities for migratory tribal families traditionally undertaking migration along the National Highway and Mughal Road. Govt has deployed 50 trucks and 100 Light Commercial Vehicles for smooth movement and authorised Deputy Commissioners to hire more vehicles as per requirement.

Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Pandurang K Pole, Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary, Transport Department, G Prasanna Ramaswamy, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar;



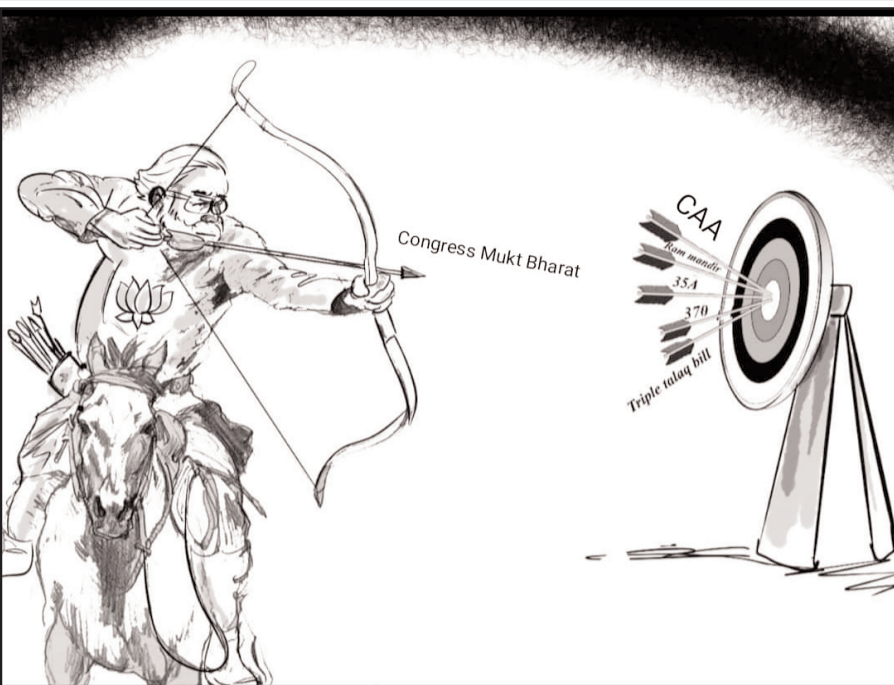
Deputy Commissioners of all districts, Director TAD Mushir Ahmed, MD JKRTC Rakesh Sarangal, SSPs Traffic National Highway, Rural and City attended the meeting and briefed about preparedness.

Chief Secretary directed all Deputy Commissioners to establish control rooms for facilitating hassle-free movement of migratory tribal families and provide them all required

in Kashmir division including constitution of joint teams of veterinarians from Animal & Sheep Husbandry department, transport department and other agencies. Secretary, Transport Department, G Prasanna Ramaswamy informed that apart from a fleet of 50 trucks to be operated by JK Road Transport Corporation more than 100 LCMVs will operate.

Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary informed that transportation facility, free of cost, is being provided from 25 September to 25 October 2022 and vehicles have been placed at the disposal of concerned Deputy Commissioners. He also informed that 2 transit accommodations have also been readied to be used as halting points.

IGP Traffic Vikramjit Singh informed that Deras have started moving from upper reaches and the transport facility will greatly augment traffic management efforts. He also informed traffic police teams will be deployed to coordinate pick-up and movement of



Woman gives birth in ambulance as shooting stones disrupt traffic on NH

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAMBAN/JAMMU: A 22-year-old woman gave birth to a boy in an ambulance as shooting stones from a hillock disrupted traffic on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway in Ramban district on Saturday, health officials said.

Shaheena, a resident of Dharam-Sangaldan in Gool, delivered her first child with the help of 108 Ambulance support staff after the vehicle was caught in a traffic jam on its way to the

district hospital, the officials said.

Traffic on the highway was disrupted since morning due to the stones sliding off a hillock overlooking the highway at Cafeteria, Mehar. Several vehicles suffered damage after being hit by the stones but there is no report of any casualty.

"When we reached Karol from Gool, some 35 km from Ramban, there was heavy traffic but Army personnel cleared a path for the ambulance. But it stopped again near Mehar due to the

shooting stones," said a relieved Mohammad Yousuf, Shaheena's husband.

"The medical support staff managed the delivery in the ambulance," he added. Yousuf thanked the medical staff, Army, police and civil volunteers for their support in ensuring that both Shaheena and her newborn reached the hospital in time. Traffic department officials said the stones rolling off the hillock hampered traffic movement from both sides.

Will file defamation case against AAP: Mankotia



Former MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia talking to reporters.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Former MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia on Saturday threatened to file a defamation case against Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for issuing a termination notice against him and launching a personal tirade against him.

Mankotia, while addressing a press conference here, said that he was never a basic member of the AAP and as they betrayed his trust and opposed the demand for holiday on birthday of Maharaja Hari Singh, he had distanced himself from the party a few days after joining the party.

Launching a direct tirade against the Aam Aadmi Party, Mankotia said that after joining the party he came to know of their sinister anti-India, anti-nation policies and distanced himself from the party.

He further said that party leadership offered him the

post of Provincial President, a non constitutional post, which he declined politely and told them that it was not possible for him to work for their party. He said that notice of his termination is totally illegal and an attempt to defame him.

Mankotia said that all the allegations of anti-party activities, trying to influence AAP workers to join a particular political party are totally baseless as they are already involved in a bitter battle to remove the Municipal President of Udhampur Municipality and there was no scope of hobnobbing with anyone as he has not either attended their office or organized any political function of AAP.

He said that a defamation notice will be served to AAP very shortly and as they have launched a tirade to defame him, he will expose them in the public.

Immense support to Waqf Board from people of J&K in reforming management system encouraging: Dr Darakhshan



Chairperson JKWB Dr Darakhshan Andrabi paying obeisance at a Sufi Shrine.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
BARAMULLA: Chairperson of Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi on Saturday Baramulla district & paid obeisance at the Sufi Shrine of Syed Murad Bukhari at Kreei & shrine of Peer Janbaz Wali at Baramulla.

She was accompanied by ex-Minister Syed Basharat Bukhari & the Executive Magistrate of Waqf Board Ishtiaq Mohiuddin. Dr Andrabi interacted with Waqf Board staff & the prominent citizens at both the shrines and assured them of updating & developing the facilities at these shrines. Speaking on the occasion Dr Darakhshan Andrabi said that the majority population of J&K has welcomed the bold decisions of Waqf Board but a few beneficiaries of the illegal or corrupt practices are

opposing the decisions. "New Waqf Board has vowed to make this organization a productive unit, a transparent & public welfare entity so that the donations of the people managed by the Board are utilized for bigger public good," she said.

Dr Andrabi hailed the role of the religious preachers, scholars & intellectuals of their guidance and support in making Waqf a public-accountable organization. "We are taking big decisions to transform Waqf in J&K. The investigations of irregularities of the past are being investigated and soon we will come out with the reports on corruption and mismanagement," said Dr Andrabi. She assured all that no corruption and no irregularity of any kind will be tolerated.

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