

# CS asks PDD to reduce AT&D losses by 10 pc each year, move towards 24x7 power supply

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday chaired the meeting of the Power Development Department (PDD) to discuss the prospective reforms to be taken up in the distribution sector here in J&K.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Finance; Principal Secretary, PDD; DG Budget; Chief Engineers of the department and many other officers of the department.

The Chief Secretary impressed upon the officers to work on reduction of Actual Transmission & Distribution (AT&D) losses



Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta chairing meeting of PDD.

and take them down at least by 10% in each year to bring them within the permissible limits. He urged them to ensure quality power supply to consumers besides realization of pending liabilities from the consumers.

Dr Mehta also stressed on running a campaign to

assure consumers that the department is committed to provide the quality power if they reimburse their dues on time. He suggested installation of smart in future and the conventional meters from these areas in unmetered areas.

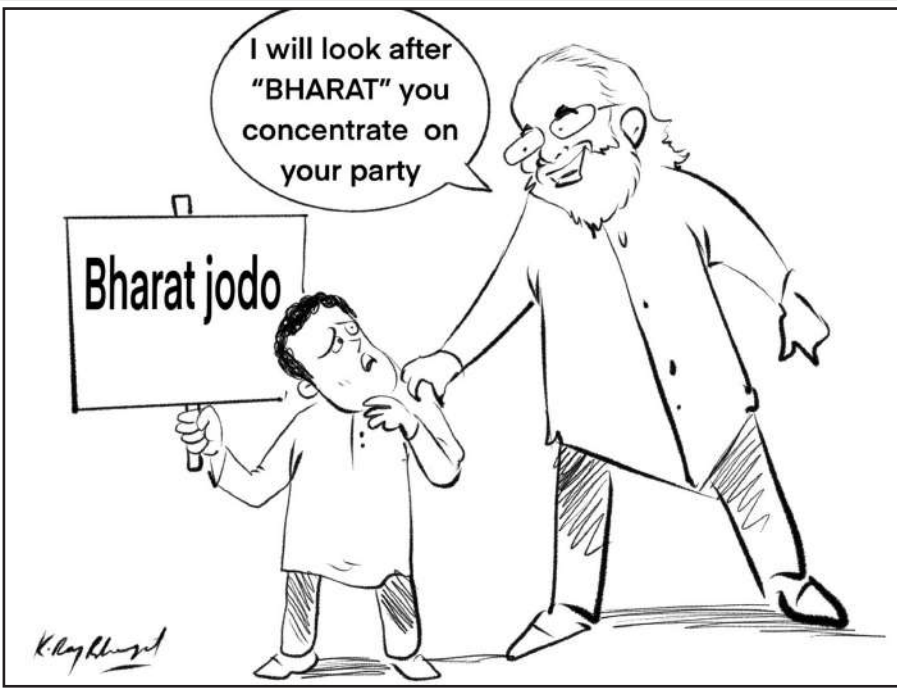
The Chief Secretary stressed on completion of all

the works regarding installation of Smart metres and loss reduction in a time bound manner. He maintained that the endeavor of the department should be to provide round the clock electricity to all the consumers in the next few years.

The meeting was informed that the department is to

carry out Smart Metering works at the cost of Rs 1046.71 crores and loss reduction works at the cost of Rs 4595.20 crores under Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS).

It was also revealed that under phase-I 115000 smart meters had been installed and in phase-II some 600000 more such meters would be installed till July, 2023. The meeting also discussed that a total of more than 21 lakh Smart Metres would be installed in the UT for bringing a substantial change in the power sector here besides providing 24x7 power supply to consumers here in the next few years.



## Advisor Bhatnagar flags-off Shanti Yatra from Teachers' Bhawan Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
JAMMU: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Wednesday flagged off the Shanti Yatra from Teachers Bhawan here to start the month long celebrations in view of 153rd Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi being celebrated as Gandhi Mahotsav.



Advisor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar flagging-off Shanti Yatra from Teachers' Bhawan.

During the flagging off ceremony, Advisor Bhatnagar remarked that by organising this unique yatra, a message of truth, peace and non-violence will be inculcated among the students as well as the general public. He added that this historic step will also generate awareness about our glorious history among the school children and the local people.

Addressing the gathering of large number of students, Advisor Bhatnagar asked them to participate in this Yatra as well Gandhi Mahotsav with full zeal and vigour as this will help instill the spirit of nationalism and also nurture their patriotism. The Advisor also commended

the School Education department for organising Shanti Yatra under the Gandhi Mahotsav programme.

During the ceremony, Advisor Bhatnagar also unveiled the 'Shanti Chihni' symbol of love, peace and non-violence.

Speaking on the occasion, Director School Education Jammu, Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma highlighted the major activities which are to be carried out under Gandhi Mahotsav across Jammu Division.

During the flagging off ceremony, a Bhajan was also presented by students of GHSS Narraribala, Akhnoor. Notably under Gandhi Mahotsav programme, different events will be organised throughout the month and Shanti Yatra is part of that Mahotsav. Shanti Yatra will travel through all the 10 districts of Jammu Division covering a distance of more than 1000 Km and involve 450 plus schools in its entire journey, spreading Gandhi's message of love, truth, peace and non-violence.

## ADGP Jammu Zone reviews security scenario in Kishtwar

Compliments Police for peaceful culmination of Machail Yatra



ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh chairing a security review meeting.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh on Wednesday visited Kishtwar and chaired a security review meeting.

ADGP Jammu was accompanied Divisional commis-

sioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, DIG DKR Range Sunil Gupta and SSP Kishtwar Shaftat Hussain Bath and other officers.

ADGP Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh congratulated police officials for the smooth and effective conduct of

Machail Yatra.

He also sensitized them about the current terror threats and political developments and exhorted them to put in their best for maintenance of law & order and for conduct of counter terror operations.

## DB directs DC Reasi to initiate action for mitigating grievances of petitioner in PIL seeking proper dumping site

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation filed by one Jugal Kishore Sharma (Sarpanch) stating that on account of absence of any established dumping site in village, due to which public as well as Municipal Committee are dumping waste material near Tan Talab which is a cause of great public nuisance and hazard to health of inhabitants, seeking directions for the concerned to stop dumping waste material at aforesaid place besides establishing a proper garbage dumping site to avoid pollution, nuisance and unhygienic conditions for inhabitants, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Rajnesh Oswal after hearing petitioner in person, disposed of PIL with directions to the petitioner to submit a comprehensive representation highlighting grievance before the Deputy Commissioner Reasi within a period of three weeks from today. The court further directed that in case, any such representation is filed, the Deputy Commissioner would consider it, after getting necessary inputs will and pass a speaking order and take appropriate steps for establishing a proper waste dumping ground in village. DB further expected that Deputy Commissioner would take action in this regard within a period of six weeks from date of submission of representation.

## HC upholds PSA of narco-smuggler

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court while upholding the detention under Public Safety Act (PSA) of an alleged narco-smuggler, held that pendency of prosecution is no bar to an order of preventive detention and an order of preventive detention is also not a bar to prosecution. Discharge or acquittal of a person will not preclude detaining authority from issuing a detention order.

Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, while dismissing petition filed by one Manzoor Ahmad Lone, challenging order No DIVCOM-"K"/178/2021 dated 23rd December, 2021, issued by Divisional Commissioner Kashmir regarding detention of accused in terms of Section (3) of Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (for short NDPS Act), observed that the instant case the acts of detainee relates to drug trafficking, which has posed serious threat, apart from health and welfare of the people, to youth, most particularly unemployed youth, to indulge in such nefarious acts.

## Burglars' gang busted; 4 arrested, stolen gold ornaments worth Rs 50 lakh, 30 phones recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
JAMMU: Police on Wednesday busted a burglars' gang by arresting four notorious burglars and recovered stolen gold ornaments, weighing approximately 80 Tolas and worth more than Rs 50 lakh.



SP City South, Manta Sharma briefing media at Jammu on Wednesday.

Basohli at present Telli Basti, Bari Brahmuna and Mohd Irshad alias Shadhu, son of Mohd Saleem, resident of Chowadi at present Telli Basti, Bari Brahmuna. During sustained questioning, the accused confessed their involvement in crime and on their disclosure stolen gold ornaments were recovered. During further course of investigation, they also confessed that they have also committed thefts against which FIR No. 203/2022 under sections 454/380 of IPC, FIR No. 192/2022 under sections 454/380 of IPC, FIR No. 132/2022 under sections 454/380 of IPC and FIR No. 63/2022 under sections

454/380 of IPC were already registered at Police Station Bahu Fort, she added.

Moreover, they also confessed that they have committed thefts at Gadigrah under jurisdiction of Satwari Police Station, at Sidhra under jurisdiction Nagrota Police Station; Gujar Colony under jurisdiction of Channi Himmat Police Station and in jurisdiction of Police Station Katra. Further different teams were constituted under supervision of SDPO City East Jammu Zaheer Abbas Jafri and headed by SHO Police Station Bahu Fort Insp Nayat Ali and assisted by PSI Balbir Singh, PSI Adarsh Kant, PSI Sunil Singh, ASI Mohd Sadiq, Sget Sudesh Raj

and Ct Kamal Mustafa. The teams raided at different locations and recovered 800 gm stolen gold ornaments. The stolen gold ornaments recovered by Police Station Bahu Fort include 6 Bangles; 3 Tikka/Forehead Jewellery; 6 Necklace; 5 Nose ring/Nath; 8 Mangal Sutra Set; 6 set Topes; 20 Ring; 26 set Ring; 4 Chains and 8 set Jhumkas etc. As investigation is going on, more arrest/recoveries are expected, the SP said, adding that 30 misplaced mobile phones were also traced by Jammu Police. The whole operation is done under the guidance of SP City South Jammu Manta Sharma and overall close supervision of Chandan Kohli, SSP Jammu.

## Lawyers hold protest in Court Complex



Lawyers raising slogans during a protest at court complex, Jammu on Wednesday.

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JAMMU: The lawyers held demonstration within the Janipur Jammu Court Complex on Friday in support of their demand for construction of multi storeyed building in Janipur Court Complex.

Besides the office bearers M.K Bhardwaj, Sr. Adv & President, Mohinder Pal Singh Palli Vice President, Surjeet Singh Andotra General Secretary, Aditya Sharma Joint Secretary, Amandeep Singh Treasurer, Rohit Sharma President YLA, Gagandeep Singh

Lucky Vice President, Yasir Farooq Khan General Secretary, Karanjeet Singh Johal Joint Secretary, Naresh Kumar Treasurer; many other senior and young lawyers participated in the demonstration.

The lawyers were raising slogans against the non responsive and stubborn attitude of the Government towards the genuine demand projected by J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu and other Bar Associations of Jammu province for bringing all the judicial and quasi-judicial authorities within the court premises. This demand is in the interest of general public as well as the lawyers who have to run to different

places for attending their matters concerning registration, CAT, AFT, Consumer cases DRT etc. Government is for the welfare and convenience of the public and not for creating problems and harassment to the public, complained the lawyers during the protest.

They were also expressing anguish over the Government attitude for ignoring people support given to the J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu as the demand is in public interest. The President of the Bar Association M.K Bhardwaj asked the Government not to test the patience of the lawyers and concede the very genuine demand at the earliest.

## India's health sector to reach \$50 Billion by 2025: Dr Jitendra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
NEW DELHI, Sep 7: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today said, India's Healthcare sector is expected to reach \$50 Billion by 2025.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing CII Global MedTech Summit titled "Seizing the Global Opportunity", at New Delhi on Wednesday.

conceived technical intervention, has enabled virtual doctor consultations and connected thousands of people living in remote parts of the country with doctors in major cities while sitting in the comfort of their own homes, the Minister added.

Dr Jitendra said, the prime objective of the government is to reduce import dependence from 80% to below 30% in next 10 years and ensure self-reliance quotient of 80% in Med-Tech through Make in India with SMART mile-

stones. He said, towards this, the Indian Government has undertaken structural and sustained reforms to strengthen the healthcare sector and has also announced conducive policies for encouraging FDI. This has led to a change in trend, with the country becoming a hotbed of MedTech innovations and instead of adopting western products, Indian innovators are developing path breaking MedTech products and solutions. India has reached an inflection

point, which is leading to rapid expansion of HealthTech/ MedTech ecosystem.

Dr Singh emphasised that India has all the essential ingredients for the exponential growth in this sector, including a large population, a robust pharma and medical supply chain, 750 million plus smartphone users, 3rd largest start-up pool globally with easy access to VC funding and innovative tech entrepreneurs looking to solve global healthcare problems. The Minister also noted that the pandemic has provided an additional impetus by changing the scenario of doing business in this sector. He said, it has opened massive opportunities for the healthcare sector especially in niche areas like teleconsultation, AI-based diagnostics and remote healthcare management.

Dwelling on the Vision @ 2047, Dr Jitendra Singh said, it is expected that India becomes one of the top mar-

kets in medical devices upwards of 14% - 15%. He said, this global position is attainable by achieving the targets set in the National Infrastructure Pipeline 2020, to build 73 new medical colleges to increase domestic consumption and improve healthcare infrastructure. The Minister added that India aims to achieve 10-12% of the global market share of the medical devices sector to arrive at a \$100-300 billion industry, the government's draft policy pegs, adding that the country will have about 50 clusters for faster clinical testing of medical devices to boost product development and innovation. He further added that what is going to drive this sector forward are life expectancy, shift in disease burden, changes in preferences, growing middle class, increase in health insurance, medical support, infrastructure development and policy support and incentives.

Dr Jitendra underlined that it is indeed time to work

towards establishing a global footprint by becoming the manufacturing hub and key exporter of medical devices worldwide, as this is an important objective of the Make in India Campaign, in which Indian medical devices sector has been identified as a sunrise segment. He said, this recognition has given the industry the much-needed impetus to deepen its prowess in the value chain across device-segments ranging from low-tech segment to more sophisticated categories of devices.

Before the pandemic, India's healthcare sector was faced with multiple challenges like fast-track availability, manufacturing and access of products, majority due to dependence on other supply chains and disruption of supply and demand systems. The pandemic, however, more than ever highlighted the importance of medical technologies and it also showed how medical technologies can be scaled when there is a coordinated response from all stakeholders.

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