

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.

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 by Divisional commis-

sioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, DIG DKR Range Sunil Gupta and SSP Kishtwar Shafqat 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 Mital and Justice Rajesh 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 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

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

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 detenu relate 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.

While briefing media, SP City South Mamta Sharma said that on February 24, 2022 Police Station Bahu Fort (Trikuta Nagar) received a complaint regarding theft of some gold ornaments from house of complainant namely Neelam, daughter of Shukru Saini, resident of Quarter No. 60-D, Railway West Colony. The officer further told that on receiving information, FIR No. 058/2022 under section 454/380 of IPC was registered and investigation started, during which with help of technical evidences and using human resources, police rounded up 4 suspects namely Mehbob Akhter and Ayoub Ahmed, both sons of Shamas Din, residents of Kothi Chandigarh, Bani at present Telli Basti, Bari Brahmana; Sahil Singh alias Billo alias Shotu, son of Padam Singh alias Balram, resident of Dhad Simmi Tehsil



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

Basohli at present Telli Basti, Bari Brahmana and Mohd Irshad alias Shadhu, son of Mohd Saleem, resident of Chowdai at present Telli Basti, Bari Brahmana. 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 Gadigarh under jurisdiction of Satwari Police Station, at Sidhra under jurisdiction Nagrota Police Station; Gujjar Colony under jurisdiction of Channi Himmata 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 Stunil Singh, ASI Mohd Sadiq, SGT 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 Necklaces; 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 Mamta Sharma and overall close supervision of Chandan Kohli, SSP Jammu.

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.

Addressing the 14th CII Global MedTech Summit titled "Seizing the Global Opportunity", Dr Jitendra said, under Prime Minister Modi, healthcare has become more focused on innovation and technology over the past two years and 80% of healthcare systems are aiming to increase their investment in digital healthcare tools in coming five years.

Dr Jitendra said, Telemedicine is also expected to reach \$5.5 billion by 2025. eSanjeevani, a Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

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-

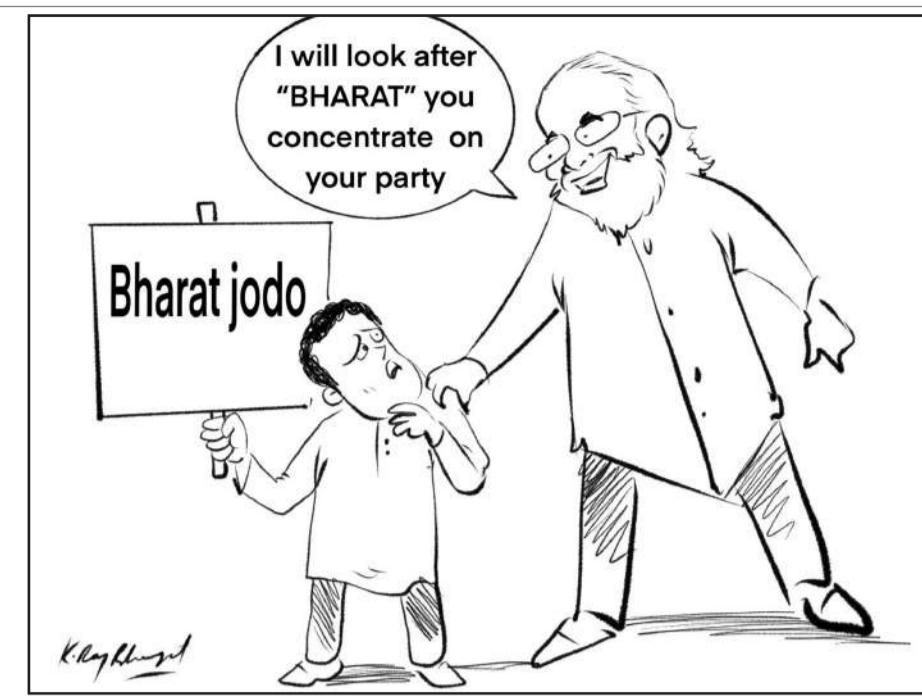
stones. He said, towards this, the Indian Government has undertaken structural and sustained reforms to strengthen the healthcare sector and has also announced conducive policies for encouraging FDI. This has led to a change in trend, with the country becoming a hotbed of MedTech innovation and instead 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 tele-consultation, 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-



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.

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 commen-



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

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

During the ceremony, Advisor Bhatnagar also unveiled the 'Shanti Chinh' 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.

Lawyers hold protest in Court Complex



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

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

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

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 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

districts of Jammu Division for attending their matters.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-AUCTION

The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Auction for various lots over Firozpur Division as per detail given below:

Name of work	Allotment for Comprehensive Parking contract at Various Railway Station over Firozpur Division for the period of three years.
Auction Catalog No.	EA-FZR-PARKG-22-9
Auction Start	21-09-22 10:30 hours
Lot No.	Dhandari kalan
PARKING-FZR-BAHL-MX-13-22-1	Banial
PARKING-FZR-BRML-MX-50-22-1	Baramula
PARKING-FZR-BDGM-MX-49-22-1	Badgam
PARKING-FZR-PGW-MX-7-22-1	Phagwara
PARKING-FZR-ASR-MX-2-22-1	Amritsar
PARKING-FZR-FKA-TW-10-22-1	Fazilka
Auction Catalog No.	EA-FZR-PARKG-22-10
Auction Start	22-09-22 10:30 hours
Lot No.	Bhagawala
PARKING-FZR-BGNT-TW-14-22-1	Lohian khas
PARKING-FZR-LNK-TW-30-22-1	Lalpur Khalsa College
PARKING-FZR-LKK-TW-29-22-1	Batala
PARKING-FZR-KRE-TW-26-22-1	Kartarpur
PARKING-FZR-KKP-TW-19-22-1	Kotkapura
PARKING-FZR-DZA-TW-44-22-1	Dasuya
PARKING-FZR-CIA-TW-56-22-1	Cheeharta
PARKING-FZR-GHS-TW-18-22-1	Guruhsarai
PARKING-FZR-GJU-TW-16-22-1	Gang Sar Jaitu

Only registered Vendors can participate. For other details please visit Railway website www.irps.gov.in.

2329/22

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE