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Darbar offices to close on Apr 30, reopen on May 10

and 8th-9th May 2021. The security/escort plan, availability of trucks and buses, recovery vans, mobile workshops, health facilities and ambulances along the highway were discussed threadbare.

The Chief Secretary directed the Traffic Department to ensure hassle-free movement of the convoy from Jammu to Srinagar. He directed the BEACON and NHAI to ensure the good condition of the National Highway-44.

The Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department was asked to distribute temporary ration cards to the move-employees through a special week-long camp.

The Chief Secretary also directed the Estates, Jal Shakti, and Power departments, and Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) to inspect residential colonies of the move-employees and ensure complete sanitation, availability of electricity, potable drinking water, and other basic facilities therein.

Pak to import sugar, cotton from India

Azhar said that the meeting discussed 21 items on the agenda, including import of cotton and sugar from India, which it allowed after detailed discussion.

The resumption of import of these goods will lead to partial revival of bilateral trade relations, which were suspended after the August 5, 2019 decision of India to revoke the special status of Jammu and Kashmir.

The private sector was allowed to import 5 lakh tonnes of white sugar from India, he said.

He also said that the Government had allowed sugar to be imported from other countries, however, the price of the

He asked Estates Departments to set up additional convenience facilities at the Civil Secretariat Srinagar for employees, besides ensuring adequate drinking water facilities and cleanliness.

It was decided that a Mini-Secretariat will be kept functional in Jammu during the summer season for the safekeeping of the official record and accordingly, Estates Department was directed to ensure availability of adequate accommodation and facilities at the Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

Administrative Secretaries of departments of Rural Development, Housing & Urban Development, General Administration, Estates, Jal Shakti, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, besides Divisional Commissioners of Kashmir and Jammu, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Commissioners of JMC and SMC along with IGP, Security, IGP Kashmir, and IGP, Jammu participated in the meeting.

commodity in other countries was also high.

"However, in our neighbouring country India, the price of sugar is quite cheap," he said. "Hence, we have decided to resume sugar trade with India".

Azhar also said that Pakistan will import cotton from India starting June this year.

Adviser to the Prime Minister of Pakistan for Commerce and Investment, Dawood welcomed the decisions taken by the ECC.

"All steps be taken through cross-border imports of cotton yarn including by land. A summary will be presented at the next ECC to ensure availability of cotton and yarn in the coming months," Dawood tweeted.(PTI)

RBI grants 6-month extension to Chhibber

today and the extension will be with effect from April 10, 2021 when the previous extension comes to an end."

As per Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and

Discloser Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the J&K Bank also informed the stock exchange (NSE & BSE) about the extension of term of Chhibber.

2 LeT OGWs arrested

Aquib Ahmad Wani son of Imtiyaz Ahmad Wani resident of Laloo Sheshgari Hyderpora and Aadil Manzoor Mir son of Manzoor Ahmad Mir resident of Nadirgud Hunhama.

Police said that they have been in touch with PaK militant commanders through various

social media platforms. "Incriminating material of outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba been recovered from their possession", police said.

A case (FIR number 68/2021) has been registered against the OGWs at Police Station Budgam.

LMD's failure to engage trained staff leads to under utilization of mobile cranes worth Rs 1.18 cr

non-availability of a driver.

As the Department failed to engage driver/trained staff to ensure effective usage and maintenance for functioning of these cranes, they remained idle. Thus, the Department could recover user fee of Rs 17.74 lakh only during 2009-18 by the use of these testing kits fitted mobile cranes which was far less than the estimated user fee of Rs 90 lakh projected in March 2009 by Deputy Controller, LMD Jammu.

Further, it came to fore that 887 weigh bridges were verified/re-verified by the Department during 2009-18 but only 171 weigh bridges were verified/re-verified by using the testing kits provided and remaining 716 weigh bridges were passed without utilization

of testing kits and now, these testing kits have become scrap as they do not adhere to the new norms for registration of commercial vehicles. It also came to light that these mobile cranes were neither registered with Transport Department nor any effort was made in this regard.

Thus, failure of the LMD to engage driver/trained staff not only led to financial loss to the Government but it also defeated the intended purpose of procuring mobile cranes worth Rs 1.18 crore i.e. modernization and transformation of the manual practice of calibration/verification of weigh bridges.

The CAG, in its report advised the LMD to ensure that required manpower is available before requisition for machinery is processed so that it (machinery) may be used optimally and modernization as well as transformation of the work processes may be achieved fully.

WEATHER

JAMMU:
Mainly dry
TEMPERATURE
Max: 30.6 Degree C
Min: 13.1 Degree C
RELATIVE HUMIDITY
RH-I (Morning): 56.0 per cent
RH-II (Evening): 21.0 per cent
Sunset on Thursday: 06.51 p.m.
Sunrise on Friday: 06.19 a.m.
SRINAGAR:
Mainly dry
TEMPERATURE
Max: 20.6 Degree C
Min: 6.6 Degree C
RELATIVE HUMIDITY
RH-I (Morning): 75.0 per cent
RH-II (Evening): 30.0 per cent
LEH:
TEMPERATURE
Max: 4.5 Degree C
Min: -1.6 Degree C

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No private tuition by teaching faculty without formal Govt sanction: HC

by putting up so called parents of the students and engaging the State in litigation".

"Without sermonizing on the role of teachers in the national building, suffice it to say that teacher in our society is a role model and is given a pious duty of making and moulding the career and character of the students. Teachers these days are paid hefty salary by the Government and there is no pressing necessity for them to engage in private tuitions that, too, on many occasions at the cost of their students in the Government institutions", High Court said, adding "it is pity that the standard of education in the Government institutions has gone down drastically, though the best teaching faculty is available in the Government run institutions".

Justice Sanjeev Kumar further observed, "the Government teachers are highly qualified and are imparted various trainings from time to time at the expense of Government to equip them with the latest teaching techniques and methodology", adding "instead of concentrating on their pious job and contribute to the nation building, the God has chosen for them, for, they, moved by their insatiable greed, engage in activity of private tuition either at their residence or in private coaching centres".

"Many a times, they skip their classes in the Government schools so as to show up in the private coaching centres. Their engagement in activity of private coaching invariably slows down their performance in the Government schools. It is with a view to avoid such unsavory situation and to prevent the Government employees from engaging in private occupations, which may directly or indirectly be in conflict with their official duties, the Employees Conduct Rules, have been framed", High Court said, adding "Rule 10 of the Employees Conduct Rules takes care of the situation we are confronted with in this petition". "If Rule 10 of the Employees Conduct Rules is implemented by

the Government in all the departments particularly in the Department of Education in letter and spirit, the menace of private tuition by Government teaching faculty could be eradicated and the teaching faculty can be made accountable and responsible towards the students who completely depend on Government institutions for their education and have no means to pay for private tuitions", High Court said.

With these observations, Justice Sanjeev Kumar disposed of the petition with the observations that the impugned circular issued by the Chief Education Officer, Kishtwar is beyond the scope and ambit of the Act of 2009 particularly Section 28 thereof and therefore, cannot be applied to the Government teaching faculty of higher secondary schools and colleges.

"The circular would have its applicability only to the Government schools imparting elementary education i.e. schools up to 8th standard. The circular to this extent is, thus, upheld", High Court said.

"Any circular issued to give effect to Rule 10 of the Employees Conduct Rules, would be valid in law and it would be the responsibility of all DDOs and controlling authority to ensure that it is implemented in letter and spirit", Justice Kumar said and directed the Department of Education (school as well as higher education) to implement Rule 10 of the Employees Conduct Rules in letter and spirit and ensure that no member of its teaching faculty engages in private tuition at private coaching/tuition centres without previous sanction of the Government.

High Court further directed the Government to create and provide toll free telephone number in each district where the complaint(s) against the banned activity of the teaching faculty could be made. The Government may create a web portal/grievance cell for receiving and redressal of the complaint(s) made by the citizens against the banned activities of the teaching faculty of the Government.

Alert sounded in Tulail

has sounded an alert in the area and has asked people living in the surrounding areas of river Kishanganga not to venture out in the avalanche prone areas for the next few days.

Meanwhile, one person was killed after a snowslide hit a Beacon vehicle near Zojila on

Govt to e-auction liquor vends in a month

cartelization and monopolistic practices, only one location will be allotted. The timing of bid for vends within Excise Range will be separate and the districts and locations within Excise Range will be put to auction in an alphabetic order", said the draft Excise Policy.

The successful bidder will be required to deposit an

Panel on farm laws submits report

the three laws till further orders and appointed a four-member panel to resolve the impasse.

The committee was given two months to study the laws and consult all stakeholders.

"We submitted the report on March 19 in a sealed cover. Now, the court will decide the future course of action," one of the members of the committee P K Mishra said.

As per the committee's official website, the panel held total 12 rounds of consultations with various stakeholders, including farmers groups, farmer-producer organisations (FPOs) procurement agencies,

the Srinagar-Leh highway today.

The person who has been identified as Ghulam Rasool Bhat, driver with the Beacon and died on the spot.

Police officials said that a police party has been rushed to the spot to ascertain the situation further.

amount equal to 50% of total bid amount through e-collect portal within two days from the date of finalization of bid for a vend and 100% of bid value within seven days of finalization of bid. In case the successful bidder fails to comply with the condition of payment, the earnest money will stand forfeited.

professionals, academicians, private as well as state agriculture marketing boards.

The panel also held nine internal meetings before finalising the report. Apart from Mishra, Shetkari Sanghatana President Anil Ghanwat and agri-economist and former chairman of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) Ashok Gulati are other members of the panel.

The fourth member, Bhartiya Kisan Union President Bhupinder Singh Mann, had, however, recused himself from the committee before the work began.(PTI)

Majority of depts, PSUs in J&K taking audit observations non-seriously: CAG

Moreover, the heads of offices and next higher authorities are required to comply with the observations contained in the IRs and rectify the defects and report their compliance to the Principal Accountant General (Audit). However, based on the results of test audit, 49,523 audit observations contained in 11,531 IRs were outstanding as on 31st March 2019.

"The pendency of large number of paragraphs indicates lack of adequate response of the Government departments to audit", the CAG said, adding "the Government should look into this matter seriously and revamp the system to ensure proper response to the audit observations from the departments in a time-bound manner".

"Further, only two Audit Committee meetings were held during 2018-19 in which 28 audit paragraphs were settled which constitute 0.06 per cent of the pending objections as on March 2019", the supreme audit institution of the country pointed out and stressed that the respective departments should constitute audit committees, hold its meetings and monitor the progress of settlement of paragraphs.

In order to ensure accountability of the executive to issues dealt with in various audit reports, the Finance Department issued instructions in

India has 4th strongest Army in world: LG cautions Pak she has indicated that she will knock doors of Higher Court. Whatever the Court says should be acceptable to all," he asserted.

On Opposition charges against other agencies like Enforcement Directorate, Central Bureau of Investigations etc, Sinha rejected the allegations that the raids conducted by these agencies were "politically motivated".

"We too were in Opposition. The investigating agencies act after evidence. Those facing raids have to come clean. The agencies should be allowed to do their job," he said.

On bi-annual exercise of Durbar Move in Jammu and Kashmir, he said digitization and computerization of record will bring down numbers of files shifted from Jammu to Srinagar and then brought back after every six months.

"As against 200 trucks, ferrying the records, the numbers will come down significantly this time and will reduce further next time,"

Govt slashes interest on small savings

savings schemes are notified on a quarterly basis.

The rates of interest on various small savings schemes for the first quarter of the financial year 2021-22 starting from April 1 and ending on June 30, 2021, has been revised, the Finance Ministry said in a notification.

The interest rate for the five-year Senior Citizens Savings Scheme has also been reduced steeply by 0.9 per cent to 6.5 per cent. The interest on the senior citizens' scheme is paid quarterly.

For the first time interest rate on savings deposits has been reduced by 0.5 per cent to 3.5 per cent from the existing 4 per cent annually.

The steepest fall of 1.1 per cent has been effected in the one-year term deposit. The new rate will be 4.4 per cent as compared to 5.5 per cent at the moment.

Similarly, two-year fixed

DGP, wife test +ve; 53 students among 300 infected in Kashmir, dozen schools shut

open on Monday.

And as Srinagar has been declared Orange Zone following spike in COVID-19 cases, the Presentation Convent Higher Secondary School Rajbagh has closed the offline classes and has shifted to online for next three days.

However, they are conducting online unit tests which are scheduled next.

A day after it was declared Orange Zone, the district administration Srinagar today constituted a team of officials for the strict implementation of COVID-19 SOPs to contain the spread of pandemic and to deal strictly with the violators of guidelines in spirit.

Srinagar is witnessing surge in COVID-19 positive cases and has been categorized as the Orange Zone, the district administration has constituted a team of officials which will ensure the strict implementation of Covid-19 SOPs and guidelines while as the team has been authorized to impose the fine on spot if anyone is found violating the set guidelines.

Another team has been constituted and authorized to take legal action against business establishments like restaurants or food points that are found violating the COVID-19 protocols.

Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Ajiaz Asad conducted an inspection at different malls and restaurants to check out the adherence of COVID-19 SOPs and guidelines. Asad also inspected the COVID-19 testing facilities in Srinagar.

A 30-year-old non-local labourer today tested positive for Coronavirus in Sogam area of Kupwara, forcing the district administration to go for sampling of his primary contacts even as authorities directed concerned to prioritize sampling of all outside labourers engaged in different works in the North Kashmir district.

Those who tested positive include 159 Srinagar, 63 Baramulla, 26 Budgam, 5 Pulwama, 11 from Kupwara, 8 Anantnag, 7 Bandipora, 8 Ganderbal, 12 Kulgam and 1 from Shopian in Kashmir.

The number of positive cases in Kashmir division has reached 78,019 including 74,891 recoveries and 1,258 deaths.

The number of active cases in Jammu and Kashmir are 2,531 including 1,870 from Kashmir division.

With 131 more recoveries, the tally of total recoveries in Jammu and Kashmir has reached 126,435 which is 96.54 percent of the total cases.

Twenty six persons recovered from the virus, 20 of them in Jammu district and two each in Udhampur, Kathua and Ramban districts.

Jammu region now has 52941

India has 4th strongest Army in world: LG cautions Pak

he disclosed.

On killing of two Councilors in Kashmir, Sinha said the security agencies are alert and they are engaged in taking action against the militants.

To a question on return of Kashmiri Pandits to the Valley, the Lieutenant Governor said within one month all 6000 houses for the migrants will be constructed while by June this year, their 6000 job vacancies will be filled. Tender for construction of 3265 houses has been issued, he added.

"Even the common man in Kashmir also wants the Kashmiri Pandits to return to their homes," he asserted.

Sinha said Jammu and Kashmir is going to see massive infrastructural development across all sectors in the next one year.

He outlined the goal of establishing a responsive, citizen-centric administrative setup and accentuating the infrastructure across all sectors in the UT with special focus on connectivity, health and education sectors.

The Lt Governor said that the

highest ever budget is envisaged for Jammu and Kashmir to make the UT a model of Development.

At Rs 1,08,621 crore, the budget surpasses all previous allocations and 37% of the earmarked Budget to be spent on development and infrastructure projects, he maintained.

The Lt Governor remarked that Jammu and Kashmir is the only region in our country which has IIT, IIM, two AIIMS and two Central Universities. Task force has been made to implement the New Education Policy. For revamping school education and promoting vocational courses, 607 vocational labs have been set up in schools across the UT. There has been a significant increase in the number of enrollment in government run schools and higher education institutes, he added.

"People of J&K are talented and have huge potential. They lacked platforms, which are now being made available to them. Keeping in view the developmental aspirations of the people of J&K and for providing smart

transportation, Metro projects in Jammu and Srinagar cities will be completed in three years. Two IT towers, each in Jammu and Srinagar would come up in the next 16 months to develop the Information technology sector and to provide platforms to the young technological talents of the UT enabling them to work in the field of Artificial intelligence, Robotics, 3D printing, etc. We are also focusing on establishing facilities like data centres which are significant to meet modern times requirements," Sinha maintained.

Replying to the question on establishing Dry Ports, Custom Clearance facilities and setting the target of Rs 5000 crore export, the Lt Governor said that all these steps are taken to give a boost to the Industrial sector in J&K. He further said that with the coming of the New Industry Development Scheme of Rs. 28,400 crore and long term incentives under the scheme, the Industry sector of the UT will see significant growth in the coming days.

Escalate COVID testing, ensure priority vaccination: Centre to Punjab

NEW DELHI, Mar 30:

The Centre has asked Punjab and Chandigarh to effectively implement the test-track-treat strategy against the COVID-19 pandemic, escalate testing till the positivity comes down below 5 per cent and ensure priority vaccination of eligible population groups in districts reporting high number of cases.

Punjab has reported nearly 21 per cent week-on-week increase in new COVID-19 cases and about 2,740 average daily cases in the last seven days. During the same period, the state has also seen a 30 per cent week-on-week increase in new COVID deaths and is reporting about 53 average daily deaths, the health ministry said.

Chandigarh has also followed similar pattern in the last week. The union territory has reported nearly 27 per cent week-on-week increase in new cases and 180 per cent week-on-week increase in new daily deaths, it said.

An average of about 257 daily cases and 14 daily deaths have been reported during the last week.

Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan chaired a high-level meeting on Wednesday along with NITI Aayog Member (Health) V K Paul, to review the status of COVID-19 in Punjab and Chandigarh and the public health measures taken for surveillance, containment and management of the disease by the health authorities.

Through a detailed presentation, a granular analysis of the highly affected districts in Punjab and the UT of Chandigarh along with some key statistics was presented, the ministry said in its statement.

Paul re-emphasised the importance of stringent and continued measures to break the chain of transmission and not flitting away the gains of collaborative efforts of last year, it said.

Man killed in accident

Excelsior Correspondent

DODA, Mar 31: A man was killed in car accident near Chinar Morh here late tonight.

The deceased was identified as Mohammad Arif, son of Bashir Ahmed Wani of Shuryan District Doda.

The body of the deceased has been shifted to mortuary of hospital for autopsy.

Doda Police has taken cognizance in this regard.

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE SUB DIVISIONAL MAGISTRATE KHOUR
DISTRICT JAMMU

Sub:- Notification under section 9 & 9-A, of the land Acquisition Act Svt. 1990 as amended up to date, for acquisition of land measuring 101 Kanals 18 Marlas for construction of Border Fencing 135 feet wide strip along Indo Pak Border by BSF in village Channi Tana Tehsil Pargwal.

Whereas, the under mentioned land is required for Defence purposes (public purpose) namely for construction of Border Fencing (135 feet wide strip) Composite Bund/Border Fencing along Indo Pak Border by BSF in village Channi Tana Tehsil Pargwal District Jammu and the same stands declared under Section 6 & 7 of the Land Acquisition Act Svt, 1990 by the Revenue Deptt. Civil Sectt. J&K Vide Notification No. 19-Rev (LA/J) 2019 Dated:-10-03-2021 under endorsement No.Rev/LA/J/Channi Tana/36/2021 Dt:-10-03-2021.

Accordingly, all the interested/owners of aforesaid land and indenting Department are hereby called upon to attend personally or by an authorized agent to state the nature of their respective interest in the land and the amount and particulars of their claims to compensation for such interests and their objections if any in the measurement of land, in this office with 15 days from the date of issuance of this notice.

Specification:-

S. No.	Name of Village	Tehsil	District	Khasra No.	Area	
					Kis	Mis
1.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	426	0	07
2.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	424	01	04
3.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	423	0	05
4.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	427	03	02
5.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	428	4	1/2
6.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	430	02	03
7.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	431	08	06
8.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	432	0	13
9.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	501	0	15
10.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	503	03	0
11.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	502	02	02
12.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	498	03	02
13.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	497	0	19
14.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	505	0	09
15.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	499	05	½
16.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	509	03	18
17.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	507	02	16½
18.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	506	11	14
19.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	508	02	13
20.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	510	01	15
21.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	544	0	17
22.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	511	03	0
23.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	517	13	17
24.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	619	01	08
25.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	620	03	02
26.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	621	07	04
27.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	622	04	05
28.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	623	01	01
29.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	624	01	02
30.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	625	01	17
31.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	627	03	15½
32.	Channi Tana	Pargwal	Jammu	626	02	05
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