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Despite clear orders, several Govt buildings, bridges in J&K still lacking approach roads

of October last year. "Many Government buildings related to the Health and Medical Education Department, Higher Education Department and other departments and bridges have been/being constructed utilizing Capex. Centrally Sponsored Scheme and Langishing Project resources without approach roads which is causing problems to the general public and not delivering public satisfaction after completion of mere projects", the R&B Department has mentioned in a circular addressed to all the Administrative Secretaries.

Accordingly, it was impressed upon all the Executive Engineers associated with the construction of these buildings/bridges to get Detailed Project Reports prepared for the approach roads and submit to the concerned project authority/department for sanctioning and release of funds.

Moreover, it was explicitly conveyed to all the Administrative Departments that while sanctioning the building projects they shall include approach road for Government infrastructure in the Detailed Project Report in future.

However, during the past eight months the situation has not improved and this can be gauged from the latest circular issued by Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, who is also Financial Commissioner, Finance Department.

"It has been observed that

India's scientific fraternity capable of leading world: Dr Jitendra

products towards mitigation of Covid-19 in the country which falls broadly into five verticals: Diagnostics; Surveillance; Drugs and Vaccines; Devices and PPEs and Supply Chain and Logistics. In the area of diagnostics, CSIR has developed a novel diagnostic called FELUDA which is CRISPR-Cas based method and is licensed to TATA Sons and currently marketed as TATA-MD CHECK and is widely deployed. Dry Swab based direct RT-PCR diagnostic without RNA isolation has been developed and technology transferred to several industries. In addition, 13 laboratories of CSIR have carried out more than 14,50,000 COVID-19 tests so far. CSIR is supporting testing at Leh by providing instruments and training for testing.

CSIR is actively involved in genomic surveillance as an active partner of INSACOG consortium and till date more than 20,000 sequences have been done by CSIR alone as part of INSACOG. Further CSIR is also partnering with states such as Kerala and Maharashtra for genomic surveillance. Sewage surveillance has also been optimized by CSIR and carried out in several cities. CSIR is carrying out a large scale serological survey of its staff, scientists, researchers etc in all 37 labs across the country.

Towards developing drugs for treatment of COVID-19 CSIR is carrying out clinical trials of repurposed drugs in partnership with Industry. It also licensed process technology of Favipiravir to Cipla which led to launch of Ciplenza. CSIR is working on 5 clinical trials of AYUSH formulations for treatment of COVID-19 with Ministry of AYUSH.

On the devices front, CSIR has developed indigenous Medical Grade Oxygen Concentrator based

several Government buildings, bridges and other establishments are constructed by the executing agencies without approach roads to these projects and lack of approach roads causes problems to the general public at large and intended outcome of the projects is not achieved", Dr Mehta has mentioned.

He has enjoined upon all the Administrative Secretaries that while sanctioning the projects, integrated approach should be followed. "It should be ensured that all the projects to be undertaken for executing having requirement of approach roads shall include the cost of approach roads in the Detailed Project Reports as an integral component", the Financial Commissioner Finance said.

"No Technical Sanction/ Administrative Approval should be accorded to such buildings/bridges which don't have the connectivity/approach road incorporated in the project or any other essential component necessary to achieve intended outcome of the project", Dr Mehta has further mentioned in the circular.

According to the sources, non keeping of the provision for construction of approach roads in the Detailed Project Reports of the buildings and bridges at the initial stage leads to increased burden on the Government exchequer as construction of approach roads several years after inception of projects results into cost escalation.

Despite Panel's 'No', BJP wants one-third PoJK constituencies de-freed; 3 seats for KPs

Ramban, feel alienated and have a sense of deprivation. There are also geographical and topographical challenges in Jammu region and certain areas are far flung, inaccessible, remote, backward and mountainous and need to get their issues addressed in a manner that they can also be equal partners in the process of democracy by being able to conveniently exercise their franchise," the memorandum submitted by NC to the Commission said, adding the party is sure that justice will be done to Jammu and Kashmir and to the Jammu region through the Commission.

The National Conference leaders said they were confident that the Commission will work in most transparent, judicious and fair manner providing justice to all in delimiting the constituencies as per the Constitutional framework based on the basic tenants of delimitation—population, geography, topography, area, physical features, contiguity, convenience of administrative units and facilities of easy communication and approachability of public convenience. We feel that decentralization should form core of democracy, all regions or sub regions crave for equal role in the governance where no one should nurture a feeling of subservience or discrimination," the NC leaders said.

Besides Rana, other NC leaders who were part of the delegation include Surjeet Singh Slathia, Arvind Singh Micky, Thakur Balbir Singh and Choudhary Mohammad Akram.

4 militants killed in South Kashmir, attack on NH-44 foiled

National Highway", he added. He said police and security forces received specific leads about presence of militants in Pulwama and Kulgam late night yesterday after joint teams of police and security forces launched operations in both districts.

A police spokesman said that last night, based on specific input about presence of militants in Puchal area of Pulwama, a joint cordon and search operation was launched by Police, 183Bn CRPF and 55 RR in the area.

"During the search operation as the presence of terrorists got ascertained they were given repeated opportunities to surrender. However, they fired indiscriminately upon the joint search party which was retaliated leading to an encounter", he said.

"In the ensuing encounter, two terrorists were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site of encounter. They have been identified as Kifayat Ramzan Sofi son of Mohammad Ramzan Sofi resident of Padgampora Awantipora affiliated with proscribed terror outfit LeT and Inayat Ahmad Dar son of Abdul Ahad Dar resident of Sambroora Pulwama affiliated with proscribed terror outfit Al-Badr", he said.

He said that one more operation was launched on credible inputs regarding the movement of militants on NHW, a joint naka by police and IRR was established by them at Zadora Qazigund.

"During naka checking, when a suspicious vehicle was signalled to stop by the naka party, two terrorists who were boarding the vehicle came out from the vehicle and started firing indiscriminately upon the joint naka party. However, the alert party retaliated the fire effectively, leading to the elimination of two terrorists on the spot", he said.

They have been identified as Nasir Ahmad Pandith son of Mohammad Ayoub resident of Redwani Kulgam and Shabbaz Ahmad Shah son of Ghulam Hassan Shah resident of Katrusu Kulgam, both affiliated with LeT.

Police in Sopore today said they averted a major tragedy by busting a hideout and arresting one militant associate in Doabgah area of Sopore in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Police said that a joint team of 22 RR, 179 CRPF, SOG and police launched a Cordon and Search Operation (CASO) on credible inputs.

The joint team busted a hideout and arrested one militant associate of Hizbul Mujahideen. "During the search, a huge cache of arms and ammunition was recovered", police said.

Announced in Mar 2015, Bio Safety Level-3 Lab yet to be made functional in GMC Jammu

COVID-19 and resultant lockdown, the work could not be taken up by the firm for around two months.

Revealing present status of the lab work, sources said while all civil and mechanical work has been completed and all requisite machinery procured but some electrical work including installation of air conditioning system is still pending. Moreover, the company installing the lab is yet to certify the machinery procured for the lab.

Sources said the Biosafety Level-3 lab is the ideal place for testing of Coronavirus. "Had there been Bio Safety Level-3 lab in place in the year 2020, the COVID testing capacity of Jammu region would have almost double and the

Ajay Sadhotra, Sajjad Ahmed Kitchloo and Javed Ahmed Rana. Senior Congress leaders also met the Panel and submitted a memorandum to it reiterating their demand for restoration of Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir for "meaningful delimitation" and restoration of democracy.

"We urged the Commission to adopt fair and transparent exercise (for delimitation of Assembly constituencies) and share the draft proposals in public domain for meaningful inputs by the political parties and public. We also urged them to keep administrative boundaries in mind to avoid inconvenience to the people," PCC (I) spokesperson Ravinder Sharma said after meeting with the Panel.

Sharma said the Congress urged the Delimitation Commission to recognize and consider demand of SCs, STs, OBCs, Paharis, Sikhs, PoJK refugees, Kashmiri Pandits etc and give them their due share. The Commission should ensure justice to the region and sections in terms of Assembly and Parliamentary seats in accordance with settled norms, he added.

The memorandum was submitted on behalf of Congress leaders including Mula Ram, Raman Bhalla, Ravinder Sharma, Arvinder Singh Micky, Thakur Balbir Singh and Choudhary Mohammad Akram.

The Nationalist Panthers

Party headed by Prof Bhim Singh in its meeting with the Delimitation Commission demanded that political discrimination should be undone and both Jammu and Kashmir provinces should be allocated 45 Assembly seats each.

"There has been political tension between two provinces of Jammu and Kashmir mainly because of discrimination in allotment of Assembly seats," Prof Bhim Singh said and called for 50:50 formula to ease the tensions. He added that Jammu and Kashmir

in support of its demand. "The Other Backward Classes have been provided 27 percent reservation in all States and UT of the country while in Jammu and Kashmir, there is no political reservation for them and only four percent in the jobs," the BSP memorandum lamented and hoped that the Commission will use its office to provide political reservations to the OBCs in the UT Assembly and Parliament seats.

The BSP also called for fixing educational qualification of SC candidates contesting elections on



The Delimitation Commission receiving memorandum from NC provincial president Devender Singh Rana in Jammu on Thursday.

has suffered a lot at the hands of power in Delhi which is evident from the fact that there was no delimitation of the Assembly seats in 1951, 1971 and 1991.

Harshdev Singh, NPP leader and former Minister strongly argued that delimitation of Assembly seats should be held at the earliest and due reservation be given to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. He called for free and fair Assembly elections and adequate security cover for Panthers Party leaders during political campaigns in Jammu and Kashmir.

Besides Bhim Singh and Harshdev Singh, other NPP leaders who were part of the delegation include PK Ganju, Anita Thakur, Mohammad Iqbal Choudhary and Parmajit Singh Marshal.

The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) in its memorandum submitted to the Delimitation Commission demanded that two more seats should be reserved for Scheduled Castes in addition to seven seats already reserved for them totaling nine. The BSP also quoted population figures

India trashes Pak claim on blast near Saeed's house

He also said that the Pakistani leadership continues to "glorify terrorists like Osama Bin Laden as 'martyrs'".

"It is not new for Pakistan to engage in baseless propaganda against India. Pakistan would do well to expend the same effort in setting its own house in order and taking credible and verifiable action against terrorism emanating from its soil and terrorists who have found safe sanctuaries there," Bagchi said.

Pakistan's National Security Advisor Moeed Yusuf told reporters in Islamabad on Sunday that the mastermind of the attack "is an Indian citizen" and he is associated with RAW (Research and Analysis Wing).

"The international community is well aware of Pakistan's credentials when it comes to terrorism. This is acknowledged by none other than its own leadership, which continues to glorify terrorists like Osama Bin Laden as 'martyrs'," the MEA spokesperson said. He was replying to a question on the allegations levelled by the Pakistani NSA.

"Through the forensic analy-

Virbhadra Singh passes away

The nine-time MLA and five-time MP is survived by wife Pratibha Singh, son Vikramaditya Singh and four daughters.

The cremation will be held at Rampur on July 10 at 3 pm, family spokesperson Yashwant Chhajja said.

Singh's body has been kept at his residence at Holly Lodge in Jakhru, Shimla.

President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, Congress President Sonia Gandhi and BJP President Jagat Prakash Nadda condoled the demise of Singh.

Cabinet approves Rs 23,123 cr for health infra

Mandaviya said this is the second phase of the Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package as the Central Government had given Rs 15,000 crore earlier for setting up Covid-dedicated hospitals and health centres across the country.

Mandaviya said that under the new package, the Centre would provide Rs 15,000 crore and states Rs 8,000 crore and the plan would be implemented jointly by them across all the 736 districts of the country to improve medical infrastructure at primary and district health centres.

204 deaths are from Budgam, 14,995 including 14,671 recoveries and 193 deaths are from Pulwama, 13,913 including 165 deaths and 13,585 recoveries are from Kupwara, 16,205 including 15,905 recoveries and 204 deaths are from Anantnag, 9,364 cases including 9,182 and 100 deaths are from Bandipora, 9,705 including 9,463 recoveries and 77 deaths are from Ganderbal, 11,154 including 10,902 recoveries and 116 deaths are from Kulgam and 5,563 including 5,497 recoveries and 58 deaths are from Shopian.

With fresh cases, the number of cases in Kashmir division has reached 197,480 including 193,399 recoveries and 2,228 deaths.

The number of active cases in Jammu and Kashmir are 3,344 including 1,853 from Kashmir division.

With 353 more recoveries, the tally of total recoveries in Jammu and Kashmir has reached 310,326 which is 97.58 percent of the total cases.

In the meantime, the divisional administration Kashmir today said that it has put in place elaborate arrangements and is ready to tackle the possible third wave of Covid-19.

Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, PK Pole while talking to media persons on the sidelines of the function here at DIPR auditorium said that the two waves of Covid witnessed in Jammu and Kashmir behaved differently.

"In first wave, the spread of

seats reserved for MPs and MLAs to avoid elections of unqualified persons. The BSP memorandum was signed by Som Nath Majotra, UT president of the party. The Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party (JKAP) delegation led by Choudhary Zulfiqar Ali, vice president in its meeting with the Delimitation Commission demanded immediate initiation of political process and conducting elections in Jammu and Kashmir by bureaucrats, who can't be substitute to the democratic Government.

They urged the Commission to fast pace the process of delimiting the Assembly constituencies by involving all stakeholders and holding wider deliberations, visiting remote areas, tehsil and district headquarters and taking into account topography, geography and composition of population in Jammu and Kashmir.

The delegation includes Vikram Malhotra, Manjit Singh, Syed Asgar Ali and Haji Mumtaz Ahmed Khan.

Man, daughters arrested with poppy straw

JAMMU, July 8: Bus Stand Police today arrested a man and his two daughters along with large quantity of poppy straw. As per police sources, on reliable information, a team from Police Station Bus Stand laid a naka and intercepted a man along with two daughters.

During checking, police recovered around 22 kilograms of poppy straw from the possession of the intercepted persons and arrested them.

The arrested persons were identified as Bashir Ahmed, son of Kala Chechi of District Reasi and his two daughters namely Tahira Banoo and Shanaz Banoo.

The accused persons were hardcore drug smugglers, who brought this poppy straw from Kashmir and tried to get the local youth involved into drugs consumption. The arrested persons were also supplying drugs among the youth. With their arrest, police saved the youth from becoming drugs addict.

A case under FIR Number 46/2021 under Section 8/15 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Bus Stand and investigation started to ascertain the exact source of the consignment and other persons involved in this illegal trade.

Police team led by SHO Bus Stand Inspector Deepankar Singh made the arrests under the supervision of SDPO City Sharad Kalu, SP City Mohita Sharma and SSP Jammu Chandan Kohli.

4 COVID deaths in J&K, 262 test +ve

virus was not too high while in the second wave, the Covid behaved differently as the spread was high and the shortage of oxygen beds was also experienced," he said.

He, however, said that keeping in view the situations faced in two waves so far, the Government has made arrangements accordingly and is ready to face challenges.

"The oxygen plants have been increased manifold to ensure that the situation is tackled easily. Resources have been planned as per the experience from two waves. We have also come up with five-bed hospitals," he said.

Asked about weekend lockdown, Pole said that it has been observed that the people don't comply with the COVID guidelines properly and on Saturdays and Sundays, people use to come out of their homes and visit different places. Thus in order to prevent the virus spread and ensure proper adherence to the guidelines, the decision to continue with the weekend lockdown is in place.

He added that although the Covid positivity ratio is declining, some variants are being reported at present. "Amid non-adherence to the guidelines, some restrictions are not being lifted to ensure the situation remains better," he said.

About the opening of educational institutions, he said the decision when taken in this regard will be shared accordingly.

Reacting to a query about the renovation of Boulevard road that caved in some months back, he said that tenders have been floated and the road will be repaired shortly.

Two Army jawans martyred, two militants killed in Sunderbani

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has lauded the courage shown by the two Army jawans during the gun battle, who attained martyrdom.

"My tributes to soldiers, Nbs Sub Sreejith M & Sep Maruplour Jaswanth Reddy who lost their lives while fighting against terrorists in Rajouri. Proud of their bravery and courage. Their valour and sacrifice for the nation will never be forgotten. Deepest condolences to families of martyrs," Sinha tweeted.

Carefully monitoring deteriorating security situation in Afghanistan: India

NEW DELHI, July 8: India today said it is carefully monitoring the deteriorating security situation in Afghanistan and its implications on the safety and security of Indian nationals in the conflict-ridden country.

"Our response will be calibrated accordingly," Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said at a media briefing.

He was replying to a volley of questions on the situation in Afghanistan and whether India was looking at shutting down its consulate in Kandahar in view of the Taliban making inroads in the region.

Bagchi said the evolving situation in Afghanistan figured in talks External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar had with Iranian leaders in Tehran and both sides expressed concerns over the deteriorating security in that country.

Jaishankar, during a stopover at Tehran on Wednesday on his way to Russia, called on Iranian President-elect Ayatollah Sayyid Ebrahim Raisi and held a meeting with Foreign Minister Javad Zarif. (PTI)

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RH-II (Evening): 34.0 per cent
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Sunrise on Saturday: 05.53 a.m.

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Mainly dry
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