



Chief Secretary, AK Mehta chairing a meeting at Jammu on Monday.

### CS reviews functioning of Transport, ARI, Social Welfare Deptts

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Jan 3: The Chief Secretary today directed the Transport Department for improving operational efficiencies in J&K RTC to enable it to post operational profits in next three months.

He made this observation while reviewing the functioning of the Transport Department in which Commissioner Secretary, Transport and other senior officers of the department were present.

Dr. Mehta said that the department has to move towards complete end to end digitalization of all services being rendered on line and ensure introduction of e-office in all the subordinate offices.

The Chief Secretary said that the department should ensure that the fleet of motor cycles purchased by the department is deployed on the National Highways for enforcing lane discipline amongst the commuters.

He further directed the department to take steps to ensure that the road side parking is not allowed anywhere on the National Highways.

Earlier, Commissioner/Secretary, Transport in his presentation informed that the department has been generating more revenues from the last 03 years and all the services are being provided by the department on line.

He further informed that the department will implement a vehicle tracking platform for safety and enforcement in J&K to ensure continuous monitoring of all public services vehicle for better road safety of women and girl child.

It was further informed that electricity vehicle policy will be shortly notified and in order to encourage people to buy e-vehicle, 100% exemption from road tax has been allowed on purchase of the e-vehicles.

### Mehbooba writes to HM, seeks release of Srinagar youth

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, Jan 3: The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) President and former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti today wrote to the Home Minister Amit Shah, seeking his intervention in a case of a teenager from Srinagar currently in NIA custody.

"I am writing to you regarding \* Watch video on www.excelsiornews.com

the arrest of a nineteen-year-old student from Srinagar. Arsalan Feroz was first detained by J&K police on 21st October. After forty days he was subsequently released since nothing was found against him," she wrote in the letter.

She said that to date there has been no FIR or case registered against this young boy in any police record.

"Oddly enough according to NIA, Arsalan who recently couldn't take his twelfth-grade exam owing to his detention has been accused of being a TRF operative indulging in radicalisation & motivating youth to join the ranks of militant organisations," Mehbooba wrote.

She said that it's an utter tragedy that a young boy has been arrested despite "no previous adverse police records."

"Arsalan comes from a modest background wherein they are already struggling to make ends meet. You can well imagine the mental anguish & suffering his arrest has brought upon them," she wrote.

Addressing the Home Minister, Mehbooba said reminded Shah that

### One injured labourer succumbs at GMC

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Jan 3: One labourer who was seriously injured in the collapse of shuttering/slab of an under construction bridge on river Devika at Kaulpur in Ramgarh tehsil of Samba district yesterday succumbed to his injuries in Government Medical College (GMC) Hospital, Jammu this morning.

The deceased has been identified as Madan Lal, 50, son of Ravila Ram of R S Pura, Jammu. He had received grievous injuries and was among 18 injured people who were rushed to GMC Jammu for specialized treatment where he succumbed

The Chief Secretary said that there is a need to upgrade bus stands and each district headquarters should have a proper bus stand with all attendant public amenities for the welfare of people.

Dr. Mehta advised the department to use FM channels etc. to inform the people in advance about the status of congestion/traffic flow on various roads in the capital cities of Jammu and Srinagar and on the National Highways so that they can plan their visits accordingly.

The Chief Secretary directed the department to ensure that compensation to the victims of the road accidents is paid within 24 hours of the accident.

Dr. Mehta laid emphasis on enhancing operational efficiencies in J&K RTC and asked the department to ensure that the kilometers per day per vehicle is suitably increased for better return on investment.

He further said the department needs to institute a robust monitoring system to constantly track the performance of the corporation vehicles for improved results.

The Administrative Secretary, ARI in his presentation informed that the department has vetted the draft recruitment rules of 20 departments during the last one year.

It was further informed that 8 offices have been administrative inspected so far during the current fiscal year and administrative inspection of 8 more offices will be conducted by the end of the current fiscal year.

The Chief Secretary directed the department to update recruitment rules and finalize seniority lists of all departments, autonomous bodies and universities within one month.

Dr. Mehta directed the department that all the recruitment rules should be updated and uploaded on the respective websites of the department.

### Two CAOs transferred

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Jan 3: Finance Department has ordered transfer and posting of two members of the J&K Accounts Service. According to the order, Nagesh Jamwal, CAO, under orders of transfer to Principal Resident Commissioner New Delhi has been transferred and posted as CAO University of Jammu, whereas Sivenay Kumari from CAO University of Jammu to CAO Principal Resident Commissioner New Delhi.

Earlier, Mehbooba while talking to the reporters during the party's event, Mehbooba said that she doesn't know why NIA arrested him, even if the family handed him over to the agency. "NIA is claiming that he is TRF operative, but the family says otherwise," she said.

"There is no FIR lodged against Arsalan in the past or present. I will write to Home Minister to ensure his release as his family is in trauma," she said.

### Young man found hanging near house of in-laws

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UDHAMPUR, Dec 3: A young man was found hanging from a tree near the house of his in-laws at village Manjua in Jandora Panchayat of Ramnagar, here today. Reports said that Sunil Dubey (26), son of Charan Das, resident of village Kanwa, Panchayat Dihari in Ramnagar, was found hanging from a tree under mysterious circumstances near the house of his in-laws. The hanging body was spotted by some locals who informed the Police. A Police party from Ramnagar Police Station rushed to the spot and shifted the dead body

### Jammu beer gets international recognition

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JAMMU, Jan 3: Kotsberg Pils, the light lager beer manufactured at Samba by Devans has recently been honored with the coveted Silver Medal in the larger beer category at the Brussels Beer Challenge. The Brussels Beer Challenge in Belgium, now in its tenth edition, is one of the world's most important and prestigious beer competitions. An international panel of 75 independent beer critics from around twenty different countries judged nearly 1,800 beers from 35 different countries. Sharing the stage with established breweries from across the

The Chief Secretary directed the department to ensure that administrative inspection of all the offices is conducted at least once in a year for improving efficiencies in the system.

Meanwhile, Dr. Mehta said that identification, rehabilitation and empowerment of the vulnerable/disadvantaged women and children in J&K have to be the sustained policy focus of the Social Welfare Department.

He made this observation in the course of reviewing the progress made by the department under UT capex in a meeting attended by Secretary and other senior officers of the Social Welfare Department.

The Chief Secretary directed the department to adopt community based dialogue, social and behavior change interventions and support through institutions for empowering vulnerable/disadvantaged women/children in the UT.

"The vulnerable/disadvantaged people should feel that if they approach the government, they will be looked after well," he said.

Earlier, Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Sheetal Nanda in her presentation said that the department will shortly launch skill development programmes for the vulnerable and disadvantaged women in collaboration with the Mission Youth.

Dr. Mehta directed the department to conceive and roll out Mahila Sashaktikaran Yojana for integrated welfare assistance for the disadvantaged women and children under an appropriate institutional framework, which also includes a provision for stakeholder's feedback by 15th January, 2022.

The Chief Secretary directed the department to consider whether the department can step in to supplement/improve the efforts of these TISS engaged social workers for better results.

He directed the department to roll out the scheme of assistance for the disadvantaged women in close harness with Mission Youth by 15th January, 2022.

Dr. Mehta further directed the Social Welfare Department to coordinate with Home Department for setting up more all women police stations in J&K.

He further said that old people with inadequate social support from their children or relatives also need to be looked after and old age homes should be re-imagined as centers for one stop legal, medical and psychological assistance.

Dr. Mehta said no one in distress/ or in need of help should be left behind. He also directed the department to set up a 24x7 help line for the welfare of the old age people.

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globe including from Brussels, Brazil, Germany, Japan and China, Jammu's family-run brewery wowed judges with its entry 'Kotsberg Pils'. The fact that a homegrown Indian brand outshone other international brands at this prestigious competition in Belgium, where beer brewing has been practiced since 3 AD, is a matter of pride not just for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, but also the entire nation. Other beers that were honored with awards this year included Grimbergen (Carlsberg Breweries), Hoegaarden (AB-Inbev), Bavaria Pilsner (Swinckels Family Brewers) and Duvel (Duvel Moortgat).

## Dr Jitendra launches portal for PM's Excellence Awards

**Excelsior Correspondent**

NEW DELHI, Jan 3: 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 launched the Web Portal for PM's Excellence



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, flanked by Union Secretary Administrative Reforms V. Srinivas, launching the portal for PM's Excellence Awards at Sardar Patel Bhawan, New Delhi on Monday.

Awards in Public Administration, the registration for which begins from today.

Speaking after the launch, the Minister said, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the entire concept and format of the PM's Excellence Award has undergone a revolutionary change since 2014. PM's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration portal for the year 2021-2022 is www.pmawards.gov.in.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that India's governance model has become a Jan Andolan with people responding to the Prime Minister's call for Jan Bhagidari in major schemes.

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's exhortation to the civil servants to "change their role from being a regulator to an enabling entity to turn the challenges into opportunities" Dr Jitendra Singh said, officers must



DGP Dilbag Singh and others releasing crime gazette.

## DGP releases crime gazette, says useful document to shape up future policies

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Jan 3: Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh today released the annual edition of crime gazette of J&K Police for the year 2020 in the conference hall of Police Headquarters here.

The crime gazette for which the data has been collected, tabulated and maintained by the Crime Record Bureau was prepared and presented in the form of the book under the chairmanship of Special DGP

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become a facilitator to bring the "Ease of Life" for the common man.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, after 2014, the process and selection of PM's Excellence Award have been institutionalized and now this is based on the performance of the District, rather than that of the District Collector or individual civil servant. He said, another improvisation brought in to assess

Abhiyan Promoting excellence in sports and wellness through Khelo India scheme Digital Payments and good governance in PM SVANidhi Yojana Holistic Development through One District One Product scheme Seamless, End-to-End Delivery of Services without Human Intervention and Innovations

The applications for the award would be required to cover all the aspects of implementation of a scheme in holistic manner, such as, activities covering production stage, quality control, governance and outcomes.

The Criteria for evaluation of PM's Awards, 2021: Based on pre-determined indicators in consultation with Line Ministries/Departments (excluding Innovation). There would be a mix of common parameters across schemes and flexible parameters which would be provided by the concerned Line Ministries/Department. The award for Innovation Category will be evaluated based on introducing and implementing an innovative idea/ scheme/project to meet stakeholders' requirements.

The evaluation process would include: (i) Short-listing of Districts/Organizations by Screening Committee (first and second stage); (ii) Evaluation by Expert Committee and (iii) Empowered Committee. Prime Minister's approval will be taken on the recommendations of the Empowered Committee for the Awards.

Senior officials of DARGP also took part in the launch event. Secretary, DARGP, V. Srinivas spoke on the occasion and said that the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration, 2021 is given to acknowledge, recognize and reward the extraordinary and innovative work done by Districts/Organizations of the Central and State Governments.

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the scale and rating of the implementation of Flagship Schemes in the district. The Minister also added that the prize money was also doubled this year from Rs.10 lakh to Rs.20 lakh to the awarded District/Organization which is to be utilized for implementation of project/programme or bridging resource gaps in any area of public welfare. The Minister informed that it is now mandatory for all District Collectors to apply for the Award. At the same time, he noted with satisfaction that from 80 districts in 2015, for the last two-three years all districts are participating in the award scheme.

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Lt Governor and VC DDC Udhampur during a meeting.

## Vice-Chairperson DDC Udhampur calls on LG

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JAMMU, Jan 3: Juhu Manhas Pathania, Vice-Chairperson, DDC Udhampur today called on Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, at Raj Bhavan.

The Vice-Chairperson apprised the Lt Governor of various public issues and demands which included augmentation of power supply, construction of national highway from Sudhmahadev to Dudu upto Basantgarh, roads from Draman to Lakhote, Dhar road to Sortha, Gadena to Kutt/Dager and other roads; establishing a Kendriya Vidyalaya, besides other mat-

ters. She was accompanied by DDC members Mool Raj, Pinky Devi and Rakesh Chander Sharma.

Meanwhile, Manzoor Ahmad Khan, District President BJP Anantnag also called on the Lt Governor and projected various developmental issues of his district.

The Lt Governor while interacting with the public representatives assured that all genuine demands and issues projected by them would be looked into for an early redressal on merit. The Lt Governor urged them to continue their efforts of bringing public welfare matters to the fore.



Floral tribute being paid to Martyr, Lt Triveni Singh during a simple function at Pathankot.

## Rich tribute paid to martyr Triveni Singh

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Jan 3: Homage was paid to martyr, Lt Triveni Singh, Ashok Chakra (P) at Triveni Dwar in Pathankot by Officiating Commander Pathankot Sub Area and family members of the fallen hero.

On 02 Jan 2004, the braveheart, Triveni led a gallant action on this day at Jammu Railway Station where he and his out-

numbered troops killed three heavily armed terrorists and saved hundreds of passengers at the platform.

He completed the task given to him but made supreme sacrifice for the Nation in the line of duty. For his duty and indomitable courage, he was awarded the highest peace time gallantry award of Ashok Chakra, posthumously.

## LD's private security becomes reason for death of new born

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, Jan 3: A newborn today died at Lal Ded Memorial Hospital here due to the delay in the treatment caused by the private security personnel posted at the hospital's labour room.

The family which also staged a protest in the hospital complained said that after the baby was born, his condition was critical and was to be taken to the NICU for necessary observation.

"However, while, we were doing so, the father of the newborn was stopped by two private female security personnel just outside the labour room and started demanding money. Keeping in view the sensitivity, he gave them the money, but they didn't let him go," one of the family members said.

The family said that the father of the newborn was first forced to give them Rs 500, "but they did not budge, causing further delay in taking the newborn to the NICU; before they could let him take the baby to the NICU, he was made to pay Rs 300 more," the

family said. As per the family, when the baby was taken to the NICU, doctors made several efforts to resuscitate him, but to no avail.

"It was that delay that was caused which led to the death of the new-born; there is no one allowed near the labour room, the father of the new-born was the only person there," the family said.

During the day, the family also staged a protest, urging the hospital administration to take action and book those responsible.

Dr Muzaffar Sherwani, Medical Superintendent of the LD told Excelsior that soon after the incident, a 5-member committee was set up to look into the matter and which has recommended the termination of two female private security personnel.

"We have taken note of the incident and have immediately blacklisted these two females and to prevent such incident from happening in future, we will also be ensuring frequent rotation of the private security personnel from time to time," he said.

## 6 drug peddlers arrested with contraband

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Jan 3: RS Pura, Domana, City, Gandhi Nagar and Narval Police arrested six drug peddlers along with contraband.

As per police sources, a team from Police Station RS Pura led by SHO Inspector Jai Pal Sharma laid a naka and intercepted a vehicle.

During checking, police team recovered 15 grams heroin and 160 grams cannabis and apprehended two drug peddlers travelling in the vehicle.

The arrested persons were identified as Vijay Kumar, son of Ashok Kumar of RS Pura and Parvinder Singh, son of Kulbir Singh of Chohalla RS Pura.

Meanwhile, a team from Police Station Domana led by SHO Inspector Mahesh Sharma and assisted by PSI Sumit Sharma during patrolling duty near Muthi Camp apprehended a drug peddler along with 6 grams heroin. The arrested person was identified as Manpreet Singh, son of Balwant Singh of Top Paloura, District Jammu.

Similarly, teams from Police Station City led by SHO Inspector Vijay Kumar and Police Station

Gandhi Nagar led by SHO Inspector Pankaj Sharma during patrolling duty in their respective areas arrested two drug peddlers identified as Anuj Dubey, son of Uttam Chand of Lower Mastgarh District Jammu and Ashwani Kumar alias Patti, son of late Kamal Kumar of Nanak Nagar District Jammu along with 15 grams heroin.

In another similar case, a team from Police Post Narwal led by SI Achal Rana under the supervision of SHO Bahu Fort Inspector Nayat Ali apprehended a drug peddler along with 82 grams cannabis.

The arrested person was identified as Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, son of Mohammad Maqbool Sheikh, a resident of District Ganderbal. Cases under relevant Sections have been registered at Police Stations RS Pura, Domana, City, Gandhi Nagar and Bahu Fort and investigation started.

The overall arrest and recoveries were made under the supervision of SDPO RS Pura Sharib Khan, SDPO Domana Sunil Singh, SDPO North Sharad Kalu, SDPO South P K Mengi and SDPO East Sajad Sarwar respectively.

## GMC makes 3rd party verification of IT items mandatory

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, Jan 3: The Government Medical College (GMC), Srinagar today canceled all the earlier orders issued concerning the verification of Information Technology (IT) related items procured and made a third-party verification mandatory for the same.

Third-party verification has been mandatory for the IT-related items procured at the GMC, Srinagar and its associated hospitals in Srinagar.

"In supersession of all the previous orders issued by this office regarding Verification of Information Technology (IT) related items procured for Govt. Medical College & Its Associated Hospitals, Srinagar is hereby cancelled," reads an order issued by the GMC.

The GMC stated that it is impressed upon all the Procurement Officers/Medical Superintendents of all the Associated Hospitals of Govt. Medical College, Srinagar to go for third party verification of Information Technology (IT) related items procured for GMC, Srinagar by the Administrative Secretary, Information Technology Department, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

In this regard, all the Heads of the Departments of GMC Srinagar, Administrator, Associated Hospitals, Chairperson, Information Technology, Procurement Officer and all the GMC Srinagar Medical Superintendents of the Associated Hospitals have been directed to take note of the same.