

## 5 years Central deputation linked to promotions DoPT to assess performance of AIS officers in J&K, Ladakh before extension in deputation

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JAMMU, Apr 30: The Department of Personnel and Trainings (DoPT) has decided to monitor performance of all All India Services (AIS) officers who have been deputed to the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh since abrogation of special status of erstwhile State of J&K and its bifurcation into two UTs and merger of J&K cadre into Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory (AGMUT).

Last week only, four IAS and two IPS officers and prior to that three IPS officers were posted into Jammu and Kashmir from AGMUT, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat cadres. Official sources told the Excelsior that the DoPT has decided to regularly monitor services of all the officers of AIS posted in the Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh on deputation to both the UTs after August 5, 2019 decisions, to overcome shortage of officers.

"Services of all officers, who are on deputation to the Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh

## \*8 more officers to be deployed in two UTs shortly

are being regularly monitored. Further extension in deputation will depend on performance of the officers," sources said, adding the DoPT will also take inputs from top brass of the administration in both the Union Territories to assess performance of the officers.

Besides officers from AGMUT cadre, a number of IAS, IPS and other AIS Services' officers from different States are presently on deputation to both Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. In addition to this, many officers from AGMUT cadre have also been posted in J&K as the latter is now part of AGMUT cadre.

The DoPT is reportedly in the process of short listing eight more officers of All India Services in consultations with the Union Ministry of Home Affairs for posting in the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, sources said.

Most of them are IAS and

IPS officers from different States as well as AGMUT cadre. Last year, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs had invited requisitions from the AIS officers for posting in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

A number of officers including natives of the two Union Territories, who were posted in other States and UTs, had responded to the requisition and opted for the postings here.

Sources, however, said that extension in deputation of the AIS officers will depend on their satisfactory performance. Sources said since some of the officers in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh were reluctant to give five years of mandatory deputation to the Centre, the DoPT has decided that promotions of the officers will be linked to the deputation.

"Promotion of the officers belonging to All India Services can be stopped if they refused to

## Commanded Rgmt in Pallanwalla, served in Ladakh Gen Pande takes over as new Army chief

NEW DELHI, Apr 30:

General Manoj Pande took over as the 29th chief of the Indian Army as Gen M M Naravane completed his tenure.

Gen Pande was the Vice Chief of the Army. He is the first officer from the Corps of Engineers to head the Indian Army.

Earlier, he was the Eastern Army Commander and oversaw India's borders with China, Myanmar and Bangladesh.

Gen Pande is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy and was commissioned in December 1982 in the Corps of Engineers (Bombay Sappers).

He commanded the 117 Engineer Regiment during Operation Parakram in the Pallanwalla sector of Jammu and

Kashmir along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir.

Gen Pande is a graduate of Staff College, Camberley (United Kingdom) and attended the Higher Command (HC) and



Gen Manoj Pande taking charge of 29th Chief of Army Staff from Gen Manoj Mukund Naravane in New Delhi on Saturday. (UNI)

National Defence College (NDC) Courses.

In his 39 years of military career, he has tenanted important and challenging command and staff appointments in different operational environments which include com-

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## CJI for legal system to introduce them PM bats for local languages in courts

NEW DELHI, Apr 30:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today made a strong pitch for use of local languages in courts and explaining laws in simpler terms, saying that it will increase the confidence of common citizens in the justice system and they will feel more connected.

Addressing the inaugural session of the joint conference of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices of High Courts, being held after a gap of six years, Modi said he had constituted a group to examine the possibility of whether laws can be drafted in legal language as well as in terms easily understood by the common man.

"I have set up a group that is examining whether both versions can be passed by the Assembly or Parliament," Modi

said. He said it is in practice in various countries and both the governance. It is for this reason that justice should be linked to the people, it should be in the



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Chief Justice of India Justice N V Ramana at a joint conference of CMs of States and Chief Justices of High Courts at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on Saturday. (UNI)

formats are considered legally acceptable.

"Even our scriptures state that justice is the basis of good

language. Unless the common man understands the basis of justice, for him there will be no

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## Jammu records 40.4 degrees temp

JAMMU, Apr 30: Jammu city recorded the maximum temperature of 40.4 degrees Celsius today, slightly lower than the season's high of 41 degrees the previous day, officials said.

The day temperature in Jammu city was 4.8 notches above average during this part of the season, a spokesperson of the Meteorological department said.

## School timing changed

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 30: Timing of all the schools in Summer Zone of Jammu division has been changed from tomorrow.

According to an order in this regard, all the Government as well as private schools upto Higher Secondary level, falling in Summer Zone of Jammu Division, shall observe school timing from 8 AM to 2 PM with effect from May 1, 2022 to October 30, 2022.

This order was issued today by Director School Education Jammu, Dr Ravi Shankar Sharma.

## Unspent balances on account of labour cess increased to Rs 622 cr CAG puts Labour & Employment Deptt in dock for poor implementation of major scheme

\*Registrations made without obtaining valid certificates  
 Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, Apr 30: The Comptroller and Auditor General of India has put the Labour and Employment Department of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in the dock for poor implementation of Building and Other Construction Works (Regulation of Employment and Condition of Services) Act of 1996. Moreover, it has noticed increase in unspent balances on account of labour Cess from Rs 296 crore to Rs 622 crore during the five year period ended in March 2020 and registrations without obtaining valid certificates.

The Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India enacted Building and Other Construction Works (Regulation of Employment and Condition of Services) Act in the year 1996 and in order to address the issues concerning safety, health and welfare of

workers employed in construction sector, Labour Department of J&K notified in September 2006 Jammu and Kashmir Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board under Section 18(1) of the Act.

To run the Boards and undertake welfare schemes, the Government of India also introduced a bill for levy of Cess on all the works executed. Under the provisions of the Act, all workers (including those working with contractors) between 18 and 60 years of age and having worked for at least 90 days in the preceding 12 months, engaged in construction of roads, buildings, etc are eligible for registration and for obtaining assistance from the welfare schemes.

In the month of January 2006, Government notified collection of the Cess at the rate of one per cent from all Government Departments, Public Undertakings and other Government Bodies carrying

out any building or other construction works from the year 2008 onwards on the tendered value of works undertaken but started paying assistance to the member workers only from financial year 2011-12, the CAG said.

In June 2010, the Government also notified all Assistant Labour Commissioners (ALCs) in districts as Cess collectors to perform the function provided under Section 3 of the Act 1996 and Rule 4 of the Cess Rules 1998. To assess the effectiveness of the welfare schemes run by the Board for Construction and Other Building Workers, an audit was undertaken during the period between July 2020 and October 2020 to assess the effectiveness of welfare activities undertaken in the six districts namely Udhampur, Reasi, Kishtwar, Kulgam, Baramulla and Kupwara out of 20 districts of J&K.

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## ACB arrests X-En for accepting bribe

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Apr 30: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) today trapped and arrested Farooq Ahmad Rather, Executive Engineer, Pahalgam Development Authority for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 10,000 for processing a file which was pending while posted as Assistant Executive

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## Investments not visible on ground, stones being laid for old works: Omar

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 30: National Conference vice president and former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today asserted that industrial investments being claimed by present regime in Jammu and Kashmir are not visible on ground and that

\*Watch video on [www.excelsiornews.com](http://www.excelsiornews.com)

stones (foundation) are being laid and ribbons cut of old development works.

"Where are the investors? Just show me," Omar asked in response to a question during an interview to a national Hindi news channel at his house in Srinagar.

Responding to a question by the interviewer on the visit of United Arab Emirates (UAE) delegation to Jammu and Kashmir for investments, the

## 'Asking youth not to take gun since 1988-89'

National Conference leader said there is nothing new in it. Earlier also they used to come, he added.

Without referring to foundation stone laying ceremony and launching of projects worth Rs 20,000 crore in Jammu and Kashmir by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit here on April 24, Omar said the stones are being laid and ribbons cut for old works.

The Congress had earlier made similar claims.

"Right from 1988-89, we have been advising youth against picking up guns. We have been telling them that it's wrong path and will lead

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## HC warns officials of contempt proceedings

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Apr 30: The High Court has warned authorities for contempt proceedings for non-compliance of court judgment and sought personal appearance of higher officials in case the judgment is not complied with by the next date.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar expressed serious concern over not implementing the judgment with regard to settling of pen-

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**WEATHER**

JAMMU:  
 Partly cloudy  
**TEMPERATURE**  
 Max: 40.4 Degree C  
 Min: 25.6 Degree C

**RELATIVE HUMIDITY**  
 RH-I (Morning): 32.0 per cent  
 RH-II (Evening): 25.0 per cent  
 Sunset on Sunday: 07.12 p.m.  
 Sunrise on Monday: 05.45 a.m.

SRINAGAR:  
 Possibility of light rain/Thundershowers  
**TEMPERATURE**  
 Max: 26.2 Degree C  
 Min: 12.0 Degree C

**RELATIVE HUMIDITY**  
 RH-I (Morning): 71.0 per cent  
 RH-II (Evening): 43.0 per cent

**LEH:**  
**TEMPERATURE**  
 Max: 17.9 Degree C  
 Min: 6.4 Degree C