

## Govt working systematically to provide timely, affordable healthcare to all: Advisor

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 30: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today remarked that the Government is working systematically to fulfill its primary objective of providing suitable, affordable and timely medical care to all

ties across the length and breadth of J&K, it is expected that patient care would reach to greater quality and affordability besides resulting in timely services to people.

The Advisor observed that the waiting period for patients having need of surgeries or high-end medical tests should be



Advisor R R Bhatnagar during surgical conference cum workshop of JAKASI.

including economically challenged people.

The Advisor made these remarks while speaking at the three day surgical conference cum workshop of J&K Chapter of Association of Surgeons of India (JAKASI) organised by the Post Graduate Department of Surgery, GMC here.

Speaking on the occasion, Advisor Bhatnagar mentioned that with the greater strides made in the upgradation of medical infrastructure, J&K was able to tackle the covid-19 pandemic successfully. He made out that with the availability of quality medical fraternity coupled with state of the art infrastructure, the UT effectively provided better health care facilities to its citizens during those tough times.

Advisor Bhatnagar further mentioned that with the establishment of two AIIMS, seven new Medical Colleges, two Cancer Institutes and overall augmentation of medical facilities

## Ex-Chief Secy BR Sharma interacts with IAS/KAS aspirants

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JAMMU, Sept 30: Chanakya IAS Academy Jammu organized an exclusive interactive session with one of the best IAS officers of Jammu and Kashmir, B R Sharma (Ex-Chief Secretary and Home Secretary in the J&K Government and Ex-Chairman JKPSO).

The seminar was held at Chanakya IAS Academy, Jammu Centre. The motivation for hundreds of Civil Services aspirants,



B R Sharma (Ex-Chief Secretary J&K) shed light on interacting with IAS/KAS aspirants at labus & effective Chanakya IAS Academy, Jammu.

B R Sharma, while addressing the candidates, shared his rich experiences and also shed light on important tips about how one should approach the exam and the important factors needed to prepare well for Indian Administrative Service and J&K Administrative Service.

## Notorious bovines' smuggler booked under PSA

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DODA, Sept 30: A notorious bovines' smuggler has been booked under stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) here.

As per official spokesman, a notorious bovine smuggler namely Talib Hussain, son of Mohd Ibrahim, a resident of Manjmi Dassa Tehsil Bhagwah has been detained under PSA under the order passed by District Magistrate Doda and lodged in District Jail Bhandrawah for his repeated involvement in bovine smuggling cases.

The spokesman further said that the accused was repeated offender of bovine smuggling. He was active since 2012 and involved in 8 FIRs of bovine smuggling registered against him in Police Station Doda.

"The accused was kept under surveillance and ultimately on the basis of technical and human intelligence a team of Police Station Doda succeeded to apprehend him. The accused was not only active in Doda District but also indulged in bovine smuggling in adjoining areas of Doda. His detention under PSA will definitely act as deterrence to the criminals and bovine smugglers of the area to desist from bovines smuggling in future", the spokesman informed.

It is pertinent to mention here that under operation Kamdhenu, Doda Police has launched a special drive against the bovine smugglers and this year 31 cases of bovine smuggling have been registered so far in which 81 persons have been arrested, 10 vehicles involved in transportation of bovine animals have been seized and 418 cattle were rescued.

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The arrested persons were identified as Rubina, wife of Mohd Musa and her son Saleem, resident of Kotli Mian Fateh. A case FIR Number 120/22 under section 8/21/22/29/60 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Miran Sahib and investigation started.

## CEC inaugurates 7th edition of Ladakh Zanskar Festival

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KARGIL, Sept 30: Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Kargil Feroz Ahmad Khan in presence of Executive Councilor Tourism, Er Phunsok Tashi, Secretary Tourism and Culture, UT Ladakh,



Artists during Ladakh Zanskar Festival at Padum. Excelsior/Basharat Ladakhi.

Kacho Mehboob Ali Khan today inaugurated the 7th edition of Ladakh Zanskar Festival here at Padum.

Additional Superintendent of Police, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Kargil, SDM Zanskar, Councilors, Block Development Council Chairpersons, Deputy Secretary Ladakh Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (LAAL) Nazir Hussain, AD Tourism Aga Syed Toha, district

and sub-divisional officers, Sarpanchs, Panchs, senior citizens besides a large number of tourists and locals were present on the occasion.

In his address, the CEC congratulated the Department of Tourism and Culture UT Ladakh,

Khan said LAHDC Kargil with proactive support of the UT Administration Ladakh is fully committed to develop a sustainable and eco-friendly tourism-related infrastructure in Zanskar. The CEC also said that separate funds have been provisioned in order to execute various tourism-related developmental works at a larger scale.

Khan expressed optimism that in the coming years, Zanskar will be the epicenter of tourists in Ladakh region and urged locals to keep their cultural legacy intact adding that apart from mesmerizing landscapes, tourists are interested to know the local art, culture and traditions.

While speaking on the occasion, EC Tashi said the event will enlighten local population about various aspects of traditional folklore provide an opportunity to tourists, travellers, researchers to understand the essence of Zanskar.

In his address, the Secretary Tourism and Culture said that the unique identity of Zanskar holds an important position in today's globalized world and the place has immense potential to attract tourists from all over the world.

During the festival, artists from Zanskar, Leh, Kargil and HP mesmerized the audience with scintillating cultural performances.



CVPPPL chairperson Suresh Kumar chairing a meeting.

## CVPPPL holds 11th AGM

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JAMMU, Sept 30: The Chenab Valley Power Projects Private Limited (CVPPPL) today held its 11th Annual General Meeting (AGM) under the Chairmanship of Chairperson CVPPPL, Suresh Kumar.

The shareholders of the Company adopted the annual accounts for the year 2021-22 and authorised Board of CVPPPL for fixation of remuneration of Statutory Auditors appointed by CAG for the year 2022-23.

Rajesh Prasad, Principal Secretary, PDD, Y.K. Chaubey, CMD, NHPC, R.P. Goyal, Director (Finance), NHPC, Hasan Nadeem, Managing Director, CVPPPL and Sudhir Anand, Company Secretary, CVPPPL besides representatives of Promoters, Statutory and Secretarial Auditors attended the meeting.

## DB imposes cost of Rs 50000 on petitioner for abusing process of law

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JAMMU, Sept 30: A Division Bench of High Court comprising Justice Rajesh Oswal and Justice Rajesh Sekri has imposed cost of Rs 50000 on petitioner Ramneek Singh, who has abused the process of law by filing successive writ petitions for the same relief.

The DB observed, "the fate of OWP No. 1167/2010 is dependent upon that of OWP No. 177/2007. The facts in both these writ petitions are almost identical. The auction notice dated 09.02.2007 issued by the respondent regarding piece of land measuring 5410 sq. ft. comprising Khassra No. 665 min, situated on Janipur-Bantalar Road has been impugned in OWP No. 177/07 whereas the auction notice dated 28.09.2010 with respect to same land has been impugned in OWP No. 1167/2010".

"In fact, the petitioner embarked upon a journey in the year 2000 for regularization of his alleged possession over the land measuring 5410 sq ft situated at Paloura by challenging auction notice dated 28.09.2000 issued by respondents. The writ petition bearing OWP No. 809/2000 filed by the petitioner was disposed of by the Single Judge in terms of order dated 11.12.2000 by directing the respondents to take a notice of the observations made by the Division Bench in LPA(OW) No. 298/2K, titled, "M/s Aggarwal Steels vs State of J&K and others" decided on 23.11.2000", the DB observed.

The petitioner aggrieved of the order dated 11.12.2000 preferred intra-court appeal against the same but did not prosecute the same leading to the dismissal of LPA(OW) No. 167 of 2001 vide order dated 20.07.2002. Five years after the dismissal of LPA(OW) No. 167 of 2001, the petitioner filed the writ petition bearing OWP No. 177/2007 for quashing of auction notice bearing No.

1167/2010 is also dismissed". With these observations, Division Bench said, "there is no merit in the present writ petition. As the petitioner has abused the process of law by filing successive writ petitions for the same relief, therefore, we dismiss this writ petition with cost of Rs 50,000. As a natural corollary, the writ petition bearing OWP No. 1167/2010 is also dismissed".

## Div Com reviews progress on Katra-Banihal stretch of USBRL project

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 30: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar today chaired a meeting to review the progress of work on Katra-Banihal stretch of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Line project and inquired about the issues hampering the progress.

The Railway officers apprised the Div Com about the alignment, latest progress of work, salient features of the project, challenges, issues which need to be resolved.

It was informed that the total length of the USBRL is 272 KM, out of which 161 KM has already been commissioned, while work on the remaining length of 111 Km from Katra to Banihal is in progress. It was informed that the work is expected to complete in June 2023.

Divisional Commissioner reviewed in detail the progress on land acquisition, disbursement of compensation etc.

It was informed that the land acquisition has been completed and the majority of it has been provided to the railways in both the districts for execution of work. The railway officers projected some issues on which the Div Com instructed DCs to personally follow the land acquisition cases, disputes if any and ensure the work on the prestigious project is not hampering.

Regarding the issue of pendency in the disbursement of some land compensation cases,

the Div Com directed the Deputy Commissioners to expedite the process to ensure 100 percent disbursement of compensation to the owners.

He directed Deputy Commissioners of Reasi and Ramban to hold regular meetings with Railways authorities and resolve the bottlenecks pertaining to Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Line on priority.

The Railways Engineers also apprised the Div Com that some utility shifting work is pending at some location of both the districts.

The Div Com directed the Engineers of Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd to expedite the work on shifting of lines so that work on the prestigious railway project was executed smoothly.

The Div Com exhorted district administration Ramban and Reasi to hold regular meetings with railway engineers and resolve all the issues on priority.

The meeting was attended by Chief Engineer, North, B S Tomar; Chief Engineer south USBRL Northern Railway, Sandeep Gupta; Executive Director, Assistant Commissioner central, Pritam Lal, Deputy Director Planning, Munish Dutta besides concerned Chief Engineers, Deputy Chief Engineers of Railways, while Deputy Commissioner Reasi and Ramban alongwith other concerned officers attended the meeting through video conferencing.

## CEO reviews DPR of Samba, Udhampur under IWMP

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JAMMU, Sept 30: The detailed Project Report Preparation of Samba and Udhampur Districts under IWMP was reviewed today.

The CEO, IWMP took a review meeting at Samba in this regard in which ADDC Samba

areas of Samba treating 2450 Hectors of Land. He further told that 6 works under Entry Point Activity amounting to Rs.13.70 Lakhs have been taken up in hand after observing all codal requirements.

Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Chief Executive Officer, Integrated Water Shed Management



CEO IWMP Dr Bharat Bhushan chairing a meeting.

Rajinder Singh, ACD Samba Sidharth Dhiman, Project Manager IWMP Samba Sunil Kumar and Dr. Mithas Dar GIS Expert of State Level Nodal Agency participated. Ankurver Arora from PMMI, Assistant Engineer REW Samba besides WDTs of Samba were also present. At the outset, the Project Manager, Samba gave a Power Point Presentation showcasing the physical and financial progress achieved under IWMP phase - I of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchaye Yojna's watershed development component.

He told that last year 72 works amounting to Rs 265.10 Lakhs were completed in the project

Programme appreciated that Base Line Survey has been completed in the district and completion of data has also been done. He asked visiting GIS Expert to render all possible technical support to the District and ensure DPR completion within the stipulated time of two weeks.

The DPR Preparation of Udhampur District was also reviewed virtually. In Udhampur District also the Base Line Survey and Data compilation has been done and DPR preparation is in full swing. The CEO appreciated pace of progress in Udhampur and exhorted Project Manager to complete the DPR preparation within two weeks.



Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avni Lavasa and members of Rotract Club Akhnoor during blood donation camp.

## Rotract Club Supreme organizes blood donation camp

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JAMMU, Sept 30: A blood donation camp was organized by Rotract Club Supreme in the new building of Sub District Hospital Akhnoor under the leadership of President Karun Gupta.

This blood donation camp was inaugurated by chief guest Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avni Lavasa.

During this, 32 people donated blood to save the lives of others. President of Rotract Club Supreme, Karun Gupta thanked the blood donors in the camp and said that such camps would be organized by the club in future

also. He said that a person should donate blood two or three times in a year. He asked to motivate the people to donate blood to the blood heroes.

On the occasion, the chief guest Avni Lavasa threw light on the importance of blood donation.

SDM Akhil Sadotra, Tehsildar Surinder Singh, CMO Jammu, BMO Akhnoor, Rotract Club Akhnoor members Sahil Gupta, Saurav Gupta, Jiteshwar Singh, Gaurav Gupta, Sayam Gupta, Vasu Kohli, Dr Sahil Langar, Vivek Gupta, Shubham Langar, Chetan Veda and many others were present on the occasion.

## Engineer found hanging

Excelsior Correspondent

KISHTWAR, Sept 30: An engineer was found hanging in the guest house in Padyarna area here, police sources said.

The deceased was identified as Chow Rewata Namchoom, son of Chow Kedra Namchoom of Arunachal Pradesh, at present Padyarna District Kishtwar. He was found hanging in the guest house of Patel Engineering and was deployed at Kiru Hydroelectric Project.

After completing medical and legal formalities, the body of the deceased was handed over to legal heirs for last rites. Kishtwar Police has taken cognizance in this regard.