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**Half-day bandh, massive rally in Leh today**

part of the demand for various safeguards for Ladakh, including extension of the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution to the Union Territory.

Wangchuk will be brought in a procession to Leh from dhama site and accorded grand reception by the religious leaders.

Leh will observe half-day bandh to facilitate people to join rally at Polo Ground organized by the religious organizations in support of their demands.

Prominent among those who joined Wangchuk, an engineer whose life inspired a character in Bollywood blockbuster "3 Idiots", were leaders of the Leh Apex Body of Peoples Movement for Sixth Schedule and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA).

The apex body and KDA, a separate amalgam of socio-religious, political and youth organisations, are jointly spearheading a campaign to press for their four-point demands which include full Statehood and safeguards under the Sixth Schedule to the region.

"Today is the last day of my symbolic carbon neutral climatic fast and I am thankful to the people for joining me. The fast was an attempt to invite the attention of Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) so that our leaders can brief him about their concerns and demands," Wangchuk told reporters at

Himalayan Institute of Alternatives Ladakh (HIAL) campus.

Wangchuk said safeguarding the Himalayas, including its glaciers, should be more important than making some "corporators happy" as it is having a direct bearing on the people of the sub-continent.

"The Government needs to have a futuristic plan for safeguarding the environment of the Himalayas. It should also keep its promise of extending the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution to Ladakh," he said.

Wangchuk threatened to intensify his protest in case there was no response from the Government. "This was just a symbolic protest and if there was no response, I will go on a hunger strike for 10 days, later 15 days and so on till my last breath."

Former MP and Chairman of the Leh Apex Body of Peoples Movement for Sixth Schedule Thupstan Chhewang announced a grand rally on January 31 against the "failure of the Government to protect the identity and culture of Ladakh".

On January 15, the Apex Body and the KDA jointly staged a protest in Jammu in support of their demands, including protection of land and jobs, and announced a similar protest at Jantar Mantar in Delhi in the third week of February.

**4 LeT associates arrested**

Nageenpora forests of Awantipora.

He said that four militant associates of LeT were also arrested. They have been identified as Manzoor Ahmad Wani, Mohsin Ahmad Lone, Irshad Ahmad Ahanger and Abaid Ahmad Lone.

all residents of Reshipora Tral.

He said that two blankets, one gas cylinder, three steel plates and some clothes were recovered from the hideout.

A case (FIR 10/23 u/S 18,19,20) has been registered in Police Station Tral in this regard.

**H&ME directive to MC heads**

College (GMC), Anantnag, seeking an explanation from the Principal of GMC, Anantnag as to why these doctors were allowed to stay beyond the tenure.

The overstaying doctors, listed by the H&ME, have been named as Dr Ishfaq Ahmad, Medical Officer, and it has been informed that his completion of tenure posting was due in May last year; similarly, Dr Mudasar Zahoor, Medical Officer, completion of tenure posting was July last year; Dr Jawaid Ahmad Dug, Medical Officer completion of tenure posting was March last year; Dr Arif Wani, Medical Officer, completion of tenure posting was January last year; Dr Mudasar Ahmad Bhat, Medical Officer, completion of tenure posting was June last year; Dr Wani Shahid, Medical Officer, completion of tenure posting was March last year; Dr Suhail Mansoor, Medical Officer with completion of tenure posting dating back to January last year and Dr Muzaffar Rehman, Medical Officer, whose completion of tenure posting has also been given out as January last year.

All these doctors, whose completion of tenure posting has been given out last year, have been continuing with their posting at GMC, Anantnag without the authorities taking note of the same until the H&ME ordered their immediate relieving.

...Medical Officers, presently continuing unauthorisedly on the tenure postings viz. Senior Residents/Registrars etc. beyond the prescribed period of three years in gross violation of policy/guidelines of the department shall be deemed to have been relieved with immediate effect from the Government Medical College, Anantnag," H&ME said while directing them to report in the Directorate of Health Services, Kashmir (DHSK) for further duties.

The H&ME, while listing the overstaying doctors at GMC, Anantnag has directed the Principal, GMC Anantnag to explain why he has allowed the concerned Medical Officers to continue unauthorisedly beyond the authorized term, apart from ordering him to fill up the vacant positions of Senior Residents on priority as per norms.

Further, all the heads of the GMCs, which include, Jammu, Srinagar, Anantnag, Baramulla, Kathua, Doda and Rajouri have been directed to immediately relieve all such doctors, who have completed the stipulated period of 3 years of their tenure postings as Registrarship, Demonstratorship, Sr. Residency, Tutor etc, as on 01.01.2023 while the concerned have been asked to report Directorates of Health Services, Jammu/Kashmir for further duties.

"Director, Health Services, Kashmir shall submit posting proposal in respect of the aforesaid doctors for utilizing their services in the peripheral areas," the H&ME said.

**Action against 2 ex MLAs of NC for encroachments**

relatives for encroachment of Government land and illegally collecting its rent from the Army.

The administration today took over an illegal commercial structure belonging to former MLA Homeshalibugh and NC leader, Abdul Majeed Larmi at LG Pora in Anantnag district.

The structure had been erected by encroaching Shamilat land close to the National Highway. The property is situated on a prime piece of land and its worth is over Rs 50 lakhs.

A Revenue official said that there has been a full onslaught on encroachers in Anantnag who have occupied prime pieces of State and Shamilat land for their own benefits. "Influential encroachers who have abused their official positions to amass ill-gotten gains are the priority for removal of encroachments. He said that the vacated buildings and lands can be put to public use," he added.

He said that while encroachments on the road side including fencings have been demolished, the main building has been taken over by the Revenue department.

In the meantime, the Administration has initiated action against senior NC leader and former legislator from Pahalgam constituency Altaf Kaloo and his close relatives for encroachment of Shamilat land and collection of its rent from Army.

A Revenue official said that a patch of Shamilat land in excess of 100 kanals at Aishmuqam has been delineated as proprietary land by tampering with Revenue records. "The former legislator has been receiving rent on this piece of land while factually the said land is Shamilat and belongs to the community," the official said.

He said that the land has been rented out to the armed forces against a payment of rent. He said that the matter is currently under investigation and the quantum of rent received fraudulently from the armed forces is being assessed and shall be recovered.

While the tampered revenue records have already been expunged by way of legal procedures, the rent shall be recovered after assessment of the amount in coordination with armed forces.

Meanwhile, acting tough against land grabbers, the district Administration Bandipora has retrieved around 33000 Kanals of encroached land comprising around 16000 Kanals of State land and 17000 Kanals of Kahcharie land through intensified anti-encroachment drives.

The drives have also evicted around 500 Kanals of high value land from various influential persons of the district especially in Tehsil Bandipora and Sumbal.

The anti-encroachment drives are being continued despite inclement weather conditions and around 500 Kanals of State/Kahcharie land has been retrieved in various Tehsils of the district including 42 Kanals of prime land worth 20 crores in Tehsil Sumbal.

The retrieved land is also being earmarked for various public purposes including developmental projects, playgrounds, village centric amenities, industries, etc. by the Revenue officials in consultation with concerned villagers/PRLs, and sign boards are also erected immediately after the eviction drives.

It was given out that out of total 20887 of Kahcharai land 17128 Kanals of land has been retrieved amounting to 82% of Kahcharai land in the district and the concerned Tehsildars have already issued notices to the encroachers and the efforts for removal of encroachments on the rest of the land are underway in full-swing.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmad said that illegal occupation of Government and public land puts stress on land resources and urged the encroachers to voluntarily remove illegal occupancies or face action. He said anti encroachment drives are underway across the district and urged the public to cooperate in anti-encroachment drives carried out by administration.

He said that the district has created a land bank of around 25000 Kanals out of which around 1550 Kanals have been earmarked for Industrial Estates, 2000 Kanals for Industrial Use (Out of which around 1377 Kanals stand already transferred), around 100 Kanals for Handloom/ Handicraft and other agri-based activities and around 200 Kanals for setting up of Housing Colony in Watpora Bandipora.

500 Kanals of prime land in Sumbal having industrial utility lying adjacent to highway was retrieved last week and anti-encroachment drives are taken to preserve Government land from illegal possession of land mafia.

Dr Owais appreciated the efforts of concerned Tehsildars and other field officials of Revenue Department in anti-encroachment drives and asked them to speed up the drives with added efforts and dedication.

He said the retrieved land has been earmarked for Developmental projects, industries, agriculture, horticulture and allied activities.

Union Power Ministry asks JERC for UTs of J&K, Ladakh to submit Annual Report of the cases and number of cases pending.

Further, the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission will mention in the Annual Report important additions or changes in the Regulations of the Commission and the manner of functioning of the State Advisory Committees and other consultation with the stakeholders.

Most importantly, the Joint Commission will reveal the status of Average Cost of Supply, Average Revenue Realised Gap and Aggregate Technical and Commercial losses and the steps proposed to reduce these. Further, the Annual Report will contain the trends of important parameters such as capital cost, cost of electricity, new investment and efficiency gains.

The Joint Commission has further been asked to highlight in the Annual Report the number and details of cases in which orders or Regulations of the Commission were challenged in Courts or

Appellate Tribunal and the outcome of such cases and the resolution of disputes including the disputes pending at the end of the year.

Further, the Union Power Ministry has asked the Joint Commission to highlight any departure from the tariff being cost reflective, compliance with Section 65 of the Act for grant of subsidy, implementation of Open Access, compliance of Renewable Energy Purchase Obligation and any other provisions of the Act of 2003.

"The Annual Report shall contain the compliance of any direction given by the appropriate Government under relevant provisions of the Act", read the Rules. The copies of the Annual Report will be forwarded by the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission to the Central Government and to the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and Union Territory of Ladakh at the end of October in each year.

**6 SEs placed as Incharge CEs**

in the Public Works (R&B) Department today.

Those promoted are-Vidhu Kumar Sharma, Anil Kumar Pandohi, Abdul Qayoom Kirmani, Mohit Mahajan, Rajesh Kumar Gupta and Syed Arshad Hussain.

Consequent upon the above promotions, Vidhu Kumar Sharma has been placed as I/C Chief Engineer in SKUAST Jammu, Syed Arshad Hussain as I/C CE in

verify the genuineness of all 2009 and other appointees by reference to original orders issued by the Directorate of School Education and the selection list of the JKSSB," read the order.

The order specified that the documents must be received at the CEO's office in Srinagar by or before February 4, 2023, and be properly supported by pertinent documents.

The Managing Director of JPDCL has directed the Chief Engineer (Distribution) Jammu to start disconnection drive as per the list of defaulters available online. In the first instance, the list has been generated for consumers with pending amount above Rs one lakh with zero installment paid.

The Chief Engineer will submit the report on disconnections to the office of the Managing Director on daily basis. Further, all the SDOs have been directed that reconnection requests corresponding to such disconnections should be made to IT&C Division in consolidated manner before 5 pm every day.

SKUAST Kashmir, Abdul Qayoom Kirmani as I/C CE in SKIMS Kashmir, Anil Kumar Pandohi shall continue on his present place of posting as I/C CE in REW Jammu, Mohit Mahajan shall continue at his present place of posting as I/C CE, PMGSY Jammu while Rajesh Kumar Gupta shall continue at his present place of posting as I/C CE, PMGSY Batote.

SED to scrutinize all appointments made in 2009

few days after a teacher from the Budgam district had his employment terminated for entering the department using a fraudulent and forged appointment order.

Meanwhile, Chief Education Officer Srinagar has asked all DDOs to verify the genuineness of all 2009 and other appointees. "As directed by the Director of School Education, Kashmir, all the DDOs are hereby directed to

**NH, many roads closed after landslides; one dead**

and Samba -Mansar road.

Batote-Kishtwar road was blocked due to landslides at Faggumarh near Thathri and Raggi Nalla between Batote and Doda today. The traffic remained suspended on the road for over 3-4 hours, however, the road was restored in the afternoon, a senior Traffic police officer said.

Kishtwar-Paddar, Dachhan, Thathri- Gandoh, Ramban-Gool-Mahore-Reasi and Mahore-Budhal roads have been closed. Latti-Dudu-Basantgarh and Ramnagar roads have also been blocked due to heavy snowfall and landslides. A bus was trapped in mudslides on Thathri-Gandoh road today, however, the passengers were rescued.

Hill resort of Patnitop experienced about 6-8 inch snowfall, Nathapat about 2ft, Bhaderwah about 5-6 inch, Dudu and Basantgarh about 6 inch snowfall by this evening. Trikuta hills of Mata Vaishnodevi also experienced fresh snowfall today. The chopper and battery car service at the holy shrine remained suspended today due to bad weather and snowfall while on-foot Yatra continued despite rain and snowfall.

Three tourists trapped in heavy snow at Nathapat in Patnitop area were rescued by police today. They



National Highway closed due to heavy snowfall at Qazigund. -Excelsior/Sajad Dar

prone areas.

Kashmir University and Cluster University Srinagar today postponed various examinations scheduled for tomorrow in view of inclement weather conditions.

"All PG engineering and other examinations scheduled to be held on January 31, 2023 (Tuesday) have been postponed in view of inclement weather conditions," Controller Examinations KU Dr Majid Zaman said in a statement adding, "fresh dates for the deferred Examinations will be notified separately later."

Meanwhile, all the examinations of Cluster University Srinagar scheduled tomorrow have been postponed due to inclement weather, the varsity said in a notice. "Fresh dates for postponed papers shall be notified separately," Controller of Examinations Cluster University Srinagar added. These varsities also postponed similar examinations scheduled today (January 30).

Snowfall affected power supply in many areas in Kashmir even as authorities said that the restoration work was going on and expressed optimism about early restoration.

"Due to heavy snowfall, electric supply to many areas of Kashmir Valley got disrupted. The load of the whole valley dipped below 850 MWs during the early morning hours," an official of the KPDCCL said.

Out of total 33 KV feeders, he said, 14 were under fault along with four 33 KV Taplines which affected the power supply mainly to Sopore, Kupwara and Handwara area of north Kashmir. Few portions of District Budgam and of District Anantnag were also affected due to the outage of 4 No. of 33 KV lines. In addition, he said, around 215 11 KV feeders were under fault due to heavy snowfall.

From early morning, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Ltd. field teams were mobilized to rectify the faults. Despite the continuous snowfall and braving the extreme freezing temperature, he said, the field teams were able to bring up the load of Kashmir Valley to around 1590 MWs by 3 PM.

It is pertinent to mention that at present only four 33 KV lines which specially feed to Sopore area of District Baramulla and few areas of Bijnbehara are under fault and by evening all the 33 KV lines will be charged, he said. "Out of all the 11 KV feeders only 154 feeders remain out due to the faulty status of four 33KV lines."

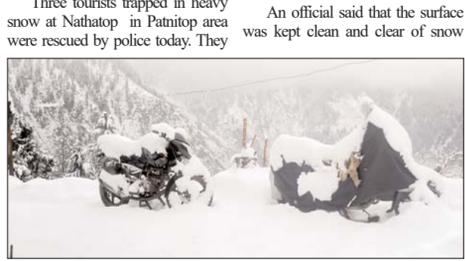
The MD KPDCCL is himself closely monitoring the situation and assures the public that all the feeders will be up and live, the official said.

hauled from Uttar Pradesh. Police party from Patnitop led by SI Sushil Kumar rescued them and brought back to Patnitop.

Kashmir was covered in a blanket of snow today and the weatherman has forecast gradual improvement of weather from tonight.

A Meteorological Department official said that widespread moderate to heavy snowfall has been reported in Kashmir. "On January 31, cloudy weather with light snow and rain is expected at isolated to scattered places," he added.

Kangdori recorded 6 feet, Affarwat 5.5 Feet, Gulmarg 4.5 feet, Babarshi 2 feet, Tangmarg 1.5 feet, Machil 2 feet, Sadnatop 2.5 feet, Furkia Top 2 feet, Gurez one foot, Tulai one foot, Razdan Top 2 feet, Shopian one feet, Sedow 1.5 feet, Heerpore 2 feet, Keller 1.5 feet, Pulwama 6 inches, Rajpora one foot, Tral 3 inches, Pampore 2 inches,



Fresh spell of snowfall in Doda district. -Excelsior/Umar Shazad

throughout the day despite continuous and heavy snowfall. However, continuous snowfall and low visibility meant that no flight could operate.

The train services were also suspended for the day and Srinagar-Jammu National Highway also remained closed for the traffic.

Jammu and Kashmir Disaster Management Authority on Sunday issued avalanche warning for ten districts in upcoming 24 hours, amid prevailing inclement weather conditions.

Avalanche with Medium Danger Level is likely to occur above 1500 to 2500 metres over Bandipora, Baramulla, Ganderbal, Kupwara and Kulgam districts.

Avalanche with 'Low Danger Level' is likely to occur above 1500 metres over Anantnag district.

People living in these areas are advised to take precautions and avoid venturing in the avalanche

**Undertook BJJ to save liberal, secular ethos of country: Rahul**

stand the pain. What would have gone through the hearts of the children of Pulwama soldiers, I know. It has happened with me," Gandhi said.

He said he was advised against walking in Kashmir on the grounds that he might be attacked.

"I thought over it and then decided that I will walk in my home and with my people. Why not give them [his enemies] a chance to change the colour of my shirt, let them make it red. But the people of Kashmir did not give me hand grenades, only their hearts full of love," he said.

The Congress leader said the message of the BJJ was to see the end of phone calls giving the message of deaths in the Valley.

He dared Home Minister Amit Shah and other BJP leaders to conduct or hold foot march in the Valley

Besides Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi, the Wayanad Lok Sabha MP was also joined by leaders from the DMK, the JMM, the BSP, the NC, the PDP, the CPI, the RSP, the VCK and the IUML.

Addressing the rally, CPI leader D Raja urged all secular parties of the country to unite. "We all fought together for the independence of the country and liberated the country from British Raj. All secular parties must come together to liberate the country from BJP Raj," he added.

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti while speaking on the occasion said the country sees a ray of hope in Gandhi.

Former Chief Minister and NC leader Omar Abdullah asked Gandhi to undertake another yatra from west to east of the country.

"On this last function of the yatra, I congratulate Gandhi on behalf of myself, my father and my party. This yatra has been successful. This yatra has shown that there are people in the country who like the other idea which is of brotherhood," he said.

"I request Rahul Gandhi to undertake a yatra from west to east. I like the one he did. I am sure they can't do it as they are afraid and have fear in their hearts," he said.

Rahul said that Kashmiriyat was a thought and Kashmir was a home for him. "In fact, the thought Kashmiriyat presents is a home for me. For me, the home is not just four-walls but the thought Kashmiriyat gives and presents," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Priyanka Gandhi said that the main message of BJJ was to spread love and call for the end of hatred by bringing the hearts together. "Finally, we have succeeded," he said.

In a show of Opposition strength, leaders of several national and regional parties branding snowfall and bone-chilling cold shared

**Project positive things about J&K: Dwivedi**

people come to know about positive things happening in Jammu and Kashmir especially those who never got time to visit here," Dwivedi said while interacting with the students of J&K, studying in General BC Joshi Army Public School, Pithoragarh, sponsored through Army's Operation Sadbhavana here today.

"You have two options of projecting positive and negative things. If you project positive one, you will get respect," he said addressing the students.

The students were on their way back to the school after winter break and had a lifetime opportunity of meeting the Army Commander which further motivated them to excel in future.

Indian Army is a major contributor towards Nation building and Northern Command is spearheading the efforts in UT of J&K for empowerment of the people especially in the field of education for the youth. The Indian Army under 'Op Sadbhavana' has sponsored 47 students from J&K for education in General BC Joshi Army Public School, Pithoragarh (Uttarakhand).

The Army Commander while addressing the students congratulated all those who were performing well in their respective streams and motivated them to be the bedrock of the nation which looks up to them for nation building. He told the stu-

dent that they are representing their UT, region, district and family and should feel proud of it and always endeavour to excel in all spheres including studies, sports and extracurricular activities. Whatever may be their goal in life, they should start working on it from today and pursue it till they achieve it.

While interacting with the children, Lt Gen Dwivedi explained the mantra of 5 Ps for life. He emphasized on the importance of passion for one's dreams which is a must, Persistence combined with pragmatism which makes one succeed in any endeavour, Parvarish or the teachings of one's parents which should never be lost sight of, Peers who are an important part of a student's life as they can boost learning, Padhai which is an important part of life as it enables an individual to equip himself/herself with knowledge to grow in life.

The Army Commander further emphasized that the world is changing fast with latest innovations and gadgets like smart mobile phones and laptops etc. but the young children must use them smartly and not become slaves of the gadgets. He reminded the students that their final exams will be due once they reach their school in a month's time from now and all students especially those who are appearing for Board exams should not let exam pressure weigh them down.



GOC-in-C, Northern Command Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi interacting with students of Gen BC Joshi Army Public School at Udhampur.

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**WEATHER**

JAMMU:

Possibility of light rain/thundershowers

TEMPERATURE

Max: 13.8 Degree C

Min: 10.4 Degree C

RELATIVE HUMIDITY

RH-I (Morning): 90.0 per cent

RH-II (Evening): 93.0 per cent

Sunset on Tuesday: 06.03 p.m

Sunrise on Wednesday: 07.26 a.m

SRINAGAR:

Rain/snow

TEMPERATURE

Max: 1.6 Degree C

Min: -0.2 Degree C

RELATIVE HUMIDITY

RH-I (Morning): 100.0 per cent

RH-II (Evening): 95.0 per cent

LEH:

TEMPERATURE

Max: 1.8 Degree C

Min: -0.6 Degree C

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PVR KC AUDI 1: 1. PATHAAN (HINDI) ATMOS - 10:00 AM, 1:15 PM, 4:30 PM, 7:45 PM, 11:00 PM

PVR KC AUDI 2: PATHAAN (HINDI) - 11:45 AM, 3:30 PM, 6:15 PM, 9:30 PM

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