# JAMMU BULLETIN

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### Lieutenant Governor's greetings...

commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ is an occasion to celebrate and imbibe Lord Christ's message of love, compassion and forgiveness. I hope that the sacred occasion inspires us to build a future where all people love one another and live together in harmony and further strengthen our bond of brotherhood. Let us rededicate ourselves to imbibe the life and teachings of Jesus Christ for the welfare of humankind and work for the uplift of the needy and underprivileged. May this Christmas fill the hearts of people all over the Union Territory with warmth, love and goodwill towards fellow beings".

#### Search operation launched...

movement in Kuntwara area of the district, they added. Subsequently, security forces and police were mobilised, and a cordon-and-search operation was launched, the sources said. The incident occurred in the same area where, on November 7, two VDG members were killed by terrorists.

# Over 150 booked...

He said from January 1 to December 23, 94 cases under the NDPS Act have been registered in several police stations across the district.

"Over 150 persons involved in peddling and trafficking of narcotics and psychotropic substances have been arrested by Srinagar Police," the spokesperson said.He said 26 notorious drug peddlers have been booked under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (PIT-NDPS Act) in different jails of J-K including Central Jails, Udhampur, Bhaderwah, Kathua Kot Balwal and Jammu after obtaining the formal detention orders from Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir.

"These drug peddlers have been involved in the peddling of narcotics among the youth of Srinagar on an alarming scale. Besides, they were also involved in several NDPS Act cases of various police stations of Srinagar," he added. The spokesperson said despite several NDPS Act cases registered against them, the accused did not mend their ways after getting bail from the courts."They were brazenly promoting drugs among the youth of the valley, especially in Srinagar, through their illegal narcotics network," he said.

The spokesperson said the properties -- both movable and immovable -- acquired by the drug peddlers through proceeds of illegal trafficking of drugs and narcotics have been attached by the Police under provisions of section 68 of the NDPS Act.Among these, the police have attached seven vehicles and seven residential houses which were acquired illegally by the accused persons through the narcotics trade."The estimated value of properties attached is Rs 4.47 crores. Besides, 23 bank accounts belonging to these drug peddlers have been frozen in NDPS Act cases," he added.

# CM Omar Abdullah...

need for a robust mechanism to minimize public inconvenience during severe weather conditions. The Chief Minister also engaged with Deputy Commissioners to assess districtlevel preparedness and urged them to prioritize timely and effective responses to weather-related challenges. Chief Minister Abdullah stressed the importance of keeping men and machinery in a state of readiness to ensure the routine functioning of essential installations.He directed departments to prioritize uninterrupted trade, transport, and essential supplies while addressing disruptions caused by snow, waterlogging, or power outages.

On snow clearance, he was briefed that a sufficient number of hi-tech snow clearance machines have been deployed by the R&B Department, SMC, MED, BRO, and NHAI, with additional machines on standby to handle heavy snowfall. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah instructed the concerned authorities to focus on clearing key routes, including inter-district highways and roads leading to hospitals, power grids, water supply systems, and fire and emergency services.

The meeting was informed that adequate stocks of ration, petrol, diesel, and LPG are available to meet the needs of residents for several months. Additional provisions have been made to ensure timely distribution across districts. The Chief Minister directed for establishment of joint control rooms in all districts to handle winter-related complaints promptly.He stressed the importance of a swift response system to minimize public inconvenience and ensure seamless delivery of essential services. Reviewing the health sector's readiness, the Chief Minister directed the Health Department to ensure adequate stocks of medicines, oxygen cylinders, and emergency supplies across all hospitals. He also emphasized maintaining functional central heating systems in healthcare facilities and ensuring the deployment of medical personnel in snowbound areas. Instructions were given for providing transport service to expecting mothers in remote and far-flung areas. Highlighting the criticality of uninterrupted power supply during winter, the Chief Minister instructed KPDCL engineers to prioritize the restoration of electricity, particularly for essential installations. He called for timely replacement of damaged transformers and urged for protection of field staff with proper safety gear to prevent accidents during repair work. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah underscored the importance of maintaining road connectivity and efficient traffic management.He directed agencies to deploy sufficient manpower and equipment for snow clearance on national highways, main roads, and internal routes, ensuring minimal disruption to public movement. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah concluded the meeting by urging all departments to work in coordination and take proactive measures to mitigate the impact of harsh winter conditions. He reiterated his commitment to minimizing public inconvenience and ensuring the effective delivery of essential services throughout the region Chief Minister directed the PHE Department to deploy sufficient water tankers in affected areas to prevent water scarcity during the extreme weather conditions. Additionally, he instructed the Forest Department to ensure an adequate supply of firewood in snowbound areas is available. The Chief Minister also underscored the significance of coordination among line departments and directed for round the clock operationalisation of District Control Rooms to maintain and update records of vulnerable populations, particularly pregnant women in snow-blocked areas. He emphasized that such cases should be promptly relocated to maternity centers well ahead of their delivery dates. For regions with possibility of road block, the Chief Minister instructed authorities to ensure helicopter services are put in place for such areas which remain cut off. During the meeting, the Chief Minister reiterated that all preparedness plans should be practical and actionable, ensuring their effectiveness when put to the test.He called for seamless interdepartmental coordination and directed Deputy Commissioners to maintain regular communication with field officers to address emerging challenges swiftly. Chief Minister reaffirmed the Government's commitment to the welfare and safety of the people. He assured people that the administration is fully prepared to tackle the challenges of the harsh winter and deliver essential services effectively. Among others, the meeting was attended by Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary Jal Shakti Shaleen Kabra via video conferencing. Additional Chief Secretary to Chief Minister, Dheeraj Gupta and Divisional Commissioner Kashmir attended the meeting in person. Administrative Secretaries, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, senior Police and Security Officers, Deputy Commissioners, Commissioners of SMC & JMC, Officers of BRO, NHAI and other Departments also attended the meeting. Officers from Jammu and other District Headquarters participated through video conference.During the meeting, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir and Jammu gave presentation on the winter preparedness measures already in place across both the divisions.

#### Rafi a musical genius...

influence transcends generations.He said on X, "Remembering the legendary Mohammed Rafi Sahab on his 100th birth anniversary. He was a musical genius whose cultural influence and impact transcends generations.""Rafi Sahab's songs are admired for their ability to capture different emotions and sentiments. His versatility was extensive as well. May his music keep adding joy in the lives of people," he added.Born in Punjab, Rafi became the undisputed king of playback singing with his rendition of Naushad-composed songs in Baiju Bawra in 1952. He ruled the airwaves till the 60s and continued to belt out hit numbers till his death in 1980.His mastery over the classical music and an equally gifted knack to connect with the popular taste have ensured that he remains a favourite of music lovers.

#### Amit Shah doesn't deserve...

Ambedkar. "The whole country, the Congress party and the INDI alliance are together demanding that Amit Shah has no right to continue as the home minister of the country because the person who sits on the chair of the home minister has to safeguard the Constitution," AICC general secretary G A Mir told reporters at a press conference here.

Mir asked how can Shah provide justice when he "has so much hatred against the Constitution and its framers"."So, we have been demanding that Shah has no right to remain as the home minister and he should either resign himself or the president should sack him. Then Shah should apologise to the nation."These are our two demands. Shah does not deserve to be the home minister of India," the Congress leader added.The press conference was a part of the party's campaign against Shah, alleging that he insulted Ambedkar with his remarks while participating in a debate on the Constitution in Rajya Sabha last week.

To a question on 'one nation, one election' bill, Mir said the BJP was now "talking about one nation, one party" as well and "this is akin to strangling democracy"."India is a huge democracy. The bill has gone to a JPC."It does not seem possible, but we will see what report the JPC gives. But the BJP's intention towards the people of the country is not right," he said. On the protest by National Conference's (NC's) Srinagar MP Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi on the reservation issue here, Mir said, "It has become a fashion these days.""He (Mehdi) is a responsible MP belonging to a responsible party. He is five minutes away from the chief minister.

The party leadership and the whole cabinet is at his disposal, so rather than taking to the road just for photo-ops, he should have discussed it within the party, within the government," the AICC general secretary said.He said caste census was the best way forward to address the issue of reservation and demanded that caste census should also be held in JK.

# Modi govt's governance...

transparency, innovation, and people-centric policies that have redefined the meaning of governance in India.

"Nearly 2,000 outdated rules and regulations have been scrapped to simplify governance and make it more citizenfriendly," said Singh, the Minister of State for Personnel.Singh said that within a few months of Modi taking over as the Prime Minister in May 2014, the DoPT (Department of Personnel & Training) scrapped the feudalistic rule which was a rather dubious legacy of the British empire, and allowed the youth the freedom of self-attestation instead of requiring a gazetted officer to attest the documents.

"This sent out a message across the country that now there was a government in place which had the capacity to trust the youth of the country," he said addressing an event here.Singh recalled that Prime Minister Modi, in his Independence Day address, gave a call for abolishing interviews in recruitment to lower posts in order to ensure transparency and the DoPT followed it up by issuing a circular to this effect in 2016."Modi govt's governance reforms included scrapping of nearly 2,000 obsolete rules which had lost relevance with the passage of time and which were in fact proving detrimental to ease of working and timely disposals," he added.

Similarly, a number of reforms have been introduced to simplify the pension rules, particularly those pertaining to senior citizens and family pension rules for divorced daughters, Singh was quoted as having said in a statement issued by the Personnel Ministry. Among the most notable initiatives was the integration of cleanliness into governance, turning what might have been dismissed as an administrative detail into a national movement, the minister said. "Cleanliness is now a hallmark of governance practices", Singh said, recalling how the cleanliness drive began with building toilets and evolved into cleaning up work places. The minister said that through efficient management of scrap material and obsolete equipment, the government had reclaimed over 643 lakh square feet of office space and earned Rs 2,364 crore for the national exchequer. Singh attributed these changes to the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, who he described as a "visionary unifier". He said that under Modi's leadership, infrastructure development and socio-economic programs transformed the Northeast region into "a model of development".

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#### Govt intensifies efforts...

preparedness against these potential hazards, stated an official communication issued in this regard by the Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction.

As part of these initiatives, a specialized expedition team led by Dr. Sunil Dhar from the Department of Environmental Sciences, Central University of Jammu, recently undertook a comprehensive study of three critical glacial lakes in Kishtwar district. The team conducted a comprehensive study of various lakes including Mundiksar, Hangu and Unnamed lake in the Kishtwar region. Besides, the Geological Survey of India (GSI) conducted a thorough study of Bram Sar Lake in the Kulgam district. Besides, the Department of Geography & Disaster Management at the University of Kashmir conducted field expedition to two glacial lakes, earlier in June.

"These expeditions provided valuable data on the lake conditions, surrounding environmental factors and potential risks of GLOF events. The insights gained will be instrumental in formulating risk mitigation strategies and enhancing early warning systems in the region," added the document. These expeditions played a key role in collecting crucial data and assessing the risks associated with potentially dangerous glacial lakes (PDGLS) in Jammu & Kashmir.

The communication added that the GLOF mitigation strategy will be implemented in two distinct phases. The phase I "expedition and data collection' will initially focus on identifying and studying glacial lakes that pose a high risk of GLOFs, based on the assessments provided by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), NRSC, CWC etc. The phase II will focus on developing and implementing specific mitigation measures.

A fully functional Glacial Lake Outburst Flood Early Warning System (EWS) will also be established to enhance preparedness. The personnel will be trained in the operation and interpretation of EWS, ensuring effective responses to potential GLOF events where necessary lake-lowering techniques will be deployed to further mitigate the risks.Pertinently, the Jammu & Kashmir government had constituted a Focused Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) Monitoring Committee (FGMC) in the month of April 2024 to focus on mitigation measures in the wake of overflow of glacial lakes.

#### **Resolve issue of...**

unfortunate". Speaking to reporters here, Mufti said the people of J-K, especially the youth, voted for the National Conference (NC) in large numbers in the assembly polls so that there would be rationalisation in the reservation and nobody's rights would be snatched.

"We do not want any politics in it but we are pushing open merit students to the wall. The chief minister has sought six months' time. They (NC) have three MPs, including the Ladakh MP and 50 MLAs, why do they need six months? They think a court decision will come by and they will not have to do anything," Mufti said. The former chief minister of the erstwhile state of J-K said the NC government could have brought an SRO to settle the issue of reservation like what she did in 2018 when she brought SRO-49 for 75 per cent reservation for open merit category in post-graduation.

"What will these (open merit category students) get if there is recruitment of lecturers, police, etc in these six months?"So, I appeal Abdullah, not to leave this issue to the courts, you have powers, you have the government, you have 50 MLAs, to find a way so that the economically weaker sections who have their own reservation are not affected but the open merit category students should get their share according to the population proportion and they should not wait for the court's decision," she said.She said that it is a serious issue and leaving it for the courts to decide is "very unfortunate".

"When we send kids to school, we tell them to work hard and achieve their goals with their intelligence. Today, there is no value in hard work and intelligence. Merit has become the biggest casualty at this point in time," she said."Their opportunities have been choked," she said.Referring to a protest by NC's Srinagar MP, Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi outside the chief minister's residence on Monday, Mufti said the people voted for the NC in the Parliament elections as well thinking they would resolve our issues, or at least they would raise those in the Parliament."It has been about a year but not one of their MPs has opened his mouth on this issue. It was a duty of the NC MPs to raise this issue in the Parliament as there was direct Central rule in J-K then," she added.

### Fresh snowfall in...

tourist resort of Sonamarg and a few other areas in the higher reaches of the valley. The fall in mercury led to the freezing of water supply lines even as a thin layer of ice covered the surface of several water bodies. Kashmir is experiencing intense cold conditions, with the maximum temperature in Srinagar on Monday settling over six degrees below normal for this time of the season.

The city recorded a maximum temperature of 2.8 degrees Celsius on Monday as the day temperature remained below the normal across the valley.The bone-chilling cold continued throughout Monday night as well the minimum temperatures also settled below normal.Srinagar recorded a low of minus 6.6 degrees Celsius on Monday night -- down three degrees from the previous night, the meteorological department said.Pahalgam, the base camp for the annual Amarnath Yatra in south Kashmir, registered a minimum temperature of minus 7.8 degrees Celsius, down from the previous night's minus 5 degrees Celsius, it said.

The night temperature in Gulmarg, a tourist resort town known for skiing activities in north Kashmir, settled at a low of minus 7.4 degrees Celsius -- almost three degrees down from minus 4.8 degrees Celsius the previous night, the department added.Qazigund, the gateway town to Kashmir, logged a minimum temperature of minus 6.2 degrees Celsius, while Konibal, a hamlet in the Pampore area, was the coldest recorded place in the valley at minus 8.5 degrees Celsius, it said.

Kupwara, in north Kashmir, and Kokernag, in south Kashmir, registered a low of minus 6.4 degrees Celsius.The meteorological department has predicted a dip of two to three degrees in the minimum temperatures over the next few days till December 26.There is a possibility of light snowfall over the higher reaches towards the later afternoon of December 27 till the forenoon the next day, the Met Office said.While the weather would stay mainly dry on December 29 and 30, light snowfall is possible in the isolated higher reaches on New Year's Eve, and light snowfall could take place at isolated to scattered places in Kashmir from January 1-3.

Kashmir is currently under the grip of 'Chillai-Kalan' - considered the harshest period of winter - which started on December 21.During the 40 days of Chillai-Kalan, the chances of snowfall are most frequent and maximum and the temperature drops considerably.It ends on January 30 next year, but the cold wave continues even after that in the valley. The 40 days are followed by a 20-day 'Chillai-Khurd' (small cold) and a 10day 'Chillai-Bachha' (baby cold).

# 40 vehicles challaned...

were challaned, 01 was impounded for masking the registration number plate and 04 driving licenses were suspended under the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules. The anticipated revenue from e-challanes is INR 206,200.

The operation targeted unfit vehicles, passenger/goods vehicle overloading, mobile phone use while driving, without helmet, two-wheeler riders, altered/tampered registration plates, vehicles without documents, reckless/dangerous driving, triple riding on two wheelers and driving under the influence of alcohol.The drive was supervised by ARTO Flying Squad Bipen Singh Charak. The team consisted of Jagandeep Singh MVI and MVTA Tarunjot Singh. Driver, conductor, and vehicle owners were educated on road safety measures, preventative vehicle maintenance, and adherence to traffic regulations to promote road safety.

# 5 soldiers killed...

families in this hour of grief," the Northern Command said on X.All the ranks of White Knight Corps extend their deepest condolences on the tragic loss of five brave soldiers in a vehicle accident during operational duty in the Poonch sector."Rescue operations are ongoing, and the injured personnel are receiving medical care", the White Knight Corps said on X.

# **BJP launches counter...**

after Independence.Chugh alleged the Congress forced Ambedkar to resign, citing his resignation letter as evidence of the "mindset" of first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru towards Ambedkar.He also criticised the Omar Abdullah-led government, accusing it of losing the trust and support of the people by failing to deliver on its promises

#### NC MLA hits out...

He was referring to Ruhullah taking part in student protests against the existing reservation policy in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday outside the residence of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah. PDP leaders Waheed Para and Iltija Mufti were among scores of people from political parties who joined the protesters to show their support.

Separatist leader Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, who is under house arrest, also voiced his support for the demand for "rationalisation" of quota for reserved categories. After meeting the protesting students, Chief Minister Abdullah had said on X that the channel of communication will remain open "without any intermediaries or hangers-on". Sagar said Ruhullah's presence at the protests has done "more harm than benefit" to the cause of the open merit students. "This is not democracy. Every party has discipline, he (Ruhullah) should have raised his concerns internally. You cannot disrespect the chief minister and your party through such theatrics," the MLA from Hazratbal said.

Sagar, however, said he was supportive of the cause of the general category students demanding rationalisation of quotas. The NC leader dismissed suggestions that Monday's protests was an intra-party confrontation."Did you see any other NC leader there? He (Ruhullah) was there in his capacity as an MP. You would not find any born-NC leader in such gatherings," he said. After meeting Abdullah on Monday, student leaders said that he had assured them that the cabinet subcommittee formed to review the reservation policy will submit its report within six months

The students are protesting against the reservation policy in Jammu and Kashmir implemented after the abrogation of Article 370.Meanwhile, Peoples' Democratic Party chief Mehbooba Mufti on Tuesday asked the chief minster to find a way to resolve the issue of reservation .Speaking to reporters, Mufti said the people of J-K, especially the youth, voted for the National Conference in large numbers in the assembly polls so that there would be rationalisation in the reservation

#### CS lists contact...

other concerned officers. While taking note of the incidence of this disease in the UT, the Chief Secretary stressed on enthusiastic tracing of contacts, intensive sampling and involvement of community to make J&K free from TB.

He further advised for efficient utilization of the services of ASHA workers, women SHG members of JKRLM and other rural institutions to reach out to al the people and areas in identifying the potential affected persons and drawing of samples for carrying out necessary diagnostics. As far as the IEC for creating general awareness among public is concerned, Dulloo enjoined upon the Department to send bulk messages to the family members of the patients for their sensitization and care about their health.

He also asked them to make it a regular feature to keep check on the Health &Wellness Centres and Ayushman Aarogya Mandirs for sending samples from their areas of service. He also directed the senior officers of the Department to visit the TB facilities created across the length and breadth of J&K.In his presentation the Secretary, H&ME, Dr Syed Abid Rashid Shah gave out the overall view of the TB scenario here along with the aims and objectives of this ongoing PMTBMB Abhiyan.He revealed that J&K has a TB affected population of around 11,650 persons who are provided free treatment through different facilities established across the districts of the UT.

He also revealed that besides the free treatment of these patients they are being provided Rs 1000/ month under Nikshay Poshan Yojana and a food basket to 6146 patients through 5406 Nikshay Mitras, who had given their consent to receive the community support.In addition it was given out that the districts of Anantnag, Budgam and Pulwama had already been declared 'TB Free' with Baramulla, Srinagar, Bandipora, Kupwara, Kulgam, Shopian and Ganderbal submitted for this declaration to Sub-National Certification.

The meeting was further apprised that this year about 463872 presumptive tests were done against a target of 486887 (1000/lakh of population) at the rate of 3047 persons per lakh of population here.It was also apprised that out of 4243 Panchayats, 1516 had been declared 'TB Free'. In addition a '100-Days TB Campaign' has been launched from Dec, 7 this year to hold Ni-Kshay Shivir, targeting 347 high-priority districts across India, including Jammu, Srinagar &Baramulla districts of J&K under National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP).The campaign aims at accelerating TB case detection among vulnerable populations, reducing TB mortality through better management of cases and preventing new infections by implementing focused interventions in districts with the highest TB burden.

"I was reading a newspaper report (about protests). The Congress party has a long history of disrespecting Dr Ambedkar-during his lifetime and even after his passing (away). This is evident from their actions before and after Independence, including forcing him to resign."If you analyse his resignation letter, it exposes the biased mentality of Pandit Nehru, who, as Prime Minister and Congress president, consistently opposed Ambedkar's ideology," Chugh told reporters on the sidelines of a function here.He further said, "The Congress, which has consistently insulted Dr Ambedkar during his lifetime, opposed his ideas both before and after Independence."

Chugh alleged, "If you look at his letters, you will see how Pandit Nehru opposed reservations. The country can never forget how Nehru wronged Ambedkar. Even Nehru awarded the Bharat Ratna to himself, and later Indira Gandhi did the same. However, Ambedkar was denied this honour during their regimes."Praising his party's decision to honour Ambedkar, Chugh said, "It was only during a Bharatiya Janata Party-led government that Ambedkar was finally awarded the Bharat Ratna-40 years after his death."Lashing out at the Congress, he said, "Today, the Congress leaders are shedding crocodile tears, but I want to ask if Rajiv Gandhi, their leader, opposed reservations in Parliament or not."

Taking a dig at Chief Minister Omar Abdullah over his "failure" to address issues confronting the people, Chugh said "The Omar Abdullah government has lost its identity, trust, and public support. It has descended into politics of revenge and vendetta, completely forgetting the promises made to the people."He alleged Jammu and Kashmir is grappling with severe power and water crises. "Instead of addressing these pressing issues, Omar Abdullah continues to make fanciful and baseless statements," Chugh said.

BJP general secretary accused Abdullah of trying to deprive the underprivileged classes of their rights on the pretext of rationalisation of reservation policy."The country is run according to the Constitution and nobody will be allowed to fiddle with the rights of the Dalits, Gujjars, Paharis and other underprivileged classes of the society", he said.He alleged that the INDIA bloc and the National Conference (NC) have deprived the underprivileged classes of their rights and they are again working on conspiracies to do the same. "In the NC government, members of the Valmiki samaj could not get a government job and the BJP gave the constitutional right of reservations to these people", he said.

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