

should be properly maintained besides general health services should be provided only in health centres. He asked the officials to set regular mobile camps in public areas so that public be provided health care at their doorsteps. Recalling the J&K Health Ministry for COVID-19 report, Advisor Bhatnagar said Jammu and Kashmir forming much better several states and UTs of the country.



Pandurang K Pole today chaired 4th consecutive weekly meeting here to discuss the prevailing Covid-19 situation and its management in Kashmir division. While reviewing the steps taken to check the spread of virus, the Div Com stressed all the Deputy Commissioners to ensure strict enforcement of wearing masks and social distancing besides following SOPs in their respective districts.

Pole reiterated the importance of aggressive testing to quickly trace, track and isolate Covid-19 positive cases.

sumption of routine domestic operations in Jammu and Kashmir, 24 domestic flights with 1,548 passengers on board today arrived at Jammu and Srinagar Airports.

A total of 709 passengers aboard 9 regular commercial flights arrived at the Jammu Airport while 15 domestic flights with about 1839 passengers on board landed at Srinagar Airport today.



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## Privatization of PDD will hit over 26000 families in JK, says JKEEGA

Urges Advisor Baseer Khan to intervene

Srinagar, July 07: Jammu and Kashmir Electrical Engineering Graduates Association (JKEEGA) on Tuesday said that privatization of the Power Development Department would "severally effect" more than 26000 families here.

In a statement issued here, JKEEGA said "This development has sent ripples across the rank and file of power employees consisting of more than 26000 families, particularly, as the newly carved out corporations were still in the stage of infancy post unbundling and as corporations are yet to stabilize."

The statement said that the approved SAC report on unbun-

dling of erstwhile departments is yet to be implemented fully on ground and a new privatization proposal is being floated.

Pertinently the High-powered committee constituted by ministry of Power (MoP), Government of India has recommended for abstaining from privatization in UTs of J&K and Ladakh as of now, citing various reasons concerning stability of operations. Even at the national level, All India Power Engineering Federation (AIPEF) & Northern India Power Engineering Federation (NIPEF) have on record expressed their reservations on this issue.

At this juncture, JKEEGA in

agreement with AIPEF and NIPEF unequivocally opposes any such move which will jeopardize the careers and livelihood of employees and their dependents. In this context, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Baseer Ahmad Khan is requested to intervene personally in this matter keeping in view interest & concerns of the employees, so as to stop any such proposal.

"When the process of unbundling is yet to bear fruit, as any such move related to privatization at this juncture is highly demoralizing, demotivating and as a source of mental agony for the employees," the statement issued here said.

## 12MW power project Cheyari Karnah in limbo, residents aghast over delay

Karnah, July 07: A strong resentment and anger is brewing among the people in Karnah of frontier district Kupwara as the state government has failed to initiate the work on the much awaited 12MW Hydro-Power Project at Cheyari sanctioned way back in 2012. According to Kashmir News Service (KNS), coming up on the river Qazi Naag, the Hydro Power Project coming up at a cost of over 96.967 crores sanctioned in 2012 was to be completed within the shortest possible time to reduce power crisis.

As per official sources, the detailed Pre-Feasibility Reports (DPRs) for the project were prepared in 2015 after the government had sanctioned funds for purpose under the Prime Minister Development Fund followed by tendering process which got completed two years back and a company ANGELIQUE-SAPU won the bid for construction of the project but unfortunately the work on the said project could not be started due to certain tangible reasons including lack-



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Pak border incursions developed in the recent times.

The government's failure to

start the construction of 12 Megawatt Power Project in Karnah has drawn flak from various quarters. People alleged that the 12 MW Power Project has been kept under carpet for more than nine years. The locals said that the successive governments have miserably failed to initiate the work on the much awaited 12MW Power Project in Tehsil Karnah thus marring the purpose of this vital project.

They said that over 70 kanals of land against negotiable compensation has already been acquired for the project and all other formalities have been finalized but still the work on much awaited 12 MW Power Project is yet to kick off despite the repeated assurances from the higher rank officials.

"With the construction of this project, the power supply will increase for local consumption and will give out export potentials to the valley and also will help in the tiding over the power crisis to some extent also", official sources said. xax