

03 J&K Bank shouldering more responsibilities, ready to meet new challenges: CMD

PM to launch Ph-II Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban, AMRUT today

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the second phases of the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation on Friday, his office said.

In line with the vision of the prime minister, SBM-U 2.0 and AMRUT 2.0 have been designed to realise the aspiration to make all cities garbage free and water secure, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a statement on Thursday.

Modi will launch the two initiatives at 11 AM at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre here, it said.

These flagship missions signify a step forward in the march towards effectively addressing the challenges of rapidly urbanising India and will also help contribute towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030, the statement said.

Union Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State for



Housing & Urban Affairs Kaushal Kishore as well as ministers of urban development of states and union territories will also be present on the occasion.

SBM-U 2.0 envisions to make all cities 'garbage free' and ensure grey and black water management in all cities other than those covered under AMRUT, make all urban local bodies open defecation free plus and those with a population of less than one lakh as open defecation free plus, thereby achieving the vision of safe sanitation in urban areas.

The mission will focus on source segregation of solid waste, utilising the principles of 3Rs (reduce, reuse, recy-

cle), scientific processing of all types of municipal solid waste and remediation of legacy dumpsites for effective solid waste management, the statement said.

The outlay of SBM-U 2.0 is around Rs 1.41 lakh crore, it said.

AMRUT 2.0 aims at providing 100 per cent coverage of water supply to all households in around 4,700 urban local bodies by providing about 2.68 crore tap connections and 100 per cent coverage of sewerage and septage in 500 AMRUT cities by providing around 2.64 crore sewer or septage connections, which will benefit more than 10.5 crore people in urban areas, the PMO said.

03 ANTF arrests two drug smugglers with Charas

Govt announces new timing for summer zone schools

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JAMMU: All the Government as well as Private (recognized) School upto Higher Secondary Level falling in Summer Zones of Jammu Division shall observe school timing from 9:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M within Municipal Limits and 10:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M in Rural areas From October 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022.

Govt extends validity of motor vehicle documents till Oct 31

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The government on Thursday extended the validity of motor vehicle documents like driving licence, registration certificate and permits till October 31, 2021, in view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) said it has asked the enforcement authorities to treat documents, including those related to fitness, permit (all types), driving licence and registration, as valid till October 31.

"Taking into consideration the grim situation still

10 JK UT Bench Press Championship on Oct 2

Load penalty at Jammu airport scrapped, airlines can fly full capacity

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a move that may lead to lower airfares to Jammu, the load penalty for its airport was scrapped on Thursday, allowing airlines to fly full capacity, officials said.

Till now, there was a 30 per cent load penalty, which meant that airlines could book only 70 per cent of the seats available on a flight.

The Indian Air Force, which controls the Jammu airport, on Thursday issued a NOTAM (notice to airmen) which will lead to the removal of the 30 per cent load penalty on the airport, officials aware of the matter said.

This would mean airlines can fly full loads or at 100 per cent capacity, they said,



adding this would lead to lower fares and longer destinations.

Currently, Jammu airport handles 35 flights from different cities on a daily basis.

The load restriction meant that airlines either incur a loss on flying to Jammu or

jack up fares to make up for the cost of keeping 30 per cent of seats empty.

The load restriction on airports is placed keeping in mind the length of the runway, its quality and heat factor. Considering the

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RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat arrives in Jammu on 4-day visit

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JAMMU: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat arrived in Jammu on Thursday on a four-day visit to the union territory during which he will address a group of intellectuals and meet prominent people.

This is Bhagwat's first visit to Jammu and Kashmir since August 5, 2019, when the erstwhile state's special status was ended and it was bifurcated into union territories -- J-K and Ladakh.

Bhagwat interacted with RSS leaders in Jammu and Kashmir at its office here.

During the next three days, Bhagwat will hold meetings with various people to get feedback on various service initiatives of the organisation. On October 2, Bhagwat will address a seminar at the General Zoravar Singh Auditorium in Jammu University.

CBI arrests JE of JPDCL Jammu in bribery case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Central Bureau of Investigation has arrested a Junior Engineer Electric Division-II, JPDCL, Jammu (J&K), for demanding & accepting bribe of Rs. 5,000 from the complainant.

According to a statement issued to us a case was registered on a complaint against Junior Engineer, Electric Division-II, JPDCL, Jammu. It was alleged that the accused was demanding bribe from the complainant for updating the details of newly installed electricity meter in the records, and for not charging electricity bill at

flat rate. CBI laid a trap and caught the accused red-handed while demanding & accepting bribe of Rs. 5,000/- from the complainant. Searches are being conducted today at the premises of the accused at Jammu.

The arrested accused will be produced tomorrow before the Special Judge, CBI Cases, Jammu.

Meanwhile, JKEEGA strongly condemned the act of corruption by official of PDD. Executive council of JKEEGA was held under the chairmanship of Er. Sachin Tickoo, general

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Flouting of LG's orders on delegation of powers about transfer of Tehsildars raise eye-brows

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Just a month after the delegation of powers to transfer Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars or Girdawars were vested with the respective Divisional Commissioners of Jammu and Kashmir Divisions on the instructions of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, a series of orders of transfer and postings of Tehsildars were ordered by the Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

While 38 Tehsildars were transferred vide Government

Order No 64-JK(Rev) of 2021 dated September 28, 2021, and 36 were shuffled vide Government Order No 65-JK(Rev) of 2021 dated September 29, 2021.

The two orders, one after another, in two consecutive days raise questions about the implementation of the instructions of the Lieutenant Governor.

On August 26, 2021, the Government of the Union Territory of Jammu and

Kashmir had delegated the powers vis-a-vis transfers of Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars or Girdawars to the Divisional Commissioners.

As per an order issued by the Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department M K Dwivedi on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, the delegation of powers were ordered in partial modification of Government Order No. 810JK(GAD) of 2020 dated September 1, 2020.

"The transfer of

Tehsildar(s), Naib Tehsildar(s) or Girdawar(s) shall be effected by the Divisional Commissioners concerned, who shall place their services at the disposal of Deputy Commissioners, for further posting within their respective districts," read the order issued vide Government Order No: 796-JK(GAD) of 2021 dated August 26, 2021.

It was further ordered that all Deputy Commissioners would be competent to effect transfers or postings of the Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars,

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Action to be taken against officials who tampered with records of migrant properties: J&K Admin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Thursday said action will be taken against officials who have allegedly tampered with revenue records of migrant properties in the Valley. Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar,

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Diesel at record high, petrol nears all-time high as rates hiked again

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Petrol and diesel prices on Thursday neared record levels across the country after rates were hiked by 25 paise and 30 paise a litre respectively.

The price of petrol was hiked to Rs 101.64 a litre in Delhi and to Rs 107.71 per litre in Mumbai, according

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 32.5°C Min: 25.6°C

Humidity

Max: 87 Min: 73

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 30.5°C Min: 16.8°C

Humidity

Max: 77 Min: 53

Sunset : 18:18 Hours

Sunrise : 06:27 Hours

Ugly infighting in Congress has collapsed Punjab; Police demoralised, administration paralysed: Chugh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

CHANDIGARH: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Thursday slammed the Congress for creating disorder and instability in Punjab close to the Assembly elections.

He said ugly infighting in the Punjab Congress has not only paralysed the governance in the state but has also exposed the state to national security risks. "The ISI gameplans are so obvious on the Punjab border and the irresponsible Congress government has compounded it", Chugh said adding that, if Congress allowed it to per-



sist, it might plunge the state into serious law and order problem.

He said the frequent attack on the newly-appointed Punjab DGP by a section of the Congress leaders has demoralised the state police where police officers are

caught in uncertainty and indecision. "This is a very dangerous situation for Punjab which has generated a sense of insecurity among people", he said.

He said the organisational crisis within Congress has made Punjab a drifting state and it is time that people of the state decisively show the door to Congress.

In the state cabinet while tainted ministers have been inducted to persist with the mafia raj in Punjab and yet on the other hand some ministers have resigned even as their offices and departments are left god-forsaken.

Gujarat ATS nabs 2 men including wanted accused in 2006 terror conspiracy case from Kashmir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AHMEDABAD: The Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) on Thursday arrested an accused wanted in a 2006 'Jihadi conspiracy case' along with another man from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, a senior official said here.

Bilal Ahmed Dar, who was on the run for 15 years following a bomb blast at Kalupur railway station in Ahmedabad in 2006, was arrested by an ATS team from Baramulla district, said Gujarat Director General of Police Ashish Bhatia.

The ATS also arrested Hussain Ali Dar, a resident

of Anantnag who had allegedly sent 108 kg of charas to Gujarat before 2009 and was suspected to have used the money to fund anti-India activities.

Both the accused were being brought here, the DGP added.

A blast at Kalupur railway station, the main station of Ahmedabad, in February 2006 left several persons injured though no one was killed.

"Investigation revealed that two men from Kashmir -- Aslam and Bashir -- incited some youngsters studying at a Bharruch-based madrasa

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ED attaches assets of spices trading coy in J&K Bank loan fraud case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached assets worth over Rs 145 crore of a Bengaluru-based spices company in a money laundering probe linked to an alleged loan fraud in the J&K Bank.

The agency said in a statement issued on Wednesday that a factory building, shops, flats and lands of the company, S A Rawther Spices Pvt Ltd, and others were provisionally attached under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The total value of the

attached properties is Rs 145.26 crore, it said.

The ED case stems from an FIR filed by the anti-corruption bureau of the J-K Police against the company and its promoter director Syed Anish Rawther, the then manager of J&K Bank branch located at BU Infantry Road in Bengaluru and other officials of the same bank, in August, 2019.

"In the FIR, it was alleged that S A Rawther Spices Pvt Ltd defaulted loan and was declared NPA (non performing asset) in September, 2017. Net amount of Rs 285.81 crore was outstand-

ing with the company besides unapplied interest of Rs 66.91 crore against mortgaged collateral property of Rs 171 crore," the ED said in a statement.

During the same period, it said, the firm "also borrowed Rs 16.5 crore from HDFC Bank and Rs 25 crore from RBL Bank and mortgaged the same property, which was already mortgaged with J&K Bank Ltd."

"The then branch manager (of J&K Bank) in connivance with promoter/director of the company caused loss to the state exchequer to the

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Dr Jitendra addresses European Union Ministers, affirms India's support to protect Antarctica



Son of soil & Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, virtually addressing concerned ministers of different countries of European Union in New Delhi.

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology;

Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Public Grievances, Pensions,

Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh, son of the soil, on Thursday addressed the European Union Ministers and affirmed India's support to protect the Antarctic environment. India also extended support for co-sponsoring the proposal of the European Union for designating East Antarctica and the Weddell Sea as Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), he said.

Addressing the virtual meeting attended by the concerned Ministers of the countries of the European Union (EU), Dr Jitendra

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GoI committed to promote J&K tourism worldwide: Reddy



Union Minister G Kishan Reddy addressing a public meeting at Srinagar.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Union Minister for Tourism and Culture and Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), G Kishan Reddy on Thursday reaffirmed the commitment

of the Government of India towards the promotion Jammu and Kashmir Tourism and rich cultural heritage worldwide. The Minister stated this

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