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J&K people deliberately deprived of genuine rights for 73 years: Sinha

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said that for 73 years, people in Jammu and Kashmir were deliberately kept deprived of their genuine rights.

"Some people established a system for their personal and political benefits only", the Lieutenant Governor said while addressing Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Smriti Vyakhyan, organised by Research & Development Foundation for Integral Humanism, through virtual conference.

Sinha added that within two years, the difference can be seen on the ground.

The Lt Governor said that today's transformation in every sector of the UT has brought economic strength to march towards a golden future.

"We are making every effort to ensure that benefits of development reach all sections of the society. We have accelerated efforts to improve physical infrastructure in the UT. Special schemes for youth & women to contribute to sustainable development", added the Lt Governor.

While paying rich tributes to Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay and Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, the Lt Governor said that they were the visionaries who laid



LG Manoj Sinha addressing Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Smriti Vyakhyan.

the foundation for the complete integration of Jammu and Kashmir with the nation.

The Lt Governor said that after the integration, strengthening of PRIs was one of the major steps taken in the UT, which has ensured greater participation of people in the developmental activities. The delivery system of welfare programs has been made more effective with accountability and transparency in the government machinery.

"I express my heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji, who

for the first time in 2019 straightened the decades-long reverse cycle and also sowed the seeds of justice, liberty, equality, social democracy, and good governance for all the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir, realizing the dream of Pandit Deen Dayal ji and Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee ji", he said.

Referring to the reforms being introduced by the present dispensation taking development in the UT to new heights, the Lt Governor said that the future of any region can be seen in policy governance

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Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram face global outage

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Facebook, WhatsApp and Instagram faced a major global outage on Monday evening with thousands of users, including from India, not being able to use these digital platforms.

Facebook owns photosharing platform Instagram and messaging platform WhatsApp.

The outage is estimated to have started around 9 PM IST. Users complained of not being able to use any of the three services.

"We are aware that some people are having trouble accessing our apps and products. We are working to get things back to normal as quickly as possible, and we apologise for any inconvenience," a Facebook spokesperson said.

The company did not specify the reason for the global outage.

A tweet shared by Instagram said: "Instagram and friends are having a little bit of a hard time

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Govt committed towards timely roll out of Smart Metering in J&K: CS

Union Home Secy discusses power reforms, resumption of foreign travel to India on tourist visa

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Assuring that Jammu and Kashmir Government will fully support the executing agencies to meet the Smart Meter Project timelines, Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Monday said that out of 10600 meters supplied, 5000 meters have been installed as on date.

"The Government is on course towards installing 1 lakh meter each in Jammu and Kashmir divisions by March 2022", Dr Mehta said while participating in the high-level meeting with the Chief Secretaries, chaired by Union Home Secretary, Ajay Kumar Bhalla to review the progress of Smart Metering and power sector reforms.

Dr Mehta further observed that if installation of smart meters could be completed in the cities of Jammu and Srinagar, the UT would have more or less achieved the targets set forth under the



Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta participating in a meeting chaired by Union Home Secretary.

Schemes as most of the power is consumed in these two capital cities.

The Union Home Secretary while agreeing with Dr Mehta's observation, advised him to extend full support to the executing agencies for timely achievements of the milestones in the Schemes.

Principal Secretary, Power Development Department also participated in the meeting.

At the outset, Ministry of Power gave a detailed presentation on progress achieved on Smart Metering

in the UTs. It was informed that the installation of Smart Meters shall lead to considerable reduction in losses due to improvement in billing and collection efficiency.

The Union Home Secretary observed that implementation of reforms under 'Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme' needs to be expedited to improve quality and reliability of power supply to consumers and put in place a financially and operationally efficient distribution sector. It was informed

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RSS leader condemns Lakhimpur Kheri violence, urges people to maintain peace

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: RSS leader Indresh Kumar on Monday condemned the violence in Lakhimpur Kheri in Uttar Pradesh that left eight people dead and appealed to people to maintain peace saying the country faces various threats to its security and unity.

He also asked the people of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh to take a pledge and demand China and Pakistan to vacate illegally occupied Indian territories and to stop oppression against their minorities.

Talking to reporters here, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak

Sangh (RSS) leader said, "A probe should be conducted (into Lakhimpur Kheri violence) and culprits punished. We appeal to the people of the country not to take any agitation towards violent end as dialogue holds the key so that the development continues and we have a safe and strong country."

He said the country is facing various threats to its security and unity and so the people need to maintain brotherhood and peace, and added "we condemn this incident". Asked about Congress leaders being stopped from visiting the violence-hit area,

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12 J&K police officers appointed to IPS, allocated AGMUT cadre

DGP expresses gratitude to Union Home Minister, LG

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: President of India on Monday appointed twelve officers of J&K Police to the Indian Police Service on probation and allocated them to the Jammu and Kashmir under AGMUT Cadre.

The officers include Shakti Kumar Pathak, Dr. Mohd. Haseeb Mughal, Javid Ahmed Koul, Sheikh Junaid Mehmood, Shahid Mehraj Rather, Dr. Ajeet Singh, Altaf Ahmed Khan, Haseeb-ur-Rehman, Vikas Gupta, Abdul Qayoom, Nisha

Nathyal and Javid Iqbal Matoo.

"The officers will remain on probation for one year as per rule of Indian Police Service (Probation) Rules, 1954 and the officers will obtain induction training as per sub rule 5(4) of Indian Police Service (Probation) Rules, 1954 as amended dated 10.05.2011," reads an order by A. K. Saran, Director (Police), MHA, as per a news agency

While the appointments take effect immediately, the same are subjected to

the outcome of a case titled Sheikh Abdul Rehman & Ors. Vs. Department of Home, Jammu & Kashmir under adjudication before the Central Administrative Tribunal, Jammu Bench, reads the order.

Meanwhile, Director General Police Dilbag Singh has expressed his happiness and gratitude to the Union Home Minister Amit Shah, LG Manoj Sinha, Union Home Secretary A K .Bhalla, Chief Secretary Dr A K Mehta, Home Secretary

Shaleen Kabra and other officers of MHA and Home department, J&K for induction of JKPS officers into IPS cadre.

The DGP has said that this induction of officers will open the career progression prospectus of JKPS officers and will go a long way in boosting the morale of officers.

The DGP has also congratulated the officers and their families.

He has hoped that the officers inducted will work with more dedication and zeal.

100 new COVID-19 cases in J&K, 10 Ladakh

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 100 fresh coronavirus cases on Monday, taking the infection tally to 3,29,889 while no fresh death due to the virus was reported from the Union Territory in the past 24 hours, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, 22 were from the Jammu division and 78 from the Kashmir division, the officials said.

They said Srinagar district recorded a maximum of 44 cases followed by 10 cases in Jammu district.

There are 1,157 active cases in Jammu and Kashmir, while a

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Court extends NCB custody of Aryan Khan, 2 others

STATE TIMES NEWS

MUMBAI: A local court on Monday extended till October 7 the NCB remand of Aryan Khan, son of Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan, and two others in connection with the seizure of banned drugs from a cruise ship off the city coast, observing their further interrogation was required for investigation which is of prime importance.

The trio was produced before the court after the end of their one-day custody given to the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on Sunday. The NCB had arrested them after raiding

the Goa-bound ship. Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate R M Nerlikar also remanded to NCB custody till October 7, the six other accused who were arrested in the case late Sunday night and produced in the court on Monday.

The court, in its order, noted that the investigation in the case was of prime importance and considering this aspect, the further presence of the accused before the NCB was necessary.

The fact is that the co-accused in the case were found in possession of intermediate drugs and

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Amit Sharma appointed as Adjudicating Officer IT Deptt

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Monday appointed Amit Sharma, Administrative Secretary, Information Technology Department, as the Adjudicating Officer, Information Technology Department, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

According to a circular issued here by the Information Technology department, the appointment has been made by virtue of Notification GSR 240 (E) dated 25.03.2003, in terms of section 46 of "The Information Technology Act 2000".

The offices of Adjudicating Officer would be located at room number 04/2, mini block, civil secretariat, Jammu and at room number 40/1, civil secretariat, Srinagar.

Accordingly, any matter or case or dispute under

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WEATHER
 Temperature (Jammu)
 Max: 33.8°C Min: 24.2°C
 Humidity
 Max: 81 Min: 54
 Temperature (Srinagar)
 Max: 26.5°C Min: 14.2°C
 Humidity
 Max: 88 Min: 46
 Sunset: 18:14 Hours
 Sunrise: 06:29 Hours

Still in NC, but ready to make any sacrifice for safeguarding interests of Jammu region: Rana

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Amid speculation that he is going to resign from the National Conference, its Jammu provincial president Devender Singh Rana on Monday said he has not submitted his resignation yet, but added he can make any sacrifice in the interests of Jammu region and its people.

He appealed to all political parties of Jammu region, including the BJP, to unite and adopt the Jammu declaration to safeguard the interests of the region like the people in Kashmir and the

gravity of offence, conduct of accused & societal impact be considered while cancelling bail: SC

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court Monday said that gravity of the offence, conduct of the accused, and societal impact of an undue indulgence by the court are the factors to be kept in mind while interfering with a bail granted to an accused.

The apex court said that it is necessary that 'eogent and overwhelming reasons' are present for the cancellation of bail.

A bench headed by Chief Justice N V Ramana made the observations while cancelling the anticipatory bail granted to a woman and directing her to surrender in a dowry death case. The gravity of the offence,

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Union Territory of Ladakh stood up above their political and religious affiliations and took a stand on issues concerning their regions.

"I have not submitted my resignation so far and...I am still the provincial president of the J&K National Conference. Whatever I do, I will brief you, Rana told reporters at his residence here.

Rana, a former MLA, was reacting to the reports that he is going to resign from the party post which he had taken over in 2011 after relinquishing as political advisor to then chief minister

Omar Abdullah. Several leaders of different political parties, including former minister Choudhary Lal Singh who heads the Dogra Swabhiman Sangathan Party (DWSP) and is campaigning for a separate state of Jammu, met him during the day.

"It is my responsibility to welcome anyone whether a brother, a friend or a guest who visits my residence.... I am repeating what I have been saying that there will be no compromise over the interests of Jammu region and the wishes and

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Govt taking multiple measures for dev of Handicrafts, Handloom Sectors: Union MoS Textiles

STATE TIMES NEWS

ANANTNAG: Union Minister of State for Textiles and Railways Darshana Vikram Jardosh on Monday said the Central Government is taking multiple measures for revival and development of handicrafts and handloom sectors. She said that the Government is committed to uplift these sectors and every possible help will be provided to the people associated with them.

The Minister said this while convening a meeting with officers of handicrafts, handloom and sericulture departments at Pahalgam during her public outreach programme to district Anantnag.



Union Minister Darshana Vikram Jardosh chairing a meeting at Anantnag.

Minister was informed about the activities, progress and development in these sectors by the concerned officers. They briefed her about the achievements, schemes, direct and indirect employment generation and number of beneficiaries enrolled

under various schemes of these departments.

A review of the handicrafts sector was presented by Director Handicrafts, Mehmood Ahmad while as Director, Sericulture, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri gave a presentation on the sector.

Various activities concerning these departments like tweed work, zari embroidery, chain-stich, namda and gabba work were highlighted in detail.

During the proceedings, it was informed that certain significant steps have been taken for revival of arts and crafts which among others include merger of handicrafts and handloom departments, financial assistance to handicrafts and handloom societies, enhancement of stipend, artisan credit card, Karkhandar and MSP schemes and education scheme for artisans and weavers.

Sericulture department gave detailed information on propagation of

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Some of 68 people recommended by SC collegium set to be appointed as HC judges soon: Sources

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Some of the 68 people recommended by the Supreme Court collegium are set to be appointed as judges of various high courts in the next few days, sources aware of the procedure for appointment to the higher judiciary said on Monday.

Some of the files on recommendations are in the "advanced" stage of the process, the sources said. The appointments will not happen in one go and will take place in batches, the sources indicated.

There was no clarity yet on the number of names being cleared by the government for appointments in the first batch. Between August 8 and September 1

this year, the apex court collegium had processed over 100 names recommended by various high courts and had finally sent 68 names to the government for appointment as judges to 12 high courts. Out of the 68 names, two from Karnataka and one from Jammu and Kashmir have been sent for a third time, while 10 others have been recommended for a second time. The rest are fresh recommendations.

The combined sanctioned strength of judges in the 25 high courts of the country is 1,098. As on September 1, there were 465 vacancies, according to data placed in the public domain by the Law Ministry.