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Govt schemes envisage loans to poor without any guarantee: LG

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■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

PULWAMA: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said that the government schemes envisage loans to poor without any guarantee.

"Financial inclusion is the key enabler and it is bank's prime responsibility to improve access of the poor to banks and help alleviate poverty", Sinha said while chairing the District Development Review meeting here, adding that banks or concerned officers violating the norms will be penalized.

The Lt Governor also inaugurated and laid foundation stones of several infrastructure projects worth Rs 61 crores, during his visit to Pulwama District.

He stressed on the development of infrastructure, industries, agriculture, enhancing mobility, saturation of social welfare schemes and improving the ease of living.

The Lt Governor directed the district administration to prepare a comprehensive district level plan for self-employment of youth, promotion of tourism and culture.

While reviewing the saturation of Kisan Credit Card scheme, the Lt Governor said the landless farmers,



LG Manoj Sinha laying foundation stones of several infrastructural projects during his visit to Pulwama District on Thursday.

solely dependent on livestock, must receive the financial assistance through KCC.

He further instructed the Animal, Sheep husbandry & Fisheries department to ensure insurance of all the livestock in the district.

The Lt Governor also directed the District administration to ensure youth are supported for self-employment dur-

ing Back to Village Jan Abhiyan. Re-orient the planning and monitor the implementation to achieve the goal of full employment in the district, he added.

Subject teachers' pool system was also reviewed for seamless coordination and availability of teachers. The Lt Governor directed for timely renovation of schools

Term CM eschewed from 'Vigilance Medal' in J&K

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The government on Thursday changed Chief Minister Vigilance Medal to Jammu and Kashmir Government Vigilance Medal.

"It is ordered that the words "Chief Minister's Vigilance Medal" wherever appearing in the Government Order No. 95-GAD(Vig) of 2006 dated December 29, 2006,

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Pooja Holidays from Oct 22 to 27

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Government on Thursday declared Pooja Holidays from October 22 to 27 in Jammu Division.

"It is ordered that all the Government and recognized Private Schools (Summer/Winter Zones) of Jammu Division shall observe Pooja Holidays from October 22 to 27, 2022," read an order issued by Dr Ravi Shanker Sharma, Director School

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■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch 'Rozgar Mela', a drive to recruit 10 lakh people, on October 22 via video-conference and appointment letters will be given to 75,000 candidates during the ceremony, the PMO said on Thursday. The PMO said this will be a significant step forward towards fulfilling the continuous commitment of the prime minister to providing job opportunities for the youth and ensuring welfare of citizens.

The development comes amid the opposition's constant criticism of the BJP-led government on the issue of unemployment. Opposition parties have alleged a lack of adequate employment opportunities, a charge rejected by the ruling

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The drive will also help the BJP counter the Opposition in the poll-bound

direction from Modi came following a review of the status of human resources in all government departments and ministries, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said.

The new recruits, selected from across the country, will join 38 ministries or departments of the Government of India. The appointees will join the government at various levels in Group A and B (Gazetted), Group B (Non-Gazetted) and Group C.

The posts on which appointments are being made include the central armed force personnel, sub-inspectors, constables, LDC, steno, PA, income tax inspectors and MTS among others, it read.

These recruitments are being done by ministries and departments either by

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Ramban’s ‘unsafe’ bridge to be replaced next month: Dr Jitendra

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The "Jhula Bailey Suspension Bridge" at Ramban, the replacement work of which had got delayed from time-to-time for one reason or the other, is finally being taken up on a mission mode, so that the entire work is complete within a month or so, with least inconvenience to the public.

This was stated here today by Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, who also happens to be the Lok Sabha Member of Parliament representing the area.

It may be recalled that

there had been a long standing demand for replacement of Jhula Bailey Suspension Bridge, because the existing bridge had turned "unsafe" being quite old and unable to cope up with the current requirement of the traffic movement on the highway. The work for replacement of the bridge was assigned to Border Roads Organisation, but it got stalled for technical and other reasons.

In August this year, Dr Jitendra Singh called a meeting with senior BRO officials led by

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Rs 31 Cr NPA Account of HIDPL

CIC New Delhi reschedules final hearing of 2nd Appeal for Nov 1

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: In an yet another significant development with regard to infamous Rs. 31 Crores NPA Account of M/s Hingiri Infrastructure Development Private Limited (HIDPL), which had availed Term Loan from Link Road Branch of J&K Bank Ltd for financing 3 MW Hydel Project (SAL-II) at village Sahoo (Chamba), Himachal Pradesh, the Central Information Commission (CIC), New Delhi has now rescheduled the final hearing of 2nd

Appeal for November 1, 2022 filed by Irtiza Mushtaq, Jammu based lawyer who in December, 2020 had filed a 2nd Appeal before the CIC, New Delhi against the denial of information by the PIO, J&K Bank Ltd., Zonal Office, Jammu Central-1 on October 29th, 2020 and later affirmed by the First Appellate Authority of the J&K Bank on November 23, 2020.

The appellant has received a communication No. CIC/UTO/JK/A/2020/14007 8/BKDIV dated October

12,2022 from Deputy Registrar, CIC, New Delhi wherein the appellant has been informed that the Second Appeal has been listed for hearing before Information Commissioner Suresh Chandra on November 1, 2022 at 12:25 PM.

It may be recalled that Advocate Irtiza Mushtaq had filed an RTI application on September 28th, 2020 before the PIO, J&K Bank Ltd. wherein he sought the current status of the accounts maintained by the Link Road

Branch of J&K Bank Ltd. with regard to M/s HIDPL and whose promoters/directors/shareholders/guarantors/beneficiaries are Dr. Nirmal Singh (Former Deputy CM, J&K), Kavinder Gupta (Former Deputy CM, J&K), Jugal Kishore Sharma (Member of Parliament), Mamta Singh (JU Employee) W/o Dr. Nirmal Singh & others.

The applicant/Advocate Irtiza Mushtaq also sought the information with

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Three SHOs among four Insp transferred

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Reasi transferred three Station House Officers (SHOs) among four inspectors. As per order, Insp Sunil Kumar Sharma has been transferred from Police Station Reasi and posted to DPL Reasi; Insp Vijay Sharma from Police Station Pouni and posted to Police Station Reasi as SHO; Insp Suman Sing from Police Station Bhawan to Police Station Pouni as SHO; and Insp Khayti Maan Khajuria from SPL resai and posted to Police Station Bhawan as SHO.

CJ convenes meeting with Chief Architect regarding construction of new HC complexes at Jammu, Srinagar

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, on Thursday convened a meeting with Goonmeet S. Chauhan, Chief Architect vested with the projects of construction of new High Court complexes at Jammu and Srinagar.

Justice Tashi Rabstan, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal and Justice Rajesh Sikhri were also present in the



Chief Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey inaugurating residential accommodation structure for Judicial Officers at Court Complex Chadoora on Thursday.

meeting. Chief Justice took stock of development of projects of

construction for new High Court Complexes at

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Administration gears up for B2V4

Departments to focus on key deliverables, ensure saturation of schemes

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Back to Village is an endeavour for effective implementation of government schemes and their saturation. It is an opportunity to encourage the spirit of conversation, cooperation and coordination between government and panchayats, said Principal Secretary Information Department, Rohit Kansal on Thursday.

He was chairing a meeting to finalise modalities of flagship programme Back to Village-4 to be conducted from October 27 to October



Principal Secretary Information Department, Rohit Kansal chairing a meeting in Jammu on Thursday.

31 this year. schemes to be saturated before the programme. 35 departments have been select few deliverables and

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Snowfall, rains in Kashmir bring in early winter, Mughal Road closed

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Snowfall in higher reaches of Kashmir, including popular tourist destinations like Gulmarg and Sonamarg, and rains in plains brought wintry conditions earlier than usual in the valley, officials said on Thursday.

"There was significant snowfall in many areas of Kashmir including Gulmarg, Sonamarg, Gurez, and Karnah during the intervening night," the officials said.

The officials said more than two inches of snow had accumulated in the Gulmarg bowl while the snowfall was heavier in higher reaches of the valley.

They said even the Zabarwan mountain range in the city had received traces of snowfall during the night.

Srinagar city and other areas of the valley received moderate rainfall since the early hours of Thursday, bringing down the temperature by several degrees.



People have slipped into winter wear like sweaters and heavy jackets earlier than usual.

The early snowfall has brought cheer to the faces of tourists who have arrived here to escape the pollution caused by Diwali crackers else-

where in the country.

"We had come to enjoy the autumn hues of Kashmir while escaping the pollution caused by firecrackers back home. This snowfall is an unexpected bonus for us," S Arvind, a resident of Hyderabad, told PTI.

Shoaib Ali, a travel agent, said the reports of snowfall have led to renewed interest in Kashmir's winter tourism this year.

"The first snowfall in the mountains was on Tuesday and I had a busy day attending to calls from regular clients on Wednesday about winter packages. Hopefully, there will be good snowfall this winter to sustain winter tourism," Ali said.

However, apple farmers in south Kashmir are worried lot as heavy snowfall before December will not only destroy the crop this year but cause damage to trees.

"We have had early snowfall now for three years in a row. I hope it was just a passing event as a heavy snowfall at this time will damage the trees which are still full of fruit," Bashir Ahmad, an apple farmer from Shopian, said.

He said while early harvesting this year has ensured against any major loss, 20 per cent of the crop was still on the trees. The weatherman has forecast

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Govt sets-up committee for formulation of comprehensive EV Policy in J&K


■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Government on Thursday constituted a committee for formulation of comprehensive Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy in the Union Territory.

According to GAD order, the committee will be headed by Administrative Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department as its chairman.

As per the order Administrative Secretary, Transport Department will be its Member Secretary while Administrative Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department; Administrative Secretary, Power Development Department; Secretary, Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Department; Director General, Budget and any other member

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**WEATHER**

**Temperature (Jammu)**

Max: 22.2°C Min: 18.7°C

**Humidity**

Max : 60 Min : 55

**Temperature (Srinagar)**

Max: 7.5°C Min: 6.4°C

**Humidity**

Max : 88 Min: 86

Sunset : 17:55 Hours

Sunrise : 06:39 Hours