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After 2007 J&K State Lands (VoO to the Occupants) ACT No XII of 2001 could not be called 'Roshni' Act

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'Pensioners Sammelan' in Srinagar

## Effective social security to last person will improve living conditions of poor, destitute: LG

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said that effective social security net to the last man in the queue will strengthen the society and improve the living conditions of urban poor and destitute.

"The Administration is committed to reaching out to all those who are needy and Integrated Social Security Scheme is a demand-driven scheme without any restriction.", the Lt Governor observed while inaugurating 'Pensioners Sammelan' and interacting with the Pension beneficiaries in Srinagar.

He expressed gratitude to all the senior citizens, who attended the programme. Elders' blessings are always Administration will ensure they live a happy and healthy

"It is our ancient tradition, of District Administration



civilizational duty and 'Sanskar' to care for the elderly, provide them with social security and extend all support to vulnerable sections. It is the top priority of the J&K Administration to provide universal coverage and

He lauded the entire team

highways and connectivity,

Haryana, Odisha,

ensure beneficiaries are

treated with respect," the Lt

Governor said.

Srinagar for achieving 100 per cent saturation under the Integrated Social Security Scheme and disbursement of pension up to the month of September among the beneficiaries. More than 44,000 elderly, widows and divorcees been covered in Srinagar and if required the

benefits will be enhanced further, he added. He impressed on the District Officials across the UT to replicate the best practices of the Srinagar District

technological

uration of the Social Security Schemes. The Lt Governor assured all necessary support and assistance from the administration to the widow and

divorcee pensioners and per-

administration and make

interventions for speedy sat-

necessary

sons with disabilities in their self-employment ventures.

He also highlighted the the UT Government in extending universal health insurance coverage and ensuring greater security and quality life to all.

Jammu Kashmir is the only region in the country where eligible age for widow pension is 18 years. The administration has notified the rules of Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act and also established a helpline for their proper care, he said.

Today, Panchayats in Jammu Kashmir have Senior Citizen Clubs. Apart from this, Senior Citizen Homes have been established in 13 districts and the remaining districts will be covered this vear, he added. The Lt Governor handed over

## Middle East Crisis: Top officials meet to coordinate, strategise security in J&K

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

SRINAGAR: Top security officials met here on Wednesday to coordinate and strategise security in the Jammu and Kashmir in view of the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict.

The meeting was chaired by R R Bhatnagar, adviser to the lieutenant governor of Jammu and Kashmir, and Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi, Commander of the Army's Northern Command, a defence spokesperson said in a statement.

"A security review meeting of top officials of security agencies of Jammu and Kashmir was held in Headquarters 15 Corps at Srinagar to coordinate and strategise security in the Union Territory in the backdrop of the ongoing Middle East crisis," the statement

"Numerous aspects related to the prevailing security situation in the Union Territory

Chief Engineer Project

Sampark, Brigadier Tejpal

Singh was present to witness

"Package 1 is expected to be

completed by June next year.

Once completed, this tunnel

will reduce the length of the

road by 2.5 kilometres,

improving connectivity and

facilitating more efficient

travel between Akhnoor and

Poonch," the

this momentous occasion.

Israel urges India to proscribe Hamas as terror organization

NEW DELHI: Time has come for India to proscribe Hamas as a terrorist organisation like many other nations have done, Israeli ambassador Naor Gilon said on Wednesday.

The Israeli envoy, at an interaction with journalists, also thanked India for its "100 per cent" support to Israel in its anti-terror operations against Hamas.

Gilon said Israel conveyed to relevant Indian authorities to declare Hamas as a terrorist organisation following its brutal attack on Israel on October 7.

At the same time, he indicated that the matter was taken up earlier as well.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi was among first world leaders to condemn the terror attack... India is a very important moral voice in the world and the important countries for us are with us," Gilon said.

"It is time for India to declare Hamas as terrorist organisation in India," he said, adding many countries have already done that. "India is solidly supporting CONTD ON PAGE 9

were discussed," the official said. The Director General of Police of J&K, Chinar Corps commander and other senior officials from the military and the UT administration and security agencies attend-

ed the meeting, he said. "The situation in the

Middle East was deliberated and various contingency scenarios dwelled on," the spokesman said.

"The nuances of security in the region in relation to the onset of the winter season also came up for discussion,

#### India to resume some visa services in Canada with effect from today

STATE TIMES NEWS

TORONTO: India on Wednesday said it will resume some visa services in Canada with effect from Thursday, a move that came more than a month after they were suspended amid a diplomatic row over the killing of a Sikh separatist.

"After a considered review of the security situation that takes into account some recent Canadian measures in this regard, it has been decided to resume visa services for the following categories with effect from October 26, 2023: Entry visa, Business visa, Medical ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 visa, and Conference visa,

the High Commission of India in Ottawa said in a press release posted on its social media accounts. The move is being seen as a

step that could reduce tensions between the two coun-The release said that the High Commission of India in

Ottawa and its Consulates General in Toronto and Vancouver were constrained to suspend visa services temporarily because of safety and security considerations.

"Emergency situations will continue to be addressed by the High Commission and Consulates General

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#### Modi reviews progress of 8 projects worth around Rs 31,000 crore related to expanding national

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday chaired a PRA-GATI meeting to review the progress of eight key projects, spread across seven states and having a cumulative worth of around Rs 31,000 crore, his office said in a statement. PRAGATI is the multi-

modal platform for Pro-Governance and Timely Implementation of the projects involving the Centre and states. It was the 43rd edition of the meeting. Among the projects, four

were concerned with water supply and irrigation, two

#### Jammu cop dies after his rifle goes off state times news

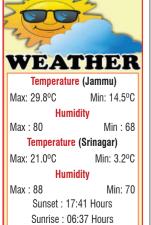
JAMMU: A police officer died after his service rifle went off inside a security installation here on Wednesday, officials said.

GurdeepInspector Singh (48) of 7th battalion of Jammu and Kashmir armed police received a bullet from his own service rifle inside the battalion headquarters at Channi Himmat in the outskirts of the city, the officials said.

Singh was rushed to Medical Government College hospital, where he succumbed to injuries, they said.

The officials said police have started inquest proceedings to ascertain the exact cause of the officer's death -- whether the rifle went off accidentally or deliberately.

The body was shifted to the hospital mortuary for post-mortem, they said, adding that his family



#### crucial project has been JAMMU: The Border Roads divided into eight packages, Organisation on Wednesday and the BRO is making achieved a breakthrough of remarkable progress in the 260-metre Kandi tunnel enhancing the horizontal and vertical profile of the road.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

and two more related to rail and metro rail connectivity. "These projects have a cumulative cost of around Rs along the Jammu-Poonch 31,000 crore and relate to 7 states: Bihar, Jharkhand, national highway, a defence spokesperson said. The tunnel work, which

Bengal. Gujarat Maharashtra," it said. commenced in March, has The prime minister emphaseen remarkable progress sised that PM Gati Shakti despite facing adverse weath-National Master Plan Portal er conditions, including heavy rainfall and landslides in conjunction with technoloalong the entire road stretch, gies such as satellite imagery can help address various the spokesperson said. issues of implementation and He said the first of the four

planning relating to location tunnels has achieved its and land requirements breakthrough, a significant milestone in the ongoing ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

including the

NCERT panel recommends replacing

'India' with 'Bharat' in textbooks

Knowledge System (IKS) in

NCERT Chairman Dinesh

Saklani, however, said no

decision has been taken yet

on the panel's recommenda-

The council later said on X:

"NCERT states that since

the development of new syl-

labus and textbooks is in the

process and for that purpose

various Curricular Area

Groups of domain experts

are being notified by the

NCERT. So, it is too prema-

"The committee has unani-

mously recommended that

ture to comment."

the syllabus for all subjects.

Indian



BRO achieves breakthrough of Kandi tunnel

on Jammu-Poonch highway

Chief Engineer Project Sampark, Brigadier Tejpal Singh along with others at tunnel site.

project Sampark' on the Akhnoor-Poonch highway (NH 144A), which came ahead of the schedule,

the name 'Bharat' should be

used in the textbooks for stu-

dents across classes. We have

also recommended introduc-

ing classical history instead

of ancient history in the text-

"Bharat is an age-old

name. The name Bharat has

been used in ancient texts,

such as Vishnu Purana,

which is 7,000 years old," the

Padma Shree awardee said. The name "Bharat" first

appeared officially when the

government sent out G20

invites in the name of

"President of Bharat",

instead of "President

books," Isaac told PTI.

demonstrating the exceptional expertise and determination of the BRO.

#### Man arrested for killing lover's husband

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

Police Wednesday claimed to have solved a murder case of a 42year-old man whose body with throat slit was recovered in Udhampur district

two days ago. Bikram Kumar, a resident of Basantgarh, was arrested, a police spokesperson said, adding the accused turned out to be the lover of victim Puran Chand's wife, .

He said the body of Chand, a resident of Balota Upperla village, was recovered from nearby Lakhera Nallah on Monday after which a case of murder was registered. Kumar confessed to

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#### to take up case unless assigned by CJ: SC ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Judges have to follow discipline and ought

not to take up any case unless it is specifically assigned by the chief justice, the Supreme Court has said while dealing with an appeal challenging an order passed by the Rajasthan

High Court. Observing that taking up a case not specifically assigned by the chief justice was an "act of gross impropriety", the apex court wondered how a civil writ petition clubbing Information Reports (FIRs)

could be entertained. A bench of justices Abhay S

Judges have to follow discipline, ought not



hearing an appeal against the May order of the high court which had directed that no coercive steps shall be taken against three persons

The bench noted the three persons had first approached

> the high court seeking quashing of the FIRs but no interim relief was granted to them.

It noted thereafter, thev filed a separate writ petition on the civil side for clubbing the eight FIRs and consolidating them

Appellant Ambalal Parihar, at whose instance six FIRs were registered against the three persons, claimed before the apex court that

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### High-level committee on simultaneous polls renamed

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The panel headed by former president Ram Nath Kovind to examine the issue of holding simultaneous elections in the country has been renamed as the High Level Committee on One Nation, One Election, according to an official statement on Wednesday.

The committee held its second meeting on Wednesday. It has been renamed as the High Level Committee on One Nation, One Election.

The panel has been tasked with examining and making recommendation for holding simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha, state assemblies, municipalities and panchavats, keeping in view the existing framework under the Constitution of India and other statutory provisions.

Set up on September 2, it has also been asked to examine and recommend if the relevant amendments to the Constitution would require ratification by the states.

It will analyse and recommend possible solution in a scenario of simultaneous elections emerging out of a hung House, adoption of no-confidence motion, or defection or any such other event.

The panel was also informed that a website www.onoe.gov.in - has been developed for the One Nation, One Election, which besides being a repository of all relevant information on the subject, shall provide a platform for interaction and receiving suggestions from all stakeholders. The website was launched during the meeting, the statement said.

## Jammu gets a 'smart look' as murals, paintings adorn city walls

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Jammu is receiving a major makeover through eye-catching murals, 3D artworks, and various paintings adorning the building walls and other structures as part of the 'Smart City' project.

DELHI: "India'

Council

should be replaced with

"Bharat" in the school text-

books for all classes, a high-

level committee for social sci-

ences, constituted by the

Educational Research and

Training (NCERT) to revise

the school curriculum, has

According to committee chairperson C I Isaac, the

panel has suggested replac-

ing the name "India" with

"Bharat" in the textbooks,

introducing "classical histo-

ry", instead of "ancient histo-

ry", in the curriculum and

National

recommended.

With the completion of dozens of artworks on the flyovers and walls at 16 different places under the Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) project, the city now wears a "smart look", Amarjeet Singh, a senior artist leading the beautification project, told

"Initially we started with 3D wall murals and now have started 2D paintings. Now, we are working on the Akhnoor flyover and its pillars. The paintings here are modern and illustrative and would connect to the youth of the region," said Singh, a senior faculty at the Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA),



Jammu University Of the 68 pillars marked in the proj-

ect scope, 58 have been painted, he "The flyover facelift also has a com-

mercial aspect to it. Advertising boards and hoardings will also be Scores of artists from various places

are engaged in giving the city a major facelift by creating 3D pictures, murals and paintings on flyovers, bridges, roundabouts, and building walls in the city.

Artist Sachen Dev. who has come here from Delhi for the project, told PTI, "The beautification work is being carried out in a year-long ten-

der of the Jammu smart city project. We are covering most of the regions of Jammu. It will take one month to complete the project."

Dev said that for the past few months, dozens of artists, fine arts students and assistants have focused on bringing life to myriad themes on the walls ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9