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Mission Youth working as Cooperative entrepreneurship in J&K: LG



LG Manoj Sinha addressing during the inauguration of 68th Cooperative Week celebrations.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Sunday said that Mission Youth is working as a Cooperative entrepreneurship organization in Jammu and Kashmir, demonstrating how business with cooperative spirit can lead the way to tackle the modern challenges.

"We are determined to deepen the cooperative move-

ment as a people-based movement to reach citizens at the grassroots. The J&K administration is making efforts to facilitate development of new women and youth cooperatives and provide them with a solid support system to flourish", Sinha said while inaugurating the 68th All India Cooperative Week at the Teacher Bhavan, Jammu.

While inaugurating the cel-

ebrations of the 68th National Cooperative Week, the Lt Governor extended his best wishes to all the members of cooperative societies, Farmer-Producer Organisations, and all those involved in the modernization of Super Bazaars of the Cooperatives.

Expressing gratitude towards the Prime Minister, the Lt Governor said that it is under the guidance of PM

Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Home & Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, the country is witnessing renaissance in the Cooperative movement to address the developmental needs of underprivileged sections of the society.

The Lt Governor said that the government aims to increase the number of Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies by providing much-needed support to the people in every Panchayat. This will substantially increase the credit lending in Agri & allied sectors and benefits will also flow to small and marginal farmers, he added.

The Lt Governor stressed that in order to truly realize the Prime Minister's vision of 'Sahkar se Samridhhi', Cooperatives in J&K UT must focus on agri-marketing, food processing, branding, supply of seeds and other innovative activities in

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Policeman injured in terrorist attack at Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A policeman was injured after terrorists fired at a police party in the Nawakadal area of the city on Sunday, police said.

A team of the Srinagar Police carried out a raid in the Jamalata area of Nawakadal after learning about the presence of terrorists there, a police spokesman said.

He said as the team approached the suspected

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Soldier shoots self dead in Rajouri

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An Army jawan allegedly ended his life by shooting himself with his service rifle inside a camp in Rajouri district on Sunday, officials said.

Naik Deepak Singh was on sentry duty at Palma camp, about eight kilometers from Rajouri town, when his colleagues heard a gunshot from his post, they said.

The officials said the soldiers found Singh with a

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Man, daughter dead; 8 injured as truck rams into cars on Jammu-Srinagar highway

STATE TIMES NEWS

BANIHAL/JAMMU: A man and his three-year-old daughter died on Sunday and his wife was critically injured when a truck rammed several vehicles on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway, police said.

According to SDM Ramsroo Choudhary Dilmir, a Truck (HP38F 6278) hit Tata Sumo (JK19 1270), Tempo (JK01W 3416), Quallis (JK01G 6723) and an Alto (JK13E 8524) at market of Magerkote.

In this tragic accident, an Alto Car of a family including Husband, wife and their baby was traveling from Srinagar towards Jammu got fully damaged, in which Husband and Baby died on the spot, while wife got seriously injured.

According to eyewitnesses, all vehicles were on the same way, when the over-control truck hit them all at Magerkot market. Soon after the accident, District police



Locals and police rescuing accident victims.

Ramsroo team led by SHO Ramsroo, civilians, QRT reached the spot to evacuate the injured.

The dead bodies and injured were shifted to Sub District Hospital Ramsroo.

The deceased have been identified as Jatinder Singh son of Arjeet Singh, resident of Tral kulgam and hid 4 years daughter Navdeep Kour, .

The injured have been identified as Ranveer Kour, wife of Jatinder Singh, resident of Tral Kulgam;

Jaswinder Singh, son of Shami Singh, resident of Unna HP; Bhagwan Dass, son of Ravela, resident of Halwagan Teh Ramsroo; Waseem Ahmad, son of Samiulla, resident of Pattan Baramulla; Taj Din, son of Noor Din, resident of Ameernagar Doda; Rafiya Bano, daughter of Noor Din, resident of Ameernagar Doda; Mohd Ashraf, son of Mohd Latief, resident of Noorabad Doda and Shamima Bano, wife

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Saina Nehwal pays obeisance at Mata Vaishno Devi shrine

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Ace badminton player Saina Nehwal paid obeisance at the holy cave of Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine atop Trikuta hills in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir and interacted with budding sports persons at the base camp Katra, officials said on Sunday.

The regular training day for the players at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi (SMVD) sports

complex Katra turned into a memorable one as they got



an opportunity to meet the Indian ace shuttler, the officials said. The star

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Fraudulent withdrawal of arrears: ACB presents charge-sheet against former BMO, 16 others

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has presented charge-sheet against one Sheikh Farooq Nazir, the then Block Medical Officer (BMO), Uri and 16 others including some beneficiaries for fraudulent withdrawal of arrears.

As per an official spokesperson, the sleuths of ACB produced charge-sheet in FIR No 47/2015, registered at Police Station Anti-Corruption Bureau against accused public servants namely Sheikh Farooq Nazir, the then Block Medical Officer, Uri and 16

others including some beneficiaries in the Court of Spl. Judge Anti-corruption Baramulla. "Instant Case was registered on outcome of a Preliminary Enquiry conducted into allegations that accused public servants in furtherance of criminal conspiracy, had, by abuse of their official position dishonestly and fraudulently drawn an amount of Rs 30,70,000 on account of arrears in favour of 13 accused beneficiaries against monetary considerations despite having knowledge that arrears drawn are not due to those beneficiar-

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ies, thereby causing huge loss to state exchequer. The investigation of case was concluded as proved against accused public servants and after the accord of sanction from Government for launching of prosecution against accused, the charge-sheet was produced in the Court of Special Judge Anti-Corruption Court Baramulla. At the time of production of the Challan, all 17 accused were present in the Court, who were later released on bail," said the official, adding that next date of case has been fixed on December 27, 2021.

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Kashmir reels under sub-zero temperature

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Kashmir reeled under sub-zero night temperature as the mercury went below the freezing point in Srinagar for the first time this season, setting-in the wintry conditions in the valley, officials said on Sunday.

Several areas in Kashmir were engulfed by a layer of fog on Sunday morning as the mercury went below the freezing point across the valley, they said.

It is for the first time this season that all the weather stations in the Kashmir Valley recorded the sub-zero night temperature, the officials said.

Srinagar recorded a low of minus 0.9 degrees Celsius last night -- down from 0.1 degrees Celsius the previous night.

The city recorded its coldest night this season, the officials said, adding that it was also for the first time this season that the mercury slipped below the

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WEATHER
Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 26.0°C Min: 11.8°C
Humidity
Max: 66 Min: 64
Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 13.8°C Min: -0.9°C
Humidity
Max: 94 Min: 73
Sunset : 17:32 Hours
Sunrise : 07:01 Hours

CBI, ED Directors can now have tenures up to 5 years; Govt issues two ordinances

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The tenures of Directors of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) can now be up to a maximum of five years from the present two years, according to two ordinances brought in by the government on Sunday.

The Directors of CBI and ED enjoy a fixed tenure of two years from the date of their appointment in the wake of the directives of the Supreme Court in the famous Vineet Narain case.

The Central Vigilance Commission (Amendment)

Ordinance comes barely three days ahead of the retirement of incumbent Enforcement Directorate Chief SK Mishra, a 1984-batch IRS officer.

The government had given him an extension of one year in 2020 after the completion of his two years fixed term. The matter was heard by the Supreme Court this year which did not quash the extension but told the government not to give any further extension to Mishra beyond November 17.

However, with the promulgation of the ordinance it remains to be seen whether

Mishra would continue as the ED chief or not, officials said.

The ordinance promulgated by President Ram Nath Kovind that comes into effect "at once" states: Provided that the period for which the Director of Enforcement holds the office on his initial appointment may, in public interest, on the recommendation of the Committee under clause(a) and for the reasons to be recorded in writing, be extended up to one year at a time.

"Provided further that no such extension shall

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Punjab sees biggest reduction in petrol price, Ladakh on diesel

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Congress-ruled Punjab has seen the biggest reduction in price of petrol in the country after it cut local sales tax or VAT the most while Union Territory of Ladakh witnessed the largest reduction in diesel rates for the same reason.

Post the Union government's decision of reducing excise duty on petrol by Rs 5 per litre and that on diesel by Rs 10 a litre, 25 states and UTs have cut VAT to give further reprieve to consumers battered by record-high retail prices. Petrol price has been

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Modi tasks council of ministers to develop resources for further improving governance

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: In a major push for a hands-on approach to governance, the Modi government is planning to rope in young professionals, seek suggestions from retiring officials and make the best use of technology for project monitoring, besides various other steps to be overseen by eight different groups comprising of members from the entire Council of Ministers, sources said.

The 77 ministers have been divided into eight groups to develop technology-based resources, create a pool of professionals for recruiting



in their teams and other similar initiatives to be adopted in the offices of all ministers' offices to bring more transparency and further improve and efficiency of the Modi government, the sources

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As Pak pumps drugs, experts warn of losing a generation to narcotics in Kashmir

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The narcotics menace, especially heroin, is scaling new heights in Kashmir with experts warning that a majority of the young people may fall prey to drug abuse and Jammu and Kashmir Police chief Dilbag Singh blaming Pakistan for targeting youngsters by making them habitual to drugs.

Taking a holistic view of the strife-torn Kashmir valley, police as well as social workers and medical doctors are of the opinion that while the violence caused by three decades of terrorism has consumed a generation, the drug menace will negatively effect the present generation.

Singh pins the blame on Pakistan, saying "they are repeating the same dirty game that they played in Punjab" -- first giving arms training and later spoiling the youth with drugs.

Asked about the observations made by experts that Kashmir has lost a generation to conflict and may lose the next to drug abuse, Singh replied, "Definitely, yes and I have no two opinions about it".

Talking to PTI, Singh said the drug menace has shown a considerable increase in the last two years and the narcotics are smuggled from Punjab and Jammu borders.

We had some good seizures too. We know that sale proceeds of the drugs are pumped into funding terrorism and, therefore, we have been extra vigilant about it and taking efforts to curb it," he said.

The main areas affected by the drug menace are Karnah in North Kashmir, Anantnag in South Kashmir and some areas of Jammu, the police chief said.

Police have taken a leading role in setting up drug de-addiction centres

in Srinagar and Jammu while some more are coming up in North Kashmir, he added.

"I guess it is time for socio-religious leaders to step in on an urgent basis to wean away youth from the menace. Today, we have time and tomorrow we may not have it. So, it is better to act now and act fast," the police chief said in his appeal.

Echoing similar views, Dr Mohammed Muzaffar Khan, who heads the de-addiction centre of police in Srinagar, feels that the number of such centres in the valley is minuscule compared to the magnitude of people affected by narcotics.

Khan said the situation on the ground is worse as more and more young boys are getting addicted to narcotics. Earlier, we used to see boys aged 18 and above (addicted to drugs) but now there are cases of 12 and 13-

year-olds and the nature of drug abuse has changed as well. Earlier, it was charas or medicinal opioids but now heroin is replacing them," Khan told PTI.

He said youths get addicted to heroin quickly and within days become dependent on injections to inject drugs intravenously and the menace is spread across Kashmir in its urban and rural areas and among the rich and poor population.

Khan said the Youth Development and Rehabilitation Centre headed by him is a 50-bed hospital.

"It is a minuscule facility compared to the number of people affected. I would go on to say that the facility is non-existent... Around 10 years ago, we required de-addiction centres, but today we require a medical emergency facility because sometimes, an addict requires a ventilator immediately due to

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COVID: J&K sees 2 deaths, 174 cases

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 174 fresh coronavirus cases on Sunday, bringing the infection tally to 3,34,180, while two fatalities in the last 24 hours raised the pandemic toll to 4,450 in the Union territory, officials said.

Twenty-four of the new cases were from the Jammu division and 150 from the Kashmir division, the officials said.

They said Srinagar district recorded a maximum of 68 fresh COVID-19 cases, followed by Baramulla district which reported 29 new infections.

There are 1,515 active novel coronavirus cases in the UT, while the count of recovered patients stands at 3,28,215, the officials said.

The officials said the

mucormycosis (black fungus) tally in remained unchanged at 49 in the Union territory as no fresh case was reported.

Meanwhile, two people died of coronavirus in Ladakh, while 13 fresh cases pushed the overall virus tally in the Union Territory to 21,148, officials said.

In view of the recent spike in the cases, the Leh district administration ordered closure of all government and private schools from November 15 but said the board examinations for classes 10, 11 and 12 would be conducted as per schedule.

The officials said both the patients died of coronavirus in Leh district on Saturday, taking the overall death toll in Ladakh to 211 153 in Leh and 58 in Kargil.

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