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Ensure delivery of all benefits of central, UT schemes with total transparency: LG



LG Manoj Sinha taking stock of public grievances during 'LG's Mulaqaat'.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday called for ensuring that all the benefits of central and UT schemes are delivered with total transparency. Taking first-hand appraisal of the public issues and grievances during "LG's Mulaqaat- Live Public Grievance Hearing" at Raj Bhavan through virtual mode, he laid special emphasis on proactive measures to resolve people's grievances through accountable and responsive governance.

The Lt Governor directed

the District in-charge Secretaries to review the respective districts and also directed them to make sure officers on the ground serve people, and address their concerns within a reasonable time-frame, besides.

While interacting with the randomly selected individuals from across the UT during the two-hour-long programme, the Lt Governor issued on spot directions for early redressal of the grievances of several complainants and directed the officials to expedite the process for removal of road-

blocks to developmental works.

The Lt Governor passed explicit directions to the concerned Deputy Commissioners to provide immediate relief to all the farmers affected due to hailstorms and snow. It is imperative that money is transferred directly into their accounts on priority, he added.

Rehana Batul Commissioner/Secretary, Public Grievances briefed the Lt Governor about the progress and status of grievances received on Jammu

and Kashmir Integrated Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (JK-IGRAMS).

The Lt Governor took a detailed assessment of the progress made on JK-IGRAMS and sought public's feedback on the administration's efforts in redressing the grievances of the applicants.

The Lt Governor also enquired about the action taken report on the grievances put forth in the previous LG's Mulaqaat.

On the grievance of an applicant from Budgam district of Central Kashmir regarding the issuance of Economically Weaker Section Certificates to deserving individuals, the Lt Governor directed the concerned Deputy Commissioner to ensure that EWS Certificates are issued timely to the genuine applicants. Similarly, on the grievance of an applicant

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J&K declares Oct 23-24 rain, snowfall 'State Specific Natural Disaster'

JAMMU: In a major relief to the farmers affected by the recent inclement weather, Jammu and Kashmir administration has declared heavy spell of rainfall and snowfall on October 23 and 24 as state specific natural disaster under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) norms.

In an order, Nazim Zai Khan, Secretary,

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Two IAS, JKAS officers transferred

JAMMU: The Government on Monday transferred one JKAS and two IAS officers.

According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), Mandeep Kaur, IAS (AGMU:2004), who was awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD has been posted as Commissioner/Secretary, Planning,

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India targets net zero emissions by 2070: Modi



PM Narendra Modi at COP26 Glasgow Summit on Monday.

■ AGENCY

GLASGOW: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday announced a bold pledge that India will achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2070 and asserted that it is the only country that is delivering in 'letter and spirit' the commitments on tackling climate change under the Paris Agreement.

Addressing the world leaders at the High-Level Segment for Heads of States and Government' at the UN COP26 underway at Glasgow, Prime Minister Modi said India is working hard in fighting climate change and it will show results.

Modi also said that India is putting climate change at centre of its policies and stressed on the need to include climate adaptation policies in school syllabus to make the next generation aware

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PDD signs pact with IIT Jammu to reduce transformer breakdowns

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government has set a target to reduce breakdowns of transformers by 15 per cent in the current year, officials said.

This target was set by Principal Secretary (Power) Rohit Kansal at a meeting held at IIT-

Aim to bring down transformer failure rate by 15 pc this year: Kansal

Jammu on Monday,

Power Development Corp Ltd (JPDCL) and Kashmir Power Development Corp Ltd (KPDCL) will aim at reducing the transformer failure rate by at least 15 per cent in the current year,

they said. Kansal was presiding over the signing ceremony of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) among JPDCL, KPDCL and IIT-Jammu here, they said.

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Special Security Allowance granted for classified categories of JKP

DGP impresses upon police personnel to work with more dedication

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Director General of Police J&K Dilbag Singh on Friday thanked Union Home Minister, Amit Shah, Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha, R R Bhatnagar Advisor to Lt Governor, Union Home Secretary A K Bhalla, Chief Secretary Dr A K Mehta, Principal Secretary Shaleen Kabra and other officers for sanctioning the Special Security Allowance (SSA) in favour of members of Special Operation Group (SOG) and Bomb Disposal Squad (BDS) of Jammu and Kashmir Police.

The DGP said that the decision of providing the spe-

cial allowance will go a long way in boosting the morale of police personnel.

By the said order the long pending demand of the J&K Police has been met, he added.

He further stated that the Union Home Ministry and Governor's Administration has been very kind in considering favourably different proposals for the welfare and better working conditions of J&K Police.

Vide an order of J&K Home department today, sanction was accorded to the grant of special security allowance in favour of

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Salary of 63 employees withheld in Srinagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A team of senior officers of District Administration on Monday conducted a surprise inspection of different offices in Srinagar and found employees of various offices unauthorizedly absent from duties. Taking serious note of their unauthorized absence, the Deputy

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Sajad Lone asks parties to stop hollow rhetoric, create enabling environment for Centre

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Peoples Conference chief Sajad Lone on Monday asked parties in Jammu and Kashmir to create an "enabling environment" for the Centre to deliver and denounced those keen to "start a new round of confrontation" at the cost of Kashmir's people.

Lone said his party will not indulge in such predatory politics and will not let

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BJP issues notice to Ex-MLC Randhawa; FIR registered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP on Monday issued a show cause notice to former MLC Vikram Randhawa for allegedly promoting hatred by targeting a particular community. The action came after a video went viral in social media, purportedly showing Randhawa 'making absolutely reckless and hate promoting remarks against a particular community'. The notice issued by a three-member disciplinary committee of the BJP, headed by Sunil Sethi, says, "This is unacceptable to party and has brought to disrepute and embarrassment to the party. Such type of conduct is likely to dent the public image of

party. As a senior leader and former legislator it is expected of you to conduct yourself in public in a manner which is as per party principles." The notice further said that a very strict and serious view of Randhawa's reckless and undisciplined statement in video has been taken by party president. Ravinder Raina and Disciplinary Committee of Bhartiya Janata Party has been asked by Party President 'to initiate Disciplinary Proceedings against you'.

"Earlier Disciplinary Proceedings against you have also not created desired impact on your public conduct", the notice stated, adding, "you are directed

through this notice to explain your position within 48 hours to Disciplinary Committee on the issue and also advised to immediately issue public apology on the matter pending conclusion of Disciplinary Proceedings against you."

The disciplinary committee, also comprising Virenderjeet Singh and N D Rajwal as members, has directed the former MLC Vikram Randhawa not to address media in any form till proceedings are pending against him.

Meanwhile, the Jammu police has reportedly registered an FIR against Vikram Randhawa for such remarks against particular community on social media.

J&K BJP asks party cadre to prepare for assembly elections

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir BJP Monday asked its cadres to organise activities to prepare for assembly elections in the union territory.

This direction was conveyed to party cadres by BJP state general secretary (Organisation) Ashok Kaul during a meeting of district office-bearers, district morcha presidents and mandal presidents at Ramban.

Kaul, while addressing the meeting, encouraged the BJP members to work with dedication and devotion for the nation and the party.

He said, "In accordance

with the party principles of nation first, the party workers of this region have loved the nation beyond any limit at the cost of personal sufferings and losses."

Kaul lauded their role in mitigating the "vicious situations" that were fanned by the "certain vested interests for their petty political and personal gains".

"But now the scene has been changed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led NDA government at the Centre by its plethora of public welfare policies," he said.

He asked all the party leaders to launch their

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Court awards death sentence to cop for killing wife, mother-in-law for dowry

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Principal Sessions Judge Bhaderwah Virender Singh Bhou, on Monday, awarded death sentence to cop namely Pawan Kumar for killing his wife Champa Devi and mother-in-law, Sumitra Devi for dowry.

Court ordered that the convict is sentenced to death for the commission of offence under section 302 of RPC and for the commission of offence under section 7/27 of (3) Arms Act and hanged by neck till death, subject to the confirmation of the said sentence by High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

The facts of the case is that a matrimonial discord between the accused and his wife Champa Devi, resulted

in the alleged ghastly act committed by the accused wherein the victim Champa Devi and Sumitra Devi, who happened to be mother-in-law of accused (hereinafter referred to as deceased persons) lost their lives while Des Raj who happened to be the father-in-law of the accused and accused were also injured in the said act.

Prosecution case as revealed from the final report and statements of witnesses is that on 02.12.2012 at 8.30 PM the informant Raj Kumar, son of Chuni Lal lodged a written application in the police station Gandoh, alleging therein that Des Raj, son of Tara Chand, who happens to be his real Uncle. He said that marriage of

accused was solemnized with Champa Devi, daughter of Des Raj, resident of Kandolu four years ago and the accused who is serving in police department immediately after some time of this marriage started harassing his wife Champa Devi for brining dowry as a result of which Champa Devi often used to come and reside at her parental house at Kandolu. It was further alleged in the report that about 7/8 days before the occurrence the accused again repeated the same act and had also beaten Champa Devi and made her to leave her matrimonial home, who alongwith her children had come and started living at her parental house at

Kandolu. On the day of occurrence on 02.12.2012 at about 7.45 PM when his Uncle alongwith family members and Champa Devi were sitting in the house, in the meantime the accused was having his service rifle AK 47 with him entered forcibly into the house of his Uncle with rifle and fired upon the family members of his Uncle with intention to kill them. The accused had killed his Sumitra Devi, wife of Des Raj and Champa Devi, daughter of Des Raj and also had fired upon his Uncle with intention to also kill him and got him seriously injured and the accused further in order to commit suicide in order to save himself from the

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 25.2°C Min: 14.9°C

Humidity

Max: 64 Min: 62

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 17.7°C Min: 4.4°C

Humidity

Max: 89 Min: 65

Sunset: 17:42 Hours

Sunrise: 06:50 Hours

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