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Will get back all money taken away from banks as Govt actively pursuing cases of loan defaulters: FM

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said all the money taken away from the banks will be taken back as the government is actively pursuing the cases of loan defaulters, irrespective of whether they are in India or outside the country.

She said the central government is working in close coordination with the J&K administration to ensure that not only the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP) but every centrally sponsored scheme benefits every citizen of the Union territory to ensure that the region also catches up in the growth with the rest of the country.

She was addressing a function after launching new schemes and handing over orders to various beneficiaries under the financial inclusion and credit outreach programme here.

Sitharaman said that while the government is generously putting all its resources to make J&K work well in a transparent way, "any wrongdoing that has happened in the banks, any loans which have been taken away and not repaid till now, I am sure our system will work in such a way that the wrongdoers and the money will be brought back."

The finance minister said that is what



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman briefing media in Jammu on Tuesday.

has been happening in the entire country.

"The non-performing assets (NPAs) of the banks had been a cause for worry when Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to power in 2014. In order to bring down the NPAs, a specific '4Rs' strategy of recognition, resolution, recapitalisation and reforms showed immediate results," she said.

Sitharaman reached Jammu on the second leg of her two-day tour from

Kashmir and also inspected various stalls put up by various beneficiaries of government schemes.

She said the government pursued the defaulters who took away the loans and let it become the NPA and did not pay back the taxpayers' money that is what is in the banks, whether they are in this country or gone away from India.

The government ensured that their properties are attached, and through a legal process, sold or auctioned out and

FM, LG handover credit sanction letters to 145 beneficiaries for Rs 306 Cr in Jammu

JAMMU: On the second day of her visit to Jammu & Kashmir, Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman along with Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday attended the Credit Outreach programme and other events organized by Banker's Committee of the J&K UT held at General Zorawar Singh Auditorium Complex, University of Jammu.

On the occasion, the Union Finance Minister handed over sanction letters amounting to Rs. 306 crores to 145 beneficiaries of different banks and credit linked schemes like Pradhan Mantri Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), MUDRA Scheme, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Joint-Liability Groups (JLGs) etc.

The Finance Minister also announced new schemes and initiatives for J&K which included the launch of Tejaswini & Hausla schemes; Shikhar and Shikara schemes of Punjab National Bank (PNB) and SIDBI's Rs. 200 crore Cluster Development Fund, besides laying the e-foundation stone of Rural Self Employment Training Institute



FM Nirmala Sitharaman and LG Manoj Sinha during credit outreach programme in Jammu.

that money have been paid back to the banks, she added.

"This shall continue to happen, irrespective of where the NPAs holders are and irrespective of where their accounts were. Every NPA shall be pursued actively and that shall apply to J&K as well," she said adding "we shall get back all the money taken away from the banks".

The Union finance minister lauded J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj

Sinha, who was also present on the occasion, for the development of the Union Territory in a "speedy, efficient and transparent" manner.

She assured the people of Jammu and Kashmir that the Centre will work in close coordination with the local administration to ensure that not only the PMDP is implemented but every scheme that is launched is also brought to the Union Territory and benefits every beneficiary who deserved to be

served.

"After 2019 (reorganisation of J&K), we have seen the UT of J&K go through a rapid progression. The projects that have been waiting for a long time are getting implemented and sections of the society that have never had the opportunity of receiving any assistance from the government are getting it.

"And, genuine business that has no other way of getting or accessing credit is also being

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Galwan hero Col BS Babu posthumously awarded Mahavir Chakra



Tuesday posthumously awarded Mahavir Chakra by President Ram Nath Kovind for displaying exemplary courage during the hand-to-hand combat.

Babu's wife B Santoshi and mother Manjula received the award at a ceremony attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and the top military brass of the country.

Mahavir Chakra is the second highest wartime gallantry award after the Param Vir Chakra. Four other

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Where is Jammu 3 Tesla MRI? Only one MRI old model in Jammu since 2000; 5 latest installed in Kashmir

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JAMMU: Tended vide tender no 306 dated January 9, 2019, manufactured by Philips Medical Systems Netherland, supplied through M/S Philips India Limited DLF, Cyber City Gurgaon, India vide order number JKMSCL/GMC Jammu/PO(20039980028) dated March 11, 2020, the Government Medical College (GMC) Hospital Jammu is still waiting for 3 Tesla MRI Machine for Department of Radio Diagnosis though a similar kind of tender was

floated for Kashmir Division, ordered much later on November 11, 2020, the latest 3 Tesla MRI Machine has already been delivered and installed at Kashmir.

Order was placed under State Funded Program long back but unfortunately even Letter of Credit has not been opened till date for Jammu MRI machine.

This machine is proposed to be installed at Old Medical Record Section, site is ready but machine is nowhere in

sight. Though both Jammu and Srinagar got their first MRI machines inaugurated by the then Chief Minister Dr Farooq Abdullah in the year 2000,



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however, twenty-one years later, the hospitals in Srinagar have acquired four more latest machines, while whole Jammu Division of 10 districts is surviving on this lone 1.5 tesla machine at GMC

Jammu which has already outlived manifold its usable life of four to five years till date.

While Kashmir Division have latest 5 MRI machines one each at Psychiatric Hospital, SMHS Hospital, SKIMS, Jhelum Valley College under SKIMS and Bones & Joint Hospital and 2 more to be installed shortly and even UT of Leh getting one new machine but whole Jammu Division is dependent on lone 21 years old 1.5 Tesla MRI at GMC Jammu despite the

fact that not only whole Jammu but winter influx of Kashmir as well as Leh public also avail medical facilities in Jammu Division.

This official apathy has resulted in hardships to patients due to being regularly referred to GMC Jammu with no choice except to wait or spend almost 3 times more to get it done privately. Radio Diagnosis department at GMC Jammu is already stretched much beyond their capacity as almost 40 MRIs are

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Railways to launch about 190 theme-based Bharat Gaurav trains showcasing India's heritage, culture

STATE TIMES NEWS
 NEW DELHI: After freight and passenger segments, the railways is set to begin a third segment dedicated to the tourism sector and launch a set of around 190 theme-based trains called Bharat Gaurav trains, minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Tuesday.

Addressing a press conference, the railways minister said these trains could be run both by the private sector as well as the IRCTC. "These are not regular

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Mercury drops further in Kashmir

STATE TIMES NEWS
 SRINAGAR: The mercury slipped further in Kashmir on Tuesday as cold wave conditions persisted in the Valley, with Srinagar recording its coldest night of the season at minus 2.3 degrees Celsius, meteorological department officials said.

Kashmir has been experiencing sub-zero temperatures for the past few nights and in most places, the mercury has remained two to three notches below the normal for this part of the season, they said.

Pahalgam, which serves as the base camp for the annual Amarnath Yatra, recorded a low of minus 4.4 degrees Celsius last night. It was the coldest recorded place in Kashmir, the officials said. Srinagar recorded a low of minus 2.3 degrees Celsius last night -- down from minus 1.6 degrees Celsius on Sunday night, they said.

Gulmarg resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district recorded a minimum temperature of minus

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Three people with links to Lashkar arrested for killing salesman in Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS
 SRINAGAR: Three people with links to the Lashkar-e-Toiba have been arrested for allegedly killing a salesman working for a Kashmiri Pandit businessman here earlier this month, police said on Tuesday.

They have been identified as Aejaz Ahmad Lone, Naseer Ahmad Shah and Showkat Ahmad Dar of Pulwama district in south Kashmir, a police spokesperson said.

Terrorists killed civilian

Ibrahim Ahmad, a salesman at Sandeep Mawa's shop, near the Bohri Kadal area of Srinagar in the second week of November, he said.

A case under relevant sections of the law was registered at the Maharaj Gunj police station, and a special investigation team was constituted to investigate the crime, the official said.

During the course of the investigation, officers learnt about the involvement of Lone, Shah and Dar in the terror crime, he said.

"They were subsequently arrested in the instant case, and during questioning, they confessed that they were involved in the commission of the crime," the spokesperson added.

Preliminary investigations revealed all three are linked to proscribed terror outfit Lashkar-e-Toiba and that they executed the attack on the directions of their handler from across the border, he said. "It was further revealed that the

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Ladakh reports 22 new COVID-19 cases

STATE TIMES NEWS
 LEH: Ladakh has recorded 16 fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the virus tally to 21,349 while the active cases have declined to 218, officials said on Tuesday. The union territory has registered 212 COVID-related deaths -- 154 in Leh and 58 in Kargil -- since the outbreak of the pandemic last year. Thirty-four patients were cured and discharged from hospital from Leh. The total number of cured patients is 20,919, they said. There was no death reported due to COVID in Ladakh on Monday.

179 coronavirus cases, 2 deaths reported in J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS
 SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday recorded 179 fresh cases of coronavirus, taking the infected number of people to 3,35,707 while two fresh deaths due to the virus were reported from the Union Territory in the past 24 hours, officials said. Of the fresh cases, 30 were from Jammu division and 149 from Kashmir division of the UT, the officials said. They said Srinagar district recorded the highest of 64 cases followed by 35 cases in Baramulla district. There are 1,647 active

COVID-19 cases in country lowest in 543 days

STATE TIMES NEWS
 NEW DELHI: India logged 7,579 new coronavirus infections, the lowest in 543 days, taking the country's total tally of COVID-19 cases to 3,45,26,480, while the active cases were the lowest in 536 days, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Tuesday.

The death toll climbed to 4,66,147 with 236 fresh fatalities, according to the data updated at 8 am.

The daily rise in new coronavirus infections has been below 20,000 for 46 straight days and less than 50,000 daily new cases have been reported for 149 consecutive days now.

The active cases declined to 1,13,584 and comprise 0.33 per cent of the total infections, the lowest since March 2020, while the national COVID-19 recovery

cases across the UT, while the number of recovered patients stands at 3,29,596, the officials said. The death toll in the UT due to the

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PM to lay Foundation Stone of Noida Int'l Airport on Nov 25

STATE TIMES NEWS
 NEW DELHI: Uttar Pradesh will soon become the only state in India to have five international airports with Prime Minister Narendra Modi set to lay the foundation stone of the Noida International Airport (NIA) in Jewar on Thursday. The development of the airport is in line with the vision of Prime Minister Modi to boost connectivity and create a future-ready aviation sector, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a statement on Tuesday.



India to have five international airports as Prime Minister Modi will lay the foundation stone of the Noida International Airport in Jewar, Gautam Buddha Nagar, on November 25 at 1 PM, the PMO said.

The development of the first phase of the airport is being done at a cost of over Rs 10,050 crore, it said.

Spread over more than 1,300 hectares of land, the completed first phase of the airport will have the capacity to serve around 1.2 crore passengers a year and work on it is scheduled to be completed by 2024, it added.

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Temperature (Jammu)
 Max: 24.3°C Min: 9.0°C

Humidity
 Max: 80 Min: 69

Temperature (Srinagar)
 Max: 13.0°C Min: -2.3°C

Humidity
 Max: 95 Min: 74

Sunset : 17:28 Hours
 Sunrise : 07:09 Hours

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