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Gadkari lays foundation stone of 25 NH projects worth Rs 11,721 Cr in J&K

Robust road network, modern transportation key to economic growth: LG



Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Nitin Gadkari addressing gathering during foundation stone laying ceremony at Doda.

STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Nitin Gadkari; Union MoS (I/c), Ministry of Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Atomic Energy & Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh; Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, in the presence of Member Parliament, Jugal Kishore Sharma, on Wednesday laid the foundation of 25 National

Highway projects in J&K, worth Rs 11,721 Crores, here at the Sports Stadium, Doda.

Union Minister, Nitin Gadkari, while speaking on the occasion said that the UT of J&K has a huge tourism potential which will finally reap the benefits of upcoming modern road infrastructure projects. These projects will prove as an important lifeline for the development of the industrial sector too, he added.

"The construction of these road projects will save time and fuel. New employment opportunities will be created in Jammu & Kashmir, tourism of the region will get a boost, and social & economic development of the people of the region will be accelerated", he remarked.

▶▶ Tourism of the region will get boost: Gadkari

▶▶ LG secures inclusion of 6 more Road Projects for Jammu and 1 project for Kashmir Division under NH & Bharatmala

▶▶ Works worth Rs One lakh crore within the next two years to give boost to the socio-economic development of J&K

▶▶ Rs One lakh Cr projects in next 2 years will boost J&K's socio-economic development

observing that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the central government is committed to the all round development of Jammu and Kashmir, the Union Minister assured that road network

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Govt extends 5-Kg free foodgrains scheme till March 2022

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a proposal to extend distribution of 5kg foodgrains per month for free under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) to over 80 crore ration card holders for four months till March 2022, a decision that will cost an additional Rs 53,344 crore to the exchequer. Free foodgrains under the

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Security tightened outside Gautam Gambhir's residence after threat mail from ISIS Kashmir

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Security has been beefed up outside the residence of former cricketer and BJP MP Gautam Gambhir here on Wednesday after he received an alleged death threat from "ISIS Kashmir", officials said.

After receiving the first threat, a complaint addressed to the Deputy Commissioner of

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Three TRF terrorists, including self-styled commander wanted in civilian killings, shot dead

Ultras hurl grenade at CRPF camp in Bandipora

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Three terrorists, including a self-styled commander of terror outfit The Resistance Front (TRF), involved in a number of subversive activities including the killing of two teachers, civilians and two police officers were neutralized in an encounter at Rambagh Srinagar on Wednesday evening.

The killing of these terrorists is a major success for J&K police as they were planning to carry-out more terror attacks in central Kashmir particularly in Srinagar city.

Acting on a specific information regarding the movement of terrorists Srinagar Police immediately swung into action and established a special Naka to track them down. The terrorists were traveling in a car which was signalled to stop by the Naka party. The terrorists did not stop and instead opened fire on the Naka party which was



retaliated, triggering an encounter. In the ensuing encounter three terrorists of TRF outfit were killed. The killed terrorists were later identified as Mehraan Yaseen Shalla, son of Mohd Yaseen Shalla, resident of Jamalata; Arafat Ahmad Sheikh, son of Mohammad Maqbool Sheikh, resident of Nikloora Litter Pulwama and Manzoor Ahmad Mir, son of Late Sonaulah Mir, resident of Babbar Pulwama. Arms and ammunition was recovered from the encounter site.

As per police records,

Mehran Yaseen was involved in several terror crime cases including grenade attack at Barabar Shah Srinagar on June 26, 2021 in which one civilian namely Mudasar Ahmad Bhat resident of Hanjigund Beerwah got killed & three other civilians got critically injured. He was involved in killing of Meeran Ali Sheikh at Bulbul Lanker Nawa Kadal on July 27, 2021, and of PSI Arshad Ahmad at Khanyar on September 12, 2021. He was also involved in killing

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ACB presents charge-sheet against former CMO, others for embezzlement of funds

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has presented charge-sheet against Dr Mohammad Abdullah, former Chief Medical Officer Budgam and others for an embezzlement of Rs 17 lakh.

As per an official spokesperson, the sleuths of ACB presented charge-sheet in FIR No. 16/2015 registered under sections 5(1) (c) (d), read with 5(2) J&K of PC Act. Swt 2006 and sections 120-B, 409, 420, 467, 468 & 471 at Police Station ACB, before the Court of Special Judge Anti-Corruption Court Srinagar

against Dr Mohammad Abdullah, then CMO Budgam and others including a deceased official and private persons namely Mohammad Ayoub and Shahid Shabir. The official further said that instant case was registered on basis of outcome of verification conducted into allegations for embezzlement of Rs 17 lakh by the CMO Office Budgam during 2009-10. Out of funds allotted under Office Expenditure, the then CMO Budgam, hatched a criminal conspiracy with other accused officials and private persons, by resorting

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Guidelines approved for ex-gratia relief of Rs 50,000 each to NoKs of COVID victims in J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In furtherance of its earlier decision of providing ex-gratia relief of Rs. 50,000 to the next of kin of the victims of COVID, UT Executive Committee for Disaster Management on Monday approved the procedural guidelines governing the relief distribution in Jammu and Kashmir.

The approval came at a meeting of the UT Executive Committee for Disaster Management, held to review the requirement of funds in districts for disaster preparedness, mitigation, and COVID management.

Administrative Secretaries of departments of Finance, Health & Medical Education, Revenue, and Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction (DMRRR) participated in the meeting.

The Chief Secretary further directed formulation of standard operating procedures in consultation with the domain experts for streamlining the disbursement of ex-gratia relief within three days.

It was informed that so far 4,176 people have died due to COVID-19 and the relief will be disbursed in favour of the

families through a transparent verification process via aadhar linked direct benefit transfer (DBT).

As per the approved guidelines, the Deputy Commissioners in consultation with the Health Department will provide the ex-gratia relief of Rs. 50,000 to the next of kin of COVID victims including those involved in relief operations and preparedness activities; based on valid death certificates issued in this regard. The guidelines also require the Deputy Commissioners to provide the online application link for seeking the ex-

gratia relief on the district's official web portal.

The Chief Secretary observed that the death certificates mentioning COVID as the cause of death might not have been issued to victims in the earlier wave and accordingly directed the Department to lay down SOP and also constitute a grievance redressal committee to facilitate the families in availing the required documentation.

Dr. Mehta stressed adherence to the existing data on official COVID-deaths and SAKSHAM relief

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174 new coronavirus cases, 2 deaths reported in J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday recorded 174 fresh cases of coronavirus, taking the infected number of people to 3,35,881 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, 25 were from Jammu division and 149 from Kashmir division, the officials said.

They said Srinagar district recorded the highest of 58 cases followed by 43 cases in Baramulla district.

There are 1,684 active cases in the UT, while the

number of recovered patients stands at 3,29,731, the officials said. The death toll climbed to 4,66,584 with 437

Active COVID cases in country lowest in 537 days

NEW DELHI: India added 9,283 new coronavirus infections taking the country's total tally of COVID-19 cases to 3,45,35,763 while the active cases declined to 1,11,481, the lowest in 537 days, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Wednesday.

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Temperature settles above freezing point in Kashmir

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The night temperature rose across Kashmir valley as Srinagar saw the minimum settle above freezing point for the first time in more than a week on Wednesday, officials said.

The valley had been experiencing sub-zero nights for the past week, setting in chilly winter conditions earlier than usual, MET officials said.

Srinagar recorded a low of 0.3 degrees Celsius on Tuesday night, up from minus 2.3 degrees Celsius the previous night, they said.

The officials said Pahalgam, which serves as the base camp for the annual Amarnath yatra, recorded a low of minus 2 degrees Celsius. Pahalgam was the coldest recorded place in Kashmir.

The mercury in Kupwara in north Kashmir settled at a low of minus 0.3

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DB's directives in PIL regarding failure to frame bye-laws of Municipal bodies

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a LPA seeking framing of bye-laws of Municipal bodies which had been treated as Public Interest Litigation, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir High Court comprising Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur and Justice Mohd Akram Chowdhary directed Senior AAG S S Nanda to file a compliance report with regard to steps taken for purposes of adoption of aforesaid bye-laws.

When PIL came up for hearing, the Division Bench after hearing Adv Vilakshan Singh for the PIL whereas

Sr AAG S S Nanda for the Corporation, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Jammu Development Authority as well as Srinagar Development Authority shall be done shortly after seeking the approval of respective Councils and Board of Directors. It was urged that the Vice Chairman, Lakes and Waterway Development Authority has also adopted the Unified Building Bye-Laws and forwarded the same to the Government Press, Srinagar for publication and further urged that the aforesaid bye-laws can be enforced only after their

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Shyam Steel expands retail operations in J&K, Punjab

STATE TIMES NEWS

KOLKATA: Shyam Steel on Wednesday announced its plan to expand retail operations in Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab as the 3,000-crore company is aspiring to become one of the leaders in the primary TMT bar segment in north India.

The steelmaker has embarked on the expansion mode despite disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and will strengthen its distribution network for TMT bar; a construction material.

"We are on a major expansion drive to revamp

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Cabinet clears bill to repeal 3 farm laws; to be tabled in upcoming Parliament session

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a bill to repeal the three farm laws which led to protests at various Delhi border points by thousands of farmers for nearly a year; and it will be introduced in Parliament during the upcoming winter session.

The Cabinet approval comes following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement on November 19 regarding withdrawal of the three farm legislations. He had said the Centre could not convince protesting farmers about the benefits of

these laws, while urging them to end their protest.

The Farm Laws Repeal Bill, 2021 has been approved to roll back the three laws which were passed by Parliament in September last year with an objective to bring reforms in the agriculture sector; especially marketing of farm produce.

"The Cabinet has completed the formalities to repeal the three farm laws. ...In the upcoming session of the Parliament, it will be our priority to take back these three laws." Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur told

reporters.

Thakur, however, did not reply to queries related to setting up of a committee to study minimum support price (MSP) and other farm issues as announced by the Prime Minister.

The winter session of Parliament will commence on November 29 and conclude on December 23.

The three laws to be repealed are -- Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act; The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement

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LG announces deployment of state helicopter for Tribal population in medical emergencies

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Wednesday announced that the state helicopter will be deployed for the tribal population during medical emergencies.

"This will help in timely diagnosis and treatment for the needy patients", he said while inaugurating the closing ceremony of 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' here at the General Zorawar Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu.

While highlighting the reforms introduced by the government for the welfare and interest of the Tribal community, the Lt Governor said that comprehensive strategy has been developed for modernizing the requisite infrastructure and providing public services in tribal dominated areas.

A two-day Literary cum Cultural Tribal festival is being organized to



LG Manoj Sinha addressing at the closing ceremony of 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' in Jammu on Wednesday.

mark the culmination of the celebrations of Birsu Munda's birth anniversary. The festival will showcase the rich heritage, culture, art, craft, cuisine, and herbal medicines of tribal communities of Jammu & Kashmir.

Addressing the gathering, the Lt Governor reiterated the Government's commitment to ensur-

ing the overall development of J&K tribal population.

"The UT administration has taken several initiatives to ensure livelihood support and empowerment of Tribals. New transit accommodations, Tribal health scheme, and Smart schools will certainly improve the quality of life", he remarked.

The Lt Governor observed that the tribal-centric reforms and policies that the government is implementing on the ground for the socio-economic development of the tribal community will fulfil the dreams of this community, while keeping their unique culture, languages and traditions alive.

Under the guidance of the Prime Minister, the J&K Government is working relentlessly to usher in a new dawn of social equality by implementing the rights of this deprived section guaranteed by the Constitution and the Parliament of the country, he added.

The Lt Governor noted that through several interventions like Tribal Tourist

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JSCL to expand free Wi-Fi service in Jammu City

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: To attract tourist footfall and benefit students as well as the business community, the Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) on Wednesday decided to expand its free Wi-Fi service to 20 more locations under the Smart City Mission.

In this regard, JSCL has signed an agreement with LMES to provide the Wi-Fi hotspots at 20 more locations under Phase-II.

The agreement was signed and exchanged between the Chief Executive officer (CEO), JSCL, Avny Lavasa and Director LMES.

Under the expansion plan, the free Wi-Fi hotspots will be installed in areas like Government Medical College Jammu, Railway Station

Jammu, Canal Road Jammu, Jammu University, Channi Himmatt, Trikuta Nagar, Shastri Nagar and others.

The decision to expand the free Wi-Fi service was taken after an overwhelming response to phase-I.

In phase-I, the hotspots were installed at 16 different locations, which witnessed massive response as 1100 people avail benefits on daily basis.

Over 4500 people connect to the network on the monthly basis to these hotspots from KC Plaza to Raghunath Mandir to Mubarak Mandi to Kaehi Chawni to Indra Chowk.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Executive

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 25.6°C Min: 10.2°C

Humidity

Max: 76 Min: 63

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 14.3°C Min: 0.3°C

Humidity

Max: 90 Min: 62

Sunset: 17:28 Hours

Sunrise: 07:10 Hours