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Parliament repeals controversial farm laws without debate

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NEW DELHI: Parliament on Monday approved the repeal of the three controversial farm laws in rushed voice votes in both Houses on the opening day of the winter session as the government stonewalled the opposition demand for a debate.

The Farm Laws Repeal Bill, 2021, which sought to rescind the three laws passed last year to ease rules around the sale, pricing and storage of farm crops, was taken up by Lok Sabha which passed it within minutes and, thereafter, it was introduced in Rajva Sabha and approved by voice vote. The whole exercise was completed within two hours.

The bill now awaits the assent of President Ram Nath Kovind for the formal withdrawal of the three contentious laws against which farmers have been protesting for the past year.

In both Houses, opposition parties led by the Congress demanded a discussion over the repeal bill but couldn't

Govt ready to discuss all issues, answer all questions: Modi



session of Parliament in New Delhi on Monday. Union

NEW DELHI: Ahead of the Winter Session, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said the government is ready to discuss all issues and answer all questions but the dignity of Parliament and the Chair should be maintained.

Speaking with reporters, he said citizens want Parliament to debate on issues of national interest **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

> Agriculture Minister Sabha,

PM Narendra Modi addressing media ahead of the winter

Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh is also seen.

get it initiated.

Narendra Singh Tomar said

"there is no need for a discussion" as the opposition parties had been seeking repeal of the laws and the government was now doing it.

The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020, the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020, and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020 had triggered a massive agitation by farmer bodies, especially in Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Harvana

Though the implementation of the law had been stayed by the Supreme Court, farmer bodies have been squatting on roads leading to the national capital from Uttar Pradesh and Haryana for just over a year now.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had on November 19 announced the decision to repeal the laws - the biggest policy rollback since he

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150 new COVID-19 cases, one death in J&K STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 150 fresh

cases of coronavirus on Monday, taking the infection count to 3,36,681, while another related fatality raised the death toll to 4,476, officials said.

Twenty-eight of the fresh COVID-19 cases were from the Jammu division and 122 from the Kashmir division of the Union Territory, the officials said. They said Srinagar district

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officials suspended for dereliction of duties

STATE TIMES NEWS KUPWARA: Range officer Kupwara, Block Officer Manigah and two beat officials were on Monday placed under suspension for failing to act against forest damages in two compartments of Manigah Block of Kamraj Forest Division.

Viewing the negligence seriously, Range Officer Mohammad Kupwara Yaseen Khan, Block Officer Manigah, Mohammad

CONTD ON PAGE 9 J&K statehood will be restored after selective killings end: BJP

Foundation stone laid for Tirth Yatri Niwas of SASB at Majeen J&K administration working for all people, not just selected few: LG

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THE BOLD VOICE OF J&K NOW IN DELHI

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said the administration is working for the welfare of all people of the union territory, and not just a select few

Sinha was speaking to reporters after laying the foundation stone of a 'Yatri Niwas' (accommodation for pilgrims) ahead of the Amarnath Yatra in Majeen area on the outskirts of Jammu.

Asked about National Conference leader and former chief minister Omar Abdullah's remarks that the security situation is bad since the abrogation of Article 370 and that the militants have not come from outside but the disillusioned local youths are picking up guns, Sinha said, "I do not want to react to this.

He said that the administration is not working for just a few people but for the entire population of Jammu and Kashmir.



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LG Manoj Sinha performing Pujan during foundation stone laying ceremony of Yatri Niwas of Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board at Jammu on Monday.

said.

safe as any other pilgrimage

in the country. We are work-

ing in that direction," he

On the new accommodation

facility, he said the Delhi

School of Architecture will

prepare the design within

two months and expressed

hope that the work will be

Sinha said that discussions

Srinagar, Kathua, Jammu,

Udhampur, Reasi and

Budgam, along with MD,

National Health Mission,

Director, Family Welfare,

and other concerned officers

participated in the meeting.

It was informed that the

Central Government has

issued guidelines for detect-

ing cases of COVID variant

Omicron from countries

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completed within a year.

were held about the

"(Our focus is that) the facilitation increases, peace and prosperity regained, people get jobs and industry comes to J&K," he said.

On the Amarnath pilgrimage, Sinha said there is an apprehension among people in various parts of the country that the yatra is not safe. "All of us need to work

towards ensuring that the people living across India feel that Amarnath Yatra is as

CS directs universal RT-PCR testing of foreign travellers, mandatory quarantine Commissioner of Anantnag,

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Monday chaired a meeting of the COVID Task Force to review the public health response to COVID and asked the divisional and district administrations to ensure universal testing of all foreign travellers to Jammu and Kashmir in the light of the emergence of new COVID variant Omicron.

Administrative Secretaries of Finance, Health & Medical Education, Home, Disaster Management. Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction sides

declared at risk. The Chief Secretary underscored the need to adhere to the laid down guidelines and test all the incoming foreign travellers through international flights. As per the

12 Opp RS MPs suspended for 'irreversible disgrace' to House STATE TIMES NEWS Ripun Bora, Verma, NEW DELHI: As many as Rajamani Patel, Syed Nasir Hussain and Akhilesh

Prasad

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12 opposition MPs were suspended from Rajya Sabha on Monday for the entire Winter session of the Parliament for their "unruly" conduct in the previous session in August, even as the Opposition termed the suspension as "undemocratic and in violation of all the Rules of Procedure" of the Upper House

The suspended MPs are -six from the Congress, two from Trinamool Congress and Shiv Sena, and one each from CPI and

Chhetriof Trinamool Congress Priyanka Chaturvedi, Anil Desai of Shiv Sena; Elamaram Kareem of CPM; and Binoy Viswam of CPI was moved by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Prahlad Joshi. It was passed by voice vote despite objections by opposition parties. The motion was brought

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JAMMU/SRINAGAR: National Conference vicepresident Omar Abdullah on Monday said target killings reflect "collective failure" of the Union Government and Jammu and Kashmir administration as the local unit of BJP promised restoration of the statehood to J&K once the selective killings end.

On August 5, 2019, the Centre abrogated Article 370 of the Constitution granting special status to J&K and bifurcated the erstwhile state into two Union Territories of

J&K Bank insurance income up by 30 pc

an event that was organised

pm Monday to recognise the

Division Zones under life-

insurance segment here at

Jammu in presence of MD

Executive President Sunil

(Insurance) Narjay Gupta,

Zonal Heads, Heads of

Business Units from Jammu

region and other officers

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While expressing satisfac-

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Ashok Koul told reporters in north Kashmir's Bandipora district that statehood to Jammu and Kashmir will be restored once the selective killings end and the common people are able to move freely

Omar criticises failure of Govt

Kaul said the BJP is concerned over the selective killings in Kashmir as its activists were targeted. "In these selective killings,

the BJP leaders are being killed here or the non-Kashmiris or non-Muslims, even some Muslims are also targeted. We are against every selective killing and no

He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home minister Amit Shah have on the floor of the Parliament said that the statehood of J&K will be restored and the BJP also supports the demand.

"When the situation in J&K becomes better, when it (situation) will be normal, the selective killings will end, and common people will be able to move freely, the statehood will then be restored," he said

Reacting to the statement of the BJP leader, Abdullah said. So the people of J&K

because of the collective failure of the Union Government & the J&K administration? They fail to protect people, they fail to manage the security situation & the rest of us are punished. What an idea sir ji!," Abdullah wrote on

Twitter. To a question on the conduct of the assembly elections, BJP leader Koul said the polls will be held soon after the delimitation commission submits its report.

"The delimitation commis sion has a time till March 6 (next year). When the commission submits its report

CPM The motion to suspend Phulo Devi Netam, Chhaya

each

No case of new 'Omicron' variant of coronavirus detected in India vet: Official STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: No case of the new Omicron variant of coronavirus has been detected in India yet, a senior government official said on Monday.

The B.1.1.529 Covid variant or Omicron, first detected in South Africa last week, CONTD ON PAGE 9

3 NC MPs protest outside Parliament demanding revocation of Aug 5. 2019 decisions

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Three Lok

Sabha members of the National Conference staged a sit-in outside Parliament here on Monday, demanding revocation of decisions taken on August 5, 2019 when Jammu and Kashmir was bifurcated into Union territories and its special status under Article 370 of

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general religion allows it, the BJP leader said.

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most under-explored areas

especially in the current

Covid-times.", said the CMD.

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Non-local held along with pistol in Bijbhera

under which 90 seats

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Divisional Commissioners Kashmir/ Jammu, Deputy

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STATE TIMES NEWS 30% growth in the Bank's

JAMMU: Police on Monday arrested a non-local along with pistol and a Magazine in Bijbhera area of South Kashmir's Anantnag district. A senior Police officer told

that they apprehended a person identifying him as Parvaiz Salmani son of Shameem Salmani a resident of Fareedpur Maan Bijnoor at present residing in Goriwan Bijbehara.

The police officer further said that one pistol along with a Magazine was

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Dr Jitendra launches unique 'Face Recognition J&K reported 1,033 **Technology' for Pensioners**

"We must ensure

STATE TIMES NEWS **STATE TIMES NEWS** NEW DELHI: Jammu and Kashmir witnessed 1,033 NEW incidents of attacks by ter-Minister rorists in the last three years (Independent

with a maximum of 594 Science being reported in 2019, the Minister government informed the (Independent Charge) Earth Rajya Sabha on Monday. Sciences; According to details provid-Personnel, ed by Minister of State for Grievances, Atomic Energy and Space, Defence Ajay Bhatt, the union territory reported 244 Dr Jitendra Singh on incidents of terrorist attacks Monday launched unique last year while the number "Face Technology" for Pensioners for the current year was 196 and said, this will bring ease till November 15. The list included one such of living for the retired and the elderly citizens.

incident in Delhi taking the total number to 1,034 in the country from 2019 to mid-November of 2021. Bhatt said a total of 177 personnel including CONTD ON PAGE 9

Central Government Union Pensioners but also Crores of Pensioners who fall outside Charge) the jurisdiction of this Technology; Department such as EPFO, State Government Pensioners etc.

> He thanked the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology as well as UIDAI Identification (Unique Authority of India) for devising this technology and making such an initiative of Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare possible. Dr Jitendra said that the government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has always sought "ease of living" for all sections of society including the retirees and pensioners who are the nation's assets with all their

experience and long years of service rendered by them.

He also reiterated that during the Corona pandemic too, the Department of Pension brought about several reforms for release of provi-

sional pension/family pension. The Minister said that the Department of Pension has been extensively using technology to achieve this end, be it introduction of Digital Life Certificate, introduction of an intelligent common software "Bhavishya" for all Government of India Ministries for processing Pension cases.

He said, the effort in issu ing Electronic PPOs and pushing the same in

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