

## 03 ACB presents charge-sheet against JE RDD including two in trap case

## Parliament repeals controversial farm laws without debate

### STATE TIMES NEWS

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 Rajya 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



PM Narendra Modi addressing media ahead of the winter session of Parliament in New Delhi on Monday. Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh is also seen.

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

get it initiated. Agriculture Minister In Rajya Sabha, Narendra Singh Tomar said

## 05 NCB to take over Jhajjar Kotli Rs 100 cr heroin recovery case

## 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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## RO among 4 forest 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 Kupwara Mohammad Yaseen Khan, Block Officer Manigah, Mohammad

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## 10 Poonch Volleyball meet begins

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

### STATE TIMES NEWS

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.



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

"(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

safe as any other pilgrimage in the country. We are working in that direction," he said.

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 completed within a year.

Sinha said that discussions were held about the

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## 12 Opp RS MPs suspended for 'irreversible disgrace' to House

### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: As many as 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 each from Trinamool Congress and Shiv Sena, and one each from CPI and CPM.

The motion to suspend Phulo Devi Netam, Chhaya

## J&K statehood will be restored after selective killings end: BJP

## Omar criticises failure of Govt

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 here.

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 religion allows it, the BJP leader said.

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 will be punished, by having our statehood withheld,

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## No case of new 'Omicron' variant of coronavirus detected in India yet: 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,

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## 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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### WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 24.4°C Min: 9.9°C

Humidity  
Max: 83 Min: 73

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 13.3°C Min: -1.1°C

Humidity  
Max: 90 Min: 70

Sunset: 17:27 Hours  
Sunrise: 07:14 Hours

## J&K Bank insurance income up by 30 pc

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Good products and services, better technology and focused attention on customers are the key elements of success mantra for all commercial organisations. And I am happy to see our energetic and experienced staff from Jammu Division zones here, whose dedication along with diligence has helped them to find their place among top performers in the Bank's life-insurance segment.

J&K Bank CMD R K Chhibber made these remarks in 'Leader's Talk' at

## J&K reported 1,033 terrorist incidents in 3 years: Govt

### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Jammu and Kashmir witnessed 1,033 incidents of attacks by terrorists in the last three years with a maximum of 594 being reported in 2019, the government informed the Rajya Sabha on Monday.

According to details provided by Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt, the union territory reported 244 incidents of terrorist attacks last year while the number for the current year was 196 till November 15.

The list included one such 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

## Dr Jitendra launches unique 'Face Recognition Technology' for Pensioners

### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh on Monday launched unique "Face Recognition Technology" for Pensioners and said, this will bring ease of living for the retired and the elderly citizens.

Dr Jitendra said that Face Recognition Technique of giving Life Certificate is a historic and far reaching reform, since it will touch the lives of not only 68 lakh

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

He thanked the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology as well as UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India) for devising 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

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## Non- local held along with pistol in Bijbhara

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Monday arrested a non-local along with pistol and a Magazine in Bijbhara 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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