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B2V4: Excise Commissioner tours Panchayat Parwah, inspects developmental works

Azad visits Salman Nizami's residence in Banihal to condole his father's death

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Ekampreet Singh of JKPS Kunjwani shines in Duathlon 703

No one indulging in corrupt practices will be spared: LG

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NEW DELHI/JAMMU Expressing resolve to build corruption-free Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said that no one indulging in corrupt practices will be spared.

"Most powerful weapon against corruption is active citizenry", the Lt Governor said while leading the crusade against corruption by administering the integrity pledge to Administrative Divisional Secretaries, Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Heads of Departments, senior officers and officials to mark the beginning of the Vigilance Awareness Week across the Union Territory.

virtually Sinha, who attended the UT-level inaugural function of Vigilance Awareness Week, urged all to join hands and pledge to root this menace out of the sys-



LG Manoj Sinha attending inaugural function of Vigilance Awareness Week on Monday.

extended his greetings to the people on Rashtriva Ekta Diwas and paid tributes to Bharat Ratna Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his Birth Anniversary.

Sardar Patel is embodiment of those values which not only integrated India but also set a living example of honesty and integrity in public life. He always encouraged government officials to

terror module is based in

The path of Reform, Perform and Transform

fear and favour, observed the

Lt Governor. Before 2019, corruption had become an accepted social norm in the UT. In the last three years, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a new transparent corruption-free system has been established in Jammu and Kashmir, said the Lt Governor.

STATE TIMES NEWS KATHUA: which we have chosen is the

right path to move ahead.

Some people are making

deliberate attempts to derail

this journey but we will never

let their nefarious designs

succeed, the Lt Governor

Zero Tolerance against

Corruption on the ground

has brought transparency in

Governance and ensuring

benefits of good governance

reach the last person in the queue without any discrimi-

nation, said the Lt Governor.

The system is being

strengthened through the

use of cutting-edge technolo-

gy and administrative

reforms leaving no scope for

randomness and discretion.

We continue to build effi-

cient, transparent and

accountable system at all lev-

els for seamless delivery of

The Lt Governor observed

that honesty, integrity and

moral values are the real cap-

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ital of a society and for

services, he further added.

added.

Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kathua, R.C Kotwal on Monday transferred three Station House Officers (SHOs) among 11 officers

Three SHOs among

11 officers transferred

As per order, Inspector Jaswinder Singh,has been transferred from DPL Kathua abd posted to Police Station Bani as SHO; Inspector H.M Shahnawaz Giri from Police Station Bani to I/C Anti Drug

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Manoj Pandit posted as Secretary J&K LA **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The government on Monday transferred Secretary, Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs.

According to the order issued by Achal Sethi, Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir Department of Justice Affairs, Parliamentary Kumar Pandit. Manoi Secretary, Special Department of Law,

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Police working to counter use of drones by Pakistan to smuggle weapons, narcotics: DGP

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police is working to counter smuggling of weapons and narcotics from Pakistan via Director General of Police Dilbagh Singh said on Monday.

"We are on the job to counter this challenge (use of drones for smuggling weapons and narcotics). Many persons involved in these acts have been arrested," Singh told reporters on the sidelines of a National Unity Day function here.

Singh said Pakistan's "nefarious designs and acts" are not a secret as attempts have been made from across the border to send weapons, narcotics and IEDs into Jammu and Kashmir through drones during the last few years.

"Many such attempts have been foiled but still a significant quantity of weapons and narcotics are coming in.

DGP Dilbag Singh taking salute at the march past at Armed Police Complex, Zewan. gler of these items. It has "It is being celebrated the support of the establishment as drones are flown from the areas where rangers and Pakistan army are deployed. If there is no

Talking about the function, the DGP said the day was being celebrated as

support from the Pakistan

establishment, these activi-

ties cannot succeed," he

since 2014. It is also Sardar Vallabhbhai Patels's birthday who played a stellar role in national unity and integrity.

"There was a unity parade and the personnel took a pledge to protect the unity and integrity of the country. They also dedicated themselves to maintaining the internal security of the

Police uncovers international terror module, 2 arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The police here claimed to have busted a terror module being coordinated from Europe with the arrest of two of its members involved in ferrying weapons and explosives dropped by drones coming from Pakistan.

During interrogation, Bose revealed that he was working at the behest of Shamsher Singh, Director Additional General of Police (ADGP) Mukesh Singh said.

During the questioning of the two, it was learnt that the coordinator of the in Pakistan," he added.

Morbi bridge collapse

3 terror suspects arrested in Shopian; ultra killed in Keran

STATE TIMES NEWS

Europe, the officials said. have arrested three terror "Both(Bose and Shamsher Singh) were in touch with an overground worker (OGW), namely Monday. Balvinder of Jammu, who

is now settled in Europe," the ADGP said. The accused and the OGW are working for a banned terrorist organisation, he said. evening," "Balvinder was coordi-

nating with both the He said a vehicle was interaccused in India and the handlers of consignments

SRINAGAR: Security forces

suspects in two separate operations in Shopian district, officials said on "Based on inputs received

from Jammu and Kashmir Police regarding the presence of two terrorists in Chak Keller area, a Joint Mobile Vehicle Check Post (MVCP) was established on Sunday defence spokesperson said.

cepted at around 8 pm but the occupants tried to escape. "However, they were appre-



Gowher identified asManzoor and Aqib Hussain Nanda, both residents of Drabgam in Pulwama," the spokesperson said, adding recovered from their posses-

ror suspect was apprehended security forces at Shopian's Mohandpur, the

service delivery, as per the

service delivery timelines

The aim of the government

in incorporating the auto-

appeal and auto-escalation

feature in the portal is that

the provisions of the PSGA

get integrated into the online

application processing and

service delivery mechanism

It was given out that the

dashboard shows, at a

glance, the online service

applications received, servic-

delivered, applications

to be strictly adhered to.

pending, applications

defined in this Act.

official said, adding that one pistol and other incriminating material were recovered from his possession.

Meanwhile, security forces have foiled an infiltration bid by killing a Pakistani terrorist in Keran sector, police "One Pakistani

terrorist/infiltrator got neutralised by army in Keran Sector (Jumagind area) in Kupwara district," the Kashmir Zone Police tweet-

operations are Search underway in the area and

District Srinagar selected for National e-Governance Gold Award

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: The Srinagar

District has achieved a major milestone by getting selected for National e-Governance Gold Award Project/Initiative 'Gaash' under the category of "Excellence in District Level Initiative in e-Governance" of the National Awards for e-Governance Scheme 2021-

The Gaash project is an e-Learning initiative of District Administration Srinagar with special emphasis on gamified learning in the age group 12-18. With the introduction of the project a number of students as

well as teachers showed enhanced interest in the project resulting in overall improvement in academic performance.

Through the Gaash, the students were able to understand basic concepts in science and mathematics very easily in comparison to normal class room transactions.

Speaking about the project Gaash, the DC Srinagar said that the project has been helpful in making Education more effective being enjoyable while through gamification of conceptual content. He

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J&K first UT to adopt PSGA dashboard with auto appeal features It made the same available penalise the defaulters in

toll rises to 134 STATE TIMES NEWS

MORBI: The death toll from a suspension bridge collapse in Gujarat's Morbi town mounted to 134 on Monday, officials said as police arrested four persons and filed a case against firms tasked with maintenance and operation of the British-era structure as part of a criminal investigation into tragedy that has shocked the country.

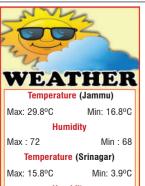
A day after the bridge packed with visitors came crashing down, sending people tumbling into the river below, rescue operation continued as authorities looked for survivors.

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi remained in Morbi during the night to oversee the rescue operation being conducted by multiple

old bridge on the Machchhu river in Morbi.

The more than a century-

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Sunset: 17:43 Hours

Sunrise: 06:48 Hours

Min: 54

Max: 84

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on

Monday inaugurated the integration of Public Service Guarantee Act (PSGA) portal, having Auto-Appeal System feature with the eUNNAT here at Civil Secretariat.

On this occasion, the Chief Secretary said that this is another step by the J&K government to provide a major impetus to transparent, citizen friendly and efficient governance.

In the process, J&K has become the first UT in the country to implement such a

system. "This step of the government is expected to be a game changer in that it empowers the citizens and would go a long way in curbing delays in providing services to citizens, weed out red tapism, inefficiency, lethargy and culture of apathy and impunity', said CS.

With this step, the J&K government has now integrated the online dashboard (https://aas.jk.gov.in) for all citizen centric services available on eUNNAT Portal, as per the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Guarantee Act, 2011

DIG Jammu, SSP Jammu, SDPO Gandhi Nagar from J&K among others awarded Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal for year 2022



DIG Vivek Gupta, SSP Chandan Kohli, DySP Sachit Sharma

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JAMMU: Four officers/ officials of J&K Police are among 63 officers/officials who have been awarded the Union Minister's Special Home Operation Medal for the year

The medals from J&K Police were conferred upon DIG Vivek Gupta, SSP Chandan Kohli, DySP Sachit Sharma and SgCt Vicky Kumar for

showing their valour during an

operation. DGP J&K Dilbag Singh has congratulated all the awardees for their achievement and hoped that this will boost their morale and will also serve as a beacon light for the

He also thanked Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Lt. Governor J&K and the government for recognising the professionalism and dedication of JKP officers and Jawans time and again.

others to follow

the police. They have been

online and thereby clearly

showing the service delivery

timelines, details of defaults

and penal provisions thereof,

besides generation of statis-

tics and drill down facility,

together with auto escalation

Government

Service

recently amended the PSGA

Guarantee Act, 2011) to

bring it in tune with the

changing times. It is the

endeavour of the government

to facilitate dissemination of

e-Services to the public on

one hand and to monitor,

analyse and - if necessary -

Public

/ auto-appeal feature.

(J&K)

In another operation, a ter-

further details awaited, police said. Order putting sedition law on hold to

continue, SC grants time to Centre Centre as "something may

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: An interim

order putting on hold the contentious sedition law and the consequential registration of FIRs will continue to be operational as the Supreme Court granted additional time to the Centre on Monday to take "appropriate steps" with regard to the reviewing of the colonial-era provision

A bench of Chief Justice Uday Umesh Lalit and justices S Ravindra Bhat and Bela M Trivedi was told by General Attorney Venkataramani that some more time be granted to the

happen in the winter session of Parliament".

The topmost law officer said the issue has been under consideration of the authorities concerned and moreover, there is "no reason to worry" in view of the May 11 interim order, which put the use of the provision on hold. "Mr R Venkataramani, the

attorney general, submits that in terms of the directions issued by this court in order dated May 11, 2022, the matter is still engaging the attention of the relevant authorities. He submits that some additional time be

granted so that appropriate steps can be taken by the

government. "In view of the interim directions issued by this court...dated May 11, 2022, every interest and concern stand protected and as such there would be no prejudice to anyone. At his request, we adjourn the matter to the second week of January

2023," the bench said. It also took note of certain other petitions on the matter and issued notices to the Centre, seeking its reply in six weeks' time. At the outset of the brief hearing,

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SC to hear Gyanvapi mosque dispute case on Nov 10

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DELHI: Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear a plea on a involving Gyanvapi mosque Varanasi on November 10.

A bench of justices D Y Chandrachud and Hima Kohli was told by advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain that the matter requires an urgent hearing as the court's order to preserve the area of the mosque where a "Shivling" is said to be found during a survey expires on November 12.

"Our difficulty is that the court's interim order is coming to end on November 12. Jain submitted. The bench then agreed to

the

November 10.

On May 20, the top court had transferred a civil suit filed by Hindu devotees on the Gyanvapi mosque from the civil judge (senior division) to the district judge, Varanasi, saying looking at the "complexities" and the "sensitivity" of the issue, it is better if a senior judicial officer with more than 25-30 years of experience handles

In an important observation, the apex court had also said a process to ascertain the religious character of a place of worship is not barred under the Places of Worship Act of 1991.

It had said the matter involves complexities and sensitivity and it would be matter

better if a district judge handles the case and made it clear that it is not casting any aspersion on the civil judge, who was earlier dealing with the suit.

The top court had also directed the district judge to decide on the priority of the application under Order 7 Rule 11 of the Code of Civil Procedure (on maintainability) filed by the mosque committee, which had said the civil suit is barred by a 1991 law of Parliament, upon the transfer of the papers of the suit from the civil judge.

It had said its earlier interim order of May 17, directing protection of the area where the "Shivling" is said to be found and allowing

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13 KP families urge Admn to register them as 'migrants'

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JAMMU: Thirteen Kashmiri Pandit families, who migrated from a village in south Kashmir amid 'targeted' killings of members of their community, demanded on Monday that the administration register them as

"migrants". Of the 13 families comprising 43 members, 10 had left Choudharvgund village in Shopian district and reached Jammu on October 26. The remaining three had reached the city earlier.

"We have submitted a joint application to the office of relief and rehabilitation commissioner at Jammu for registration of the 13 families as migrants in the wake of migration from the valley to Jammu," said V J Kaul, a representative of the fami-

He said they have left their village out of insecurity and it is up to the government to provide them registration.

Puran Krishan Bhat was

gunned down by terrorists outside his ancestral house in Choudharygund village on Monish Kumar and Ram Sagar were killed in a

grenade attack by terrorists while they were asleep in their rented accommodation in Shopian on October 18. In the application, the families said they had migrated to Jammu following Bhat's

killing in broad daylight. "The incident of brutal killing compelled us to leave our native village to

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