

[1] IT Deptt raids residence, offices UL of top businessman

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Dr Jitendra to witness India's first-ever private Rocket launch 48th Junior National Volleyball Championship: J&K Boys upset title-holder TN in group tie

Website: www.statetimes.in, Email: statetimes1@gmail.com GIS being introduced to address efficiency of urban-industrial planning, better decision-making: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday shared the efforts of the government for introducing (Geographic Information System) GIS to address the efficiency of urban and industrial planning, better decision-making for new reforms in agriculture, modernization of land records, road safety, smart city projects, connecting producers and markets, preserving biodiversity and ensuring equity in the society.

"GIS is playing a crucial role in the identification of forest boundaries, GI tagging, green drive, conservation of wetlands, and census of water bodies Sinha said while addressing a convention of GIS professionals, Government officials, entrepreneurs and young students, organized to mark the World GIS Day, here at the

LG Manoj Sinha addressing convention of GIS professionals, Govt officials, entrepreneurs, students on World GIS Day in Jammu on Wednesday.

Highlighting the significance of the emerging GIS technology to address new challenges and explore new horizon of opportunities, the Lt Governor said the encouragement to spatial thinking, development ofGeographic Information System (GIS) tools, realworld applications are accel-

erating the growth in business, government and socie-

GIS technology ecosystem is offering new communication tools to different sectors and making greater impact like Weather in areas Forecast. Urban and Planning, Agriculture, Environment, Asset Management and Services, he Navigation added.

Referring to the reforms introduced in the past 8 vears to revolutionize the GIS technology across the country, the Lt

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Four terror associates arrested in Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Four militant associates of The Resistance Front (TRF) outfit, involved in grenade attacks in Srinagar, were arrested here, police said.

Explosives and ammunition were recovered from

"Four terror associates of TRF arrested by Srinagar Police. These terror associates were involved in grenade attacks in Srinagar &

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Speeding truck mows down SPO in Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A 27-year-old Special Police Officer (SPO) was killed after being run over by a speeding truck at Narwal bypass here early Wednesday, police said.

The truck driver also suffered injuries when he lost control of his vehicle and hit parked truck, House Officer Station (SHO) of Bagh-e-Bahu Police Station Sikander Singh Chouhan said.

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Private cab falls into gorge in Kishtwar, 8 dead

LG Sinha, Dr Jitendra, Azad, Chugh, Bukhari express grief

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Eight persons were killed Wednesday when a cab skidded off the road and fell into a gorge in Kishtwar district, a senior officer said.

Commissioner, Deputy Kishtwar, Devansh Yadav said preliminary information has suggested that eight people were travelling in the private cab and all of them died in the accident.

"Bodies of eight persons have been recovered, but the rescue operation is still on," he told PTI.

SSP Kishtwar Shafqat Hussain Batt informed that at about 6 PM, an information was recieved that accident of a vehicle(Tata Sumo) occurred at Alasyar road towards Tatapani Marwah. Police party rushed on spot as per initial reports 8 casualties reported in which 4 are Male and 4 are Females.

The deceased have been identified as Mohd Amin, son



Wreckage of ill-fated vehicle at accident spot in Kishtwar.

resident of Chanjer Marwah, daughter of Gulam Rasool, Driver; Umer Gani, son of resident of Anjer Marwah. Abdul Gani Shah, resident of LG Manoj Sinha also Nowapachi Marwah; Mohd. expressed grief over the loss Irfan, son of Ramzan of 8 lives in a tragic accident Hajam, resident of Qaderna at Kishtwar. "Anguished to Marwah; Afaq Ahmed, son of learn about the loss of lives in Bashir Ahmed Hajam, resia road accident in Kishtwar. dent of Thachna Dachhan; My deepest condolences to Asia Banoo, daughter of bereaved families. Directed Mohd Younis, resident of district administration to Yourdoo Marwah; Safoora provide all necessary assis-Banoo, daughter of Ghulam tance," tweeted LG Manoj Rasool, resident of Anjer Sinha. Marwah: Muzamila Banoo. daughter of Zahoor Ahmed

Meanwhile MoS in PMO Dr Jitendra Singh expressed heartfelt Condolences

CAT permits Police to carry on with promotion of 208 candidates as DySsP

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Central Administrative Tribunal ordered that Police is at liberty to promote eligible candidates in department to the posts of DySP, however, the said promotion will be subject to final outcome of the OA. The applicants in OA 889/2022 have impugned the promotion order dated 28.4.2022 to the post of DySP, J&K on stop gap basis in their own pay and grade. Basically the applicants have challenged the seniority list of 2019 in OA 241/2022 which is still pending before this Tribunal for final disposal. Prior to

Minimum wages of daily rated workers increased

in Ladakh UT STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: The administration of

Union Territory of Ladakh has enhanced the wages of

As per the order issues by

Advisor Umang Nurla, the

revised wage of unskilled

workers from Rs 225 to Rs

450 per day. Similarly, the

daily wage of unskilled work-

ers hiked from Rs 350 to Rs

Masks no more compulsory

during air travel: Govt

NEW DELHI: The civil avi-

ation ministry on Wednesday

said the use of masks is not

compulsory during air travel

but passengers should preferably use them amid the

declining number of coron-

Till now, the use of masks

or face covers while travel-

ling on flights was mandato-

rv. In a communication to

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the scheduled airlines,

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daily-rated workers.

575 per day.

avirus cases

didates also challenged the said seniority list of 2019 before the CAT, Jammu Bench in TA 2 of 2020, TA 3 of 2020 and TA 4 of 2020 which are still pending for final disposal. This is fresh OA which has been filed by the similarly placed persons. Almost all applicants are common in OA 241/2022 and OA 889/2022.

that, a separate batch of can-

CAT observed that present OA came up for hearing before the Tribunal on 12.9.2022 and an interim order was passed in the following terms, "The respondents are directed not to

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SC to hear on Nov 29 plea against delimitation

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court said on Wednesday it will hear on November 29 a plea challenging the government's decision to constitute a delimitation commission for redrawing the Legislative Assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on the ground that it violated constitutional provisions.

A bench of Justices S K Kaul and A S Oka was told by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta that he has to put some documents on record in the matter.

Mehta said he had a word with the secretary concerned who dealt with the

The bench, while taking note of his submission, said the documents be filed within a week and posted the plea by



November 29.

The apex court had on May 13 observed the petitioners have not challenged the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution and therefore, pleadings concerning that were to be ignored. It had noted in its order that the challenge really was to the exercise undertaken in respect of the delimitation pursuant to the notifications, including those of March 6, 2020 and March 3,

The top court had asked the respondents -- the Centre, the Jammu and Kashmir administration and the Election Commission of India -- to file counter affidavit within six weeks.

The counsel appearing for the two petitioners, Haji Abdul Gani Khan and Mohammad Avub Mattoo, argued the delimitation exercise was carried out in contravention of the scheme of the Constitution and that alteration of boundaries and inclusion of extended areas should not have been done.

The plea has sought declaration that the increase in CONTD ON PAGE 9

Compassionate appointment can't be claimed or offered after crisis is over: HC not be claimed and offered

STATE TIMES NEWS

Malik, resident of Yourdoo

JAMMU: Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court held that compassionate appointment is not meant to substitute the regular employment and cannot be granted after a lapse of a reasonable period of time. The consideration for such employment is not a vested right which can be exercised at any time in future, as the object is to enable the family sionate appointment has to get over the financial crisis been rejected by the departwhich it faces at the time of ment. Besides, the petitioner has filed the present writ death of sole bread earner and accordingly, it can safely petition seeking a writ in the be concluded that the comnature of mandamus, passionate appointment can-

after a lapse of time and after the crisis is over.

The present writ petition is filed by way of third round of litigation, wherein the petitioner has called in question the order impugned bearing No. Adm/NG/04/57/6024-26 dated 20.10.2011 issued by the Director, Horticulture Department, Jammu by virtue of which, the case of the petitioner for compas-

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Every town to decide what it wants to be during upcoming MTMP: CS

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday impressed upon all the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to decide for themselves what they aspire to be known for during the soon to be held phase 2 of the 'My Town My Pride (MTMP)' programme.

The meeting was attended Principal Secretary H&UD; Divisional Commissioners; Secretary, PD&MD; Secretary, GAD; Commissioners: Deputy Director, Local Jammu/Kashmir and many other concerned



in Jammu on Wednesday.

Dr Mehta urged the officers to work with same zeal during this urban outreach programme like they performed during the recently concluded phase 4 of Back to Village programme. asked them to fix the

SEC orders repoll in Drugmulla, Hajin-A **DDC** constituencies **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: State Election Commission (SEC) on Wednesday announced date repoll in District Development Constituencies (DDCs) Drugmulla (Kupwara) and Hajin-A (Bandipora) which shall be held on 5-12-2022.

Pertinently, the counting of these constituencies was withheld by the (Election Authority) and subsequently through an order the voting in these constituencies was declared Void and it was ordered that a re-poll shall be held in both the DDCs by drawing the list of

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Govt for deducting JKCA remuneration of ex-DySP from his pension

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government Wednesday asked Advisor/Chief Financial Accounts Officer, PHQ, J&K to deduct amount which Sudershan Kumar Mehta, the then Dy.SP (now retired) has drawn as remuneration from Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA), from his pension.

"Director General of Police, J&K, vide communication dated June 13, 2018, forwarded a copy of complaint against Sudershan Kumar Mehta, the then I/c DySP (now retired), filed by one Desh Rattan Dubay, received

through the erstwhile J&K Commission." reads an order issued by Raj Kumar Goyal, Financial Commissioner /Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department. It added, "In the ibid com-

munication, the PHQ, J&K brought to the notice of Home Department that a factual report obtained from ADGP.

Guards/Civil Defence has prima-facie revealed that Sudershan Kumar Mehta, has accepted the full-time assignment Secretary, Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association

(JKCA) in different spells between 2003 to 2016, without seeking prior permission of the Government as was required in terms of Sub-rule of Rule 21 of J&K Government Employees (Conduct) Rules, 1971 and for drawing remuneration from Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association at the same time, he was drawing salary from the Government Exchequer as a Police

Whereas, the order added while the issue was still under examination in the Home Department,

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Step up efforts to effectively combat terror funding: G20 tells world community

BALI: The G20 countries on Wednesday asked the world community to step up their efforts to effectively combat money laundering and ter-

financing the grouping reaffirmed its commitdelivering h

strategic priorities of the FATF and its regional bodies to lead global action to

respond to these threats. A joint declaration issued at the end of the two-day G20 summit here said that the grouping encourages all members to strengthen collaboration to adopt and effectively implement the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) standards. "We recognise the need for

the international community to step up

their efforts to effectively combat m o n e y laundering, terrorism financing, and prolif-

eration financing," the declaration said.

The FATF is an inter-governmental body established in 1989 to combat money laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats to the integrity of the

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BSF ADG lauds troops for foiling evil designs of anti-national elements in J&K

security situation on Jammu

Indreshwar Nagar sectors,

IB, the spokesperson said.

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JAMMU: BSF Additional Director General, Western Command, P V Rama Sastry on Wednesday interacted with the troops deployed along the International border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir and lauded their efforts in foiling the nefarious designs of anti-national elements.

Sastry on the last day of his three-day tour of Jammu frontier visited Sunderbani and Indreshwar Nagar sectors along the IB and was briefed about complexities of management, overall deployment of BSF and domination plan under prevailing security scenario, a spokesperson of the border guarding force



to IB areas of Jammu Frontier. Inspector General, and battalion commanders Jammu frontier, D K Boora briefed Sastry on the ground and other senior officers of about complexities of management, overall deployment force accompanied Sastry who reviewed the of BSF and domination plan

Deputy Inspector General The ADG BSF also visited of BSF, Sunderbani and the vital areas of

of IB area under prevailing

security scenario, he said.

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Kathua case: Application for birth certificate nailed, juvenile now declared adult

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: A shoddily drafted application for a birth certificate was the loose string that led to the unravelling of the conspiracy to proclaim one of those accused in the 2018 gang rape and murder of an eight-year-old in Kathua as a juvenile.

On Wednesday, that story, told multiple times over the last four years, ended with the Supreme Court ruling that the accused claiming to be a juvenile can be treated as an adult and a trial should be initiated against him.

The case of the young man in his early 20s, who can now be identified as Shubam Sangra, was being heard by the Juvenile Board in Kathua in Jammu. He was lodged in a juvenile home in

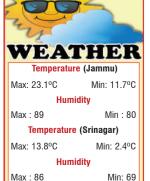
Jammu and was expected to be released soon.

With Sangra being tried in the gang rape-murder, the quest for justice for the child who was smothered to death in captivity in January 2018 takes a decisive turn.

The inconsistencies in dates and false information in the application for a birth registration certificate filed by Sangra's father on April 15, 2004 were crucial in nailing the lie. According to the charge

sheet in the case filed by the Jammu and Kashmir Crime Branch, Sangra was instrumental in the abduction, gang rape and killing of the child, Eight people, including Sangra, were accused in the case that shook

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Sunrise: 07:02 Hours