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AC approves advance payment to meet demand of over 4,600 FPS dealers

Enhances financial empowerment of PRIs



LG Manoj Sinha chairing Administrative Council meeting in Jammu on Wednesday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the proposal for Advance Payments in favour of FPS Dealers on account of their margin on monthly basis under NFSA Scheme.

Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K attended the meeting. Administrative Council approved Advance Payments of 75 per cent Central share on account of FPS Dealers margin, on monthly basis under NFSA Scheme, out of Revolving Fund (Foodgrains) Account, pending release of such claims by Government of India. Since the flow of funds of

Government of India under NFSA is not regular and there was persistent demand of FPS dealers for payment of commission at the rate of Rs.180/quintal to Fair Price Shop Dealers, the AC authorized for making payments as commission in advance of receipt of funds there by benefitting 4630 FPS dealers across the UT. This amount shall be recouped as and when

Central share is released by the GoI.

The proposal has financial implications of Rs. 32,95,05,998/- (@Rs. 180/quintal) during each Financial Year but the same shall be recouped as and when funds are received from GoI.

By another decision, the AC approved the delegation of powers for granting Administrative Approval, to Gram Panchayats, Block Samitis and Zila Parishads for execution of works, the expenditure of which will be met out of Panchayats' own resources.

In order to promote the involvement of PRIs in the development process, the Government has further empowered the Panchayati Raj Institutions financially. Sequel to this decision the Gram Panchayats have been vested with an authority

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Transnational, cross-border terrorism gravest threat to regional, global security: Rajnath

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday called for urgent and resolute global efforts to counter transnational and cross-border terrorism as he termed it the "gravest threat" to regional and global security.

During his address at the 9th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) Plus in Siem Reap, Cambodia, he asserted that "indifference" can no longer be a response, as terrorism has found victims globally.

Singh also said that while terrorism continues to



remain a big threat, other security concerns that have emerged in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic cannot be ignored, including challenges of energy and food

security. The ADMM Plus is an annual meeting of defence ministers of 10 ASEAN countries and its eight

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Three siblings jump from bridge in Bajalta as train approaches, 1 dies

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An 11-year-old girl was killed and her two siblings injured after they allegedly jumped from a railway bridge on Wednesday when they saw a train approaching, an official said. While Hadia Fatima died in the accident, her brother Mohiuddin (12) and sister Alia (six) sustained injuries, he said. The three siblings were on their way to school in the Bajalta area when the incident occurred, he said, adding it is possible that the children panicked and jumped off the bridge after noticing a train approaching. The injured were rushed to a hospital for treatment, the official said.

Searches carried out along IB in Samba

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Special Operations Group of the Jammu and Kashmir Police on Wednesday conducted a search operation in several forward villages of Samba district along the International Border (IB) here, an official said.

The SOG was assisted by the Central Reserve Police Force and the nearly three-hour-long combing operation was carried out as part of border area domination following the recent infiltration attempts from across the border, a police official said.

The search operation started in the early hours from S M Pora and covered Sapwal, Chamliyal and Narayanpur



Security forces carrying out search operation along border areas in Samba.

areas in Ramgarh sector, the official said.

The focus was on detecting any underground tunnel and suspicious material dropped by drones, but nothing suspicious was found, he added.

On Tuesday, the Border Security Force (BSF) had shot dead a Pakistani intruder in Armia sector of Jammu, while another was arrested and later repatriated in Ramgarh sector.

Special Court issues fresh production warrant for physical appearance of Yasin Malik

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A special court here on Wednesday issued a fresh production warrant for physical appearance of jailed JKLF chief Yasin Malik for cross-examination of witnesses in a case related to the gunning down of IAF personnel by terrorists in 1990.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) informed the court that it has already challenged the order before the Supreme Court.

The agency's senior special prosecutor Monika Kohli said the much publicised case came up for hearing, with the Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chief appearing through video-conferencing from Tihar jail and the

other accused being present in the court.

"The court again issued a fresh production warrant for the physical appearance of Malik on the next date of hearing on December 22," Kohli, who is also Senior Additional Advocate General, told reporters.

She said the CBI has already challenged the order for physical appearance of Malik before the Supreme Court as there is a direction from the Home Ministry because of another case pending against him.

"Since he has moved an application seeking his physical appearance, the court issued a fresh production warrant to facilitate cross-examination of witnesses by

him," she said.

On September 21, the court conceded Malik's demand for the first time for physical appearance to cross examine the witnesses in the abduction case of Rubaiya Sayeed, daughter of former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, by his group in 1989.

The special Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act (TADA) court has already framed charges separately against the JKLF chief and several others in the two cases.

While the charges were framed against Malik and six others on March 16 last year in the killing of four IAF personnel in 1990 on the

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Five PWD XEs promoted, adjusted as SEs, 15 AEEs as XEs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Wednesday ordered placement of Engineers (Civil) as Superintending Engineers (SEs) and 15 as Executive Engineers (XEs)

"Sanction is hereby accorded to the placement of 20 Engineers (Civil) to the next higher level in their own pay and grade and charge allowance as admissible," read an order issued by Shailendra Kumar, Principal Secretary, Public Works (R&B) Department.

As per order, the Engineers (Civil) who have been placed as I/c Superintending

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Incorporate in curriculum new learning framework, key concepts as recommend by NEP: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Saying that education is not about the race to come first but education is about achieving the highest peak of values in life, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday exhorted institutions to ensure that the new learning framework and key concepts as recommended by National Education Policy (NEP) are incorporated in curriculum.

"Syllabus should be more adaptable and dynamic, providing space for cutting edge innovation", the Lieutenant Governor said while inaugu-



LG Manoj Sinha speaking during Annual Youth Festival 'Sonzal-2022' at University of Kashmir.

rating the Annual Youth Festival 'Sonzal-2022' at the University of Kashmir. Sinha emphasized on lay-

ing specific focus on creativity, critical thinking, collaboration to replace

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Security situation in J&K improving, number of terrorists below 100: DGP

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The number of terrorists in the Valley has come down below hundred and the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir is better than before, the Union territory's police chief Dilbag Singh said on Wednesday.

He said security forces have been doing a commendable job which has led to better results on ground.

"I feel happy to inform you that the security situation is improving and is better than before," J-K Director



DGP Dilbag Singh briefing media at Srinagar.

General of Police (DGP) Singh told reporters in Anantnag after reviewing the security situation in south Kashmir. On terror attacks on non-

locals and minorities in the Valley, he said such actions were condemnable.

"These are barbaric attacks. They are attacking common people who come to Kashmir for their livelihood. Police and security forces have taken action whenever such attacks have happened. Some of those involved in the killing of innocent people have been killed in encounters. They face the same fate," he said. The DGP said there is a need for

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 24.4°C Min: 9.2°C

Humidity
Max: 78 Min: 73

Temperature (Srinagar)
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