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J&K ANTF arrests three inter-state UU drug smugglers

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SOG nabs two suspects for questioning

Students of JK Public School Kunjwani visited Old Age Home at Amphalla

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AC approves HR Policy for Anganwari Workers, Helpers Gives nod to flyover connecting Circular Road near Jullaka

Mohalla with Heritage Complex Jammu



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

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: As a major step towards the empowerment of women in the UT the Administrative Council (AC) which met here on Tuesday under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor. Manoj Sinha, approved the female Workers Anganwadi (AWWs) and Helpers working in the Integrated Child Development

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K attended the meeting.

The Administrative Council approved the proposal of comprehensive Human Resource Policy to govern the engagement, leave(s), promotion and other important aspects of this very vital work force of the department.

AWWs and AWHs shall be

(AWWs) and Sahayikas (AWHs). The unit for selection has also been re-defined in terms of electoral ward to remove any ambiguity in the selection process. The new policy also clearly lays down age criteria for selection, with domicile of UT being pre-requisite eligibility for competing in the selection process. Minimum qualification for Aanganwadi Worker shall be 10+2 and maximum

10+2 candidate is available in the Ward, 10+2 pass candidate from the adjoining ward shall be considered which would require prior approval of Mission Director, ICDS. Weightage shall be given to marks obtained in 10+2 and selection shall be done purely on merit basis. Candidates with qualification higher than graduation shall not be considered.

For selection as Anganwadi Helper, minimum qualification shall be Matriculation. The new HR policy also stipulates the quantum of leave. eligibility for training/capacity building and process for termination of services.

The services of both AWW/AWH shall end on attaining the age of 60 years and vacancy so arisen, shall be filled as per prescribed procedure. Moreover, if the AWW/AWH, after

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NEP to play significant role in making India knowledge superpower: LG

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said that National Education Policy (NEP) will play a significant role in making India a knowledge super power.

"Since, the government educational institutions are equipped with requisite tools and resources at par with private institutions, we need to assess our national and global ranking and take corrective measures", observed the Lt Governor while launching key initiatives of National Education Policy-2020 at an event held at Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government PG College for Women, Gandhi Nagar.

In order to supplement the successful implementation of NEP-2020 in a paperless mode, various digital initiatives have been launched such as, e-Samarth portal, feedback portal, Biometric attendance portal, Sparrow portal, and Annual Transfer Portal to bring transparency and accountability in the department.

The Lt Governor underlined that Inter-disciplinary curriculum and multidisciplinary education are at the heart of National Education policy to train future innovators and leaders.

Environmental, scientific, technologi-



LG Manoj Sinha speaking during the launch of key initiatives of NEP-2020 in Jammu on Tuesday.

cal transformation and globalisation has increased the pace of socio-economic changes. Problem-based learning will make the students familiar with realworld situations & develop thinking and creativity skills," the Lt Governor said.

The recommendations implemented in UG Program of all the colleges from 2022-23 session will bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical skills, provide resources and choice for research and flexibility in completing degree programme, the Lt Governor further added.

Sinha highlighted the transformation taking place in the education sector under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said: The future higher education & learning will be more dynamic, adaptable and personalized like a liquid learning model platform to seamlessly blend the ideas from different disciplines to prepare students for varied & comprehensive knowledge in rapidly shifting world.

The Lt Governor also emphasized that Teachers-Students need to capitalize on the advances in Science & Humanities for reorganizing classrooms and working world experience with focus largely on research and values that provide with skills and knowledge relevant for today and tomorrow. National Education Policy promotes

Special cells for women to be increased in J&K, Ladakh: NCW Chief

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: National Commission for Women (NCW) chairperson Rekha Sharma on Tuesday said special cells will be increased in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh to expand the commission's reach in the two Union territories.

"In the near future, we will increase the number of special cells in order to expand our reach. We need to strengthen the visibility through active engagement in communities on genderbased violence," Sharma said while chairing a meeting of the monitoring committee for 12 pilot special cells here.

Srinagar witnesses coldest night of season at minus 2.2 degrees Celsius

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Srinagar wit-

nessed the coldest night of this winter as the mercury slipped below freezing point at most places in Kashmir on Monday night, officials said. "Srinagar recorded a low of

(-) 2.2 degrees Celsius, the lowest of the season so far," a Meteorological Department official said here on Tuesday.

He said the Jammu and Kashmir summer capital had recorded a temperature of (-) 1.8 degrees Celsius on Sunday night.

inPahalgam south Kashmir, which serves as the base for the annual Amarnath vatra, was the coldest place in the Valley at (-) 4.2 degrees Celsius while Gulmarg in north Kashmir recorded a temperature of (-) 1.5 degrees Celsius, he

The minimum temperature is expected to fall further with the Met department forecasting dry weather over



Sunset: 17:27 Hours

Sunrise: 07:13 Hours

Min: 76

Max: 96

She stressed on the need for increasing awareness programmes in coordination with police and other allied departments for effective functioning of the special

The meeting was attended by NCW Joint Secretary A Asholi Chalai; Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Sheetal Nanda; DIG Central Kashmir Range, Sujit Kumar Singh; DIG, UT of Ladakh, S Junaid Mehmood; NCW Special Coordinator Neha Director Mahajan; Mission Shakti Harvinder Kaur; Assistant

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The National

Investigation Agency (NIA)

on Tuesday carried out

searches at 13 locations in

three states and two Union

territories as part of its

crackdown on the emerging

nexus between terrorists and

The third round of raids

and searches were conducted

Rajasthan and the Union

territories of Chandigarh

and Delhi, a spokesperson of

"The districts involved were

Fazilka, Taran Taran,

Haryana,

Ludhiana, Sangrur and Haryana and Rajasthan and

Punjab,

the NIA said.

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J&K catching up with 'One Nation One Challan' system: DGP important adding that both

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Complimenting the JK Traffic Police for launching the 100 per cent echallan system along with the Internet Payment Gateway (IPG) for payment of traffic fines in the Union Territory, Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh on Tuesday said that with this initiative the police will catch up with "One Nation One Challan System", which will not only benefit the citizens but also the police. The DGP was speaking at

the formal launch of 100 per cent E-challan system and Internet Payment Gateway (IPG) by Jammu and Kashmir Police in associa-

Terror-gangsters nexus: NIA conducts

searches at 13 locations in north India

Mohali of Punjab, Yamuna

Nagar district of Haryana,

Sikar district of Rajasthan

and outer North district of

Delhi/NCR to dismantle and

disrupt the emerging nexus

between terrorists, gangsters

and drug smugglers and traf-

fickers based in India and

abroad in two cases regis-

tered in August," the

The NIA said the raids and

searches are part of the

crackdown against organised

criminal syndicates and net-

works, top gangsters, their

criminal and business associ-

ates based in Punjab,

spokesperson said.



tion with J&K Bank formally at Police Headquarters.

The DGP, who was the Chief Guest and Baldev Prakash MD/CEO of J&K Bank, who was the Guest of Honour on the occasion, launched the system.

The launch was attended

arms suppliers based in

Searches were conducted at

the houses and other premis-

es of Kaushal Chaudhary of

Gurugram/Rajasthan, Vishal

Maan of Prahladpur-Delhi,

Binny Gurjar of Sangrur-

Punjab, Ravi Rajgarh of

Ludhiana-Punjab and their

associates, the spokesperson

During the searches, the

official said, incriminating

materials, including various

types of contraband, and

ammunition have been

seized. "Investigations will

continue to dismantle

and Delhi.

Rajasthan

by Spl DsG R R Swain, A K Choudhary, ADsGP Dr S D Singh Jamwal, Mukesh Singh, M K Sinha, Sunil Kumar, Danesh Rana, Garib Dass, IsGP Vikramjit Singh, B S Tuti, DIsG Sara Rizvi, Vivek Gupta, SO to IGP Traffic, SSP Jammu, SSP Traffic, all AIsG of PHQ, officers from J&K Bank, NIC J&K, and other officers from Police & J&K Bank.

At the very outset of the meeting a two minutes silence was observed to pay homage to the martyrs. He said that the traffic reg

ulation itself is a big challenge especially on highways during winter however enforcement is equally

Army sets-up 'Youth **Empowerment Centre'**

in Jammu **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Army on Tuesday facilitated the establishment of a 'Youth Empowerment Centre' here with the twin objective of conducting skill development courses and de-addiction drives to promote awareness against drug abuse, a defence spokesman said.

The centre at Gangyal on the outskirts of the city was set up in coordination with civil administration through Municipal Corporation to raise awareness against drug abuse and constructive engagement of youth,

better traffic management. He said that introduction

regulations & enforcement

have to go hand in hand for

of e-challaning by Traffic Police is another milestone achieved in the implementation of e-governance adding that it will definitely bring transparency in traffic management and enforcement.

The DGP said that the integrated system will ensure transparency and data reliability. He said that e-challaning will reduce the chances of unnecessary altercation between violators and enforcers adding that it will ultimately help in

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soon from Shiv Khori besides presenting agenda

Lord Shiva's live Arti to start

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar, on Tuesday chaired Board meeting of Shri Shiv Khori Shrine

The meeting was attended by Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Anshul Garg, Deputy Commissioner, Reasi SSKSB). Babila Rakwal, Director Tourism, Vivekanand Rai besides SSP Reasi, officers of JPDCL, PWD and board members.

VC SSKSB gave a detailed power-point presentation on the overall activities being carried out by the Board

Pertinently, Shri Shiv Khori cave is situated nearly 3.5 km away from village Ransoo, the base camp of the shrine. The distinct feature of the cave is a 4 feet high naturally formed "Shivji Maharaj Lingam". Other natural deities inscribed on the stones are also present

inside the cave. The road distance from Jammu to Ransoo-via Katra is 129 km, via Akhnoor-Bhambla is 112 km and from district HQ Reasi is 57 Km. Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board, was constituted in 2003,

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Two detained after drone covering wedding flies near Raj Bhawan

As use of drone is banned, how it was being operated; Banquet halls near vital installations a major security lapse

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two persons were detained on Monday after the drone they were using to cover a wedding flew near the Raj Bhawan, a designated 'no-fly

The drone has been seized and the duo is being questioned, they said on Tuesday.

"There was a (wedding) party going on in Hari Niwas Palace, right next to Raj Bhawan. The drone was spotted flying near the parking area of the Raj Bhawan. It might have been there to cover the function", a

He said since the area around the Rai Bhawan is a 'no-fly zone', the drone was seized and the two youth from Dehradun were detained for questioning. The drone will be checked to

ascertain if there was anything suspicious in it, he said. "Prima facie it has emerged

that the drone was being used to photograph a private event. Any further detail emerging shall be accordingly shared," Senior Superintendent of Police (Jammu), Chandan Kohli said.

Sale, use and even possession of a drone at a public place is banned, then how drones are being used for photography at a wedding that too near Raj Bhawan.

A retired police officer on the condition of anonymity opined that how a banquet hall is allowed to operate near sensitive and vital installation like Raj Bhawan.

Banquet halls are visited by numerous persons. How security agencies allowing this major security lapse in Jammu questions former police officer; adding, "There must not be any banquet hall near vital

Religious politics has deeply harmed India, says Azad

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Democratic Azad Party chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Tuesday said politics based on religion has "deeply harmed" the country and asked the voters to check the track record of every candidate and his party before casting their ballots to defeat the "divisive" elements. He termed the prevailing

trend of infusing religious divide for political gains by some parties as "unfortunate" and challenged them to debate with him on developmental issues.

"Religious politics has deeply harmed our country and people have suffered with no progressive roadmap available ahead," Azad said addressing a public meeting at Kastigarh in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir.



DAP Chief Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing a public meeting in Kastigarh block of Doda.

Asking the people to reject divisive politics, he said they should vote for candidates and parties on the basis of

"They (voters) must check the track record of every candidate and his party before casting the ballot. That is the only way to defeat the divisive designs," he said, adding that in the contemporary world, religious politics has no space. Without identifying any

party, Democratic Azad Party (DAP) leader said attempts are also being made in Jammu and Kashmir to divide the people on religious

"It is unfortunate some political parties are trying to divide the people on religious grounds to secure their political interests. Instead they shall focus on developmental issues, and create job avenues for our youth. But they know they cannot deliver so they adopt the communal strategy to gain power,

he said.

Azad reminded the people of his tenure as the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir for two-and-a-half years and termed it "golden developmental era" of the erstwhile state.

"The Chenab Valley was overlooked by successive regimes and no real development had taken place. When I became the chief minister, I built roads, schools, and hospitals for the Chenab Valley. Even a university was established when even schools were unavailable for basic education in this landlocked

"The people of Jammu and Kashmir and Chenab Valley in particular must reject the divisive agenda and join the DAP to ensure peace,

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Religion not possible without spirituality: RSS Chief

PRAYAGRAJ: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Tuesday said all the great men who awakened the society made spirituality the basis and religion is not possible without it.

Bhagwat, the chief guest at inauguration 'Aradhana Mahotsav' organized at the ashram of Swami Vasudevanand Saraswati in Alopibagh, said, "You look at saints, mahatmas, sanyasis great men Rabindranath Gandhiji or Ambedkar working in social life. He (Ambedkar) also used to say that nothing will happen

without religion". "Dharma means taking everyone along, driving



everyone. Where there is no religion, people believe that the one who is strong will go ahead and the one who is weak will surely die. Religion says that the one who is strong should protect the weak. Religion comes out of spirituality," he said. He said, "It is spirituality that

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