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Dr Jitendra to inaugurate three-day Kashmir Lxpo Start-up for Livelihood event today

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Bus turns turtle near Handwara, 28 passengers injured

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# J&K lifts National Divyang T20 Cup

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

## J&K Police SI recruitment scam: CBI conducts searches at 7 locations

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU/NEW DELHI: The CBI on Tuesday conducted searches at seven locations in Jammu, Pathankot, Rewari and Karnal in connection with the police sub-inspector recruitment scam in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

The searches were conducted at the premises of arrested mastermind Yatin Yadav constable CRPFSurender Singh among others, they said.

The CBI had taken over investigation into the case on August 3 on a reference from the Jammu and Kashmir government and registered a case on the request of J&K Government against 33 accused including then Officer, BSFMedical Frontier Hqrs, Paloura; then Member, JKSSB; then Under Secretary, then Section Officer (both of JKSSB); Ex Official of CRPF; ASI of J&K Police; Owner of a coaching centre,



Akhnoor; private company based at Bengaluru; private persons and unknown others on the allegations of irregularities in written examina-

The case pertains to the leak of question paper for the examination through which 1,200 posts of sub-inspectors were to be filled by the Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board (JKSSB), they said.

The agency has arrested 13 persons so far in connection with the case, they said. A Rewari resident, Yatin

Yadav, had allegedly leaked the question paper with the help of an employee of the printing press in Okhla.

Yadav allegedly used illicit services of touts based in Jammu and Kashmir, including constables of the Jammu and Kashmir Police and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), for luring candidates who were charged anything between Rs 20 lakh and Rs 30 lakh approximately for the paper, they said.

The candidates were allegedly taken to Karnal in Surender Singh and a question paper was provided to them at a hotel there, the CBI said.

The leaked question paper was also allegedly provided to the candidates in Jammu.

On July 8 this year, Jammu and Kashmir administration had cancelled the police subinspector recruitment following allegations of irregularities and recommended a CBI probe into the selection process. Taking to Twitter, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha had assured that the culprits will be brought to justice soon.

Earlier, Sinha had ordered an inquiry into the selection of police sub-inspectors after allegations of fraud in the recruitment process surfaced. The list of successful 1,200 successful candidates was declared by the Jammu Kashmir Services and Selection Board on June 4. Over 97,000

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#### **Justice Chandrachud to** become 50th CJI today

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Senior-most Supreme Court judge and CJI-designate Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud is all set to



head of t h e Indian judiciary on Wednesday when President Draupadi

Murmu would ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## 'Hybrid' terrorist

#### arrested in Pulwama **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Security forces on Tuesday arrested a suspected "hybrid" terrorist of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) in Pulwama district, an official

Abid Ahmad Sheikh was in touch with LeT commanders and involved in transportation of arms and ammunition, he said.

"Police alongwith security forces have arrested a hybrid terrorist of proscribed

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#### Centre grants 265 DNB medical seats to J&K there there will also get an

Lunar Eclipse 2022 seen in Jammu on Tuesday.

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: In sync with Prime Minister's vision of Health for All, the government has granted 265 Diplomate of National Board (DNB) postgraduate medical seats to several government hospitals in Jammu and Kashmir across 20 dis-

The step will not only benefit people of Jammu and opportunity of being trained in their own region, a health ministry statement said.

Tapping into this homegrown medical workforce would lead to an effective healthcare delivery system in the Union Territory, it said.

"With the vision of providing trained specialists in almost every district of Jammu and Kashmir, the Government of India took

this as a challenge in a mission mode," read the statement.

"The Ministry of Health along with National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) took a lead role and ensured that several postgraduate seats of NBEMS are granted to various government hospitals of Jammu and Kashmir," it said. As a consequence,

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### Patwari suspended over bribe charges in Kishtwar

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A revenue official was suspended and an inquiry was ordered after a video, purportedly showing him taking bribe, went viral on social media in Kishtwar district, an official said on Tuesday.

Kishtwar Deputy Commissioner Devansh Yadav ordered the immediate suspension of Patwari Vineet Kumar following a preliminary report submitted by Tehsildar Paddar showing "possible misdemeanor and misuse of office" by the official. Kumar was allegedly caught on-camera accepting the bribe at his office in village Massu last week and later the

Leh: Two-day

training on

DigiLab concludes

LEH/JAMMU: With an aim

to ensure effective usage of

the digital learning scheme,

headmasters and teachers of

27 schools in the district

completed a two-day train-

ing on DigiLab solution and

The Ladakh administra-

tion launched a pilot project

for digital learning in schools

in the region. Under this

pilot. Ladakh Autonomous

Hill Development Council

(LAHDC) has set up

DigiLab in government

schools of Leh district, cov-

ering all constituencies, they

So far, DigiLab has been

set up in around 200 govern-

the DigiLabs solution and its

operation was supported by

Ladakh's education depart-

ment and Solar Energy

Corporation of India (SECI)

and implemented by a foun-

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dation working to

ment schools in Ladakh. The two-day training on

its operation, officials said.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

#### video was circulated on social media.

Kewal Krishan, Patwari Halqa Gulagbarh, has been given the additional charge to look after the routine work of Patwari Halqa Massu till further orders, the official said. Taking strong note of the incident, the deputy commissioner sought a report from the concerned Tehsildar, the official said. The accused Patwari Kumar was attached to the office of Tehsildar Drabshalla and its Tehsildar Chander Shakhar Sharma was asked to conduct a discreet inquiry into the matter and furnish his report within 15 days, the offi-

cial said.

#### STATE TIMES NEWS PATNITOP: Union Minister

State Development Entrepreneurship and Electronics & IT, Rajeev Chandrasekhar on Tuesday said there has been significant changes in the domestic tourism circuit which is pivoting more towards wellness, healthcare and other activities like adventure or sports and thereby triggering a demand for diverse skills and opportunities while meeting with leaders of the hotel industry at Patnitop. The Minister urged them to draw a roadmap for making



Union MoS urges hotel industry to develop road map for

Patnitop as a pre-eminent tourism destination

Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar during his visit to Patnitop.

Patnitop a vibrant tourist destination, taking into consideration its local advantages and resources

He said road trips, places with smaller footprints, short term rentals or stay-at-home facilities have become more in vogue and the hotel industry must decide on the narrative for the destination, keep-

ing these changes in mind.

JAMMU: The government on Tuesday transferred four

According to the order

Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), Gopal Singh, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD, has been posted as Chief Executive Officer, Katra Development Authority; Rachna Sharma, Collector, 220KV Development Department, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Sub-Registrar, Jammu (South); Vishal Parihar, JKAS,

#### Tourism is all about human connect. The tourism fraternity must study, assess and deliberate, factoring in the resources and the skillsets available or required-to develop Patnitop as a preeminent tourist destination, he said.

Reiterating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's emphasis on developing the local economy, Rajeev Chandrasekhar said that self-help groups could play a big role in connecting the local craftspersons with the marketplace.

Our handicrafts exports last year were worth

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Four feared drowned as car

falls into Chenab

#### SDRF team carrying out search operation. STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADARWAH/JAMMU: At least four persons were feared drowned after a private car skidded off the road and rolled into the Chenab

Guru Nanak delivered a

river in Doda district on Tuesday, an official said. The accident took place at Shibnote-Karara along the

Batote-Kishtwar ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

#### 2 smugglers arrested, 27 Kg poppy straw seized

## STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Two interstate narcotic smugglers were arrested and 27 kg of poppy was seized from them in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district

Tuesday, officials said. A police team intercepted a truck on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway in Jakhani chowk, they said.

Upon its search, 27 kg of poppy packed in three plastic bags, which was being smuggled from Kashmir to Punjab, was seized, they said. The Singh and his associate Harpreet Singh, both hailing

driver of the truck Sukhdev from Kapurthala, Punjab,

# Statehood right of J&K people: Azad



at Changa, Bhalessa on Tuesday

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

Chairman Democratic Azad Party, Ghulam Nabi Azad on Tuesday said the grant of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir by the Centre is right of the people, who are craving for guarantee to the jobs and land for the bonafide permanent resi-

Democratic Azad ''MyAzad was received by thousands of people at both the

Party is fully committed to fulfill the aspirations of the people of my state," Azad. former J&K Chief Minister, said while addressing a mammoth gatherings at Changa Bhalessa and Gali Batoli on his fourth day of tour of Chenab valley, here Tuesday.

While addressing public meeting at Changa Bhellesa, his native pace, Azad assured the people that all the pending f developmental works in Bhelessa in particular and all over J&K in general will be executed more promptly then before

While referring to the problem, unemployment Azad expressed great concern over the burgeoining issue confronting to the youth. He also expressed dismay over the complete lack of opportunities to the skilled and unskilled workforce apart from the labour class. He pledged, "We

553rd Prakash Purab of Guru Nanak Dev

#### Four JKAS officers transferred

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

issued by Dr. Piyush Singla,

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#### Guru Nanak Dev's message of humanity most relevant today: Chugh **STATE TIMES NEWS** beacon light for the entire

humanity.

#### JAMMU: BJP national

general secretary Tarun Chugh Tuesday paid

obeisance Gurdwara Bangla Sahib on the occasion of Guru Nanak's Parkash He listened to

Shabad Kirtan and performed Kar Sewa. While recalling

Guru Ji's message of peace and amity for the entire humanity Chugh said Guru Ji's teachings are more relevant today and can become

message of equality for the entire humanity which we must follow with devotion and commitment, Chugh

#### were arrested, they said. Tragedy stares at Government buildings in

#### celebrated with devotion & enthusiasm **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: 553rd Prakash Purab (Birth Anniversary) of Guru Nanak Sahib was celebrated on Tuesday by entire Sikh community and other followers of Guru Nanak with great devotion and enthusiasm. The main programme (Gurmat Samagam) was organised by District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Jammu at Gurdwara Yadgar Guru Nanak, Chand Nagar, Jammu from 10 AM to 4 PM, which was attended by a large number of devotees.

On the occasion Bhai Sukhwinder Singh Dadehar, Sikh Preacher of Gurmat Gian Missionary College, Ludhiana highlighted message of Guru Nanak. He said that Guru Nanak traveled extensively to spread the message of peace and love for entire humanity and stressed for being selfless. Bhai Vikramjeet Singh, Preacher, Gurmat Gian



Nagar, Jammu on Tuesday.

Missionary College, Ludhiana also threw light on the teachings and life history of Guru Nanak. Similarly Bhai Anokh Singh, Hazoori Ragi, Gurdwara Baba Budda Sahib Amritsar, Bhai Jugraj Singh Hazoori

Ragi along with local Ragi Jathas of DGPC Jammu recited Shabad Kirtan. Different stalls of various preaching organisations and health department were also installed in premises of Gurdwara Sahib and

Guru Ka Langer was served all day. Stage was conducted by Surject Singh, General Secretary, DGPC Jammu and Ranjit Singh, President

DGPC also addressed the gathering. Ramesh Kumar Div Com Jammu, Anvy Lavasa DC Jammu, Rahul Yaday Commissioner JMC, Mukesh Singh ADGP Jammu, Chandan Kohli SSP Jammu, Harvinder Singh ADC (L&O), Kulbir Honda SP City, Narinder Singh Bali, Dr Vinod Kumar Health Officer JMC and Kulbushan Khajuria also attended the function. Prominent among those who paid obeisance included BJP J&K President Ravinder Raina, Yudhvir Sethi, Adv Purnima Sharma, Rattan Lal Gupta and Bashir Ahmad. All DGPC office bearers and members including Balvinder Singh Vice President Ranvir Singh Joint Secretary, Jagpal Singh Cashier, Harjeet Singh & ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

#### J&K's biggest warehouse market **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Hundreds of people here in Nehru market of Jammu risk their lives every day living in ramshackle government flats which outlived their utility years back with little to no hope of a safe rehabilitation from the authorities.

buildings declared "unsafe for habitation" by the Jammu Development Authority (JDA) in 2012, yet they house several families and businesses

Nehru Market happens to be Jammu and Kashmir's biggest warehouse belt having firms serving the region since the 1950s, when the buildings were first erected.

The three buildings located in the market have 72 quar-

ters and over 50 shops which were constructed in the early 1950s in the heart of the city famed for its temples. But over the decades, they

have been reduced to being rundown structures with their residents eking out with a precarious existence with a very literal danger hanging above their heads. Besides their old age, these

buildings are also alleged by the residents to be the victims of neglect and poor maintenance by the estates department and JDA. Their occupants have been

demanding that they be shifted to a safer place, and worry it will take nothing less than a catastrophe before the authorities wake up. "I feel the government is waiting

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Sunrise: 06:55 Hours

