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AC gives nod to 4 New Industrial Estates in J&K

IE's to come up at Budhi Kathua, Medicity Jammu, Chandgam, Lelhar Pulwama



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

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Administrative Council (AC), which met on Saturday under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, accorded the administrative approval for setting up of 4 new Industrial Estates in J&K.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor; Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary and Mandeep Kumar Principal

Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor, attended the meet-

These include Industrial estates at Budhi Kathua, Medicity Jammu, Chandgam and Lelhar Pulwama which shall be developed over 1379 Kanals of land with an investment of Rs 136.65 Crores. A part from attracting the investments, the projects shall provide a boost to local employment and is expected to generate over 11497 jobs in the private sector.

The new Industrial estates shall be comprehensively developed in terms of infrastructure viz. internal road works, availability of electric-Centralized Water Distribution System, rainwater harvesting, roadside

Besides, the development shall involve setting up of Centralized Effluent Treatment plants on new patterns as per the norms of the National Green Tribunal & other facilities on modern

Purchase of land for new building for JK Guest House NCR approved

Administrative Council on Saturday approved the proposal of Hospitality & Protocol Department to purchase land for construction of a new building for J&K Guest House at National Capital, New Delhi at an estimated cost of Rs. 26

Pertinently a significant portion of the J&K Guest . House at Chanakyapuri (CPGH), New Delhi, was

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state of art technology. The timeline for completion of projects shall be 18 months.

Schools in Kashmir to remain closed for 3 months for winter break **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: With Kashmir gripped by cold weather conditions, authorities here on Saturday announced that schools in the valley will remain closed for about three months for the winter

While the winter break for students up to class 8 will begin on November 28, that for students of classes

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High altitude Buddhist village in Kishtwar gets telecom connectivity ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Sumcham, a high altitude Buddhist village, nestled close to the Kargil region and adjacent to the renowned Paddar Sapphire Mine has received telecom connectivity.

A ЛО mobile tower has been successfully installed in the Dangail area, according to an official.

"Through the use of VSAT technology, the entire vicinity of Dangail and its surroundings now revel in seamless connectivity through

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High level security review meeting held in Jammu Security situation not alarming in J&K, terror attacks nothing but pin-pricks caused by Pak: DGP

to cultural heritage: Sham Lal

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A high level security review meeting was held here on Saturday with participants from the Army, police and other security and intelligence authorities discussing and deliberating the prevailing situation across the Jammu region, officials said.

The core group security review meeting was cochaired by General Officer Commanding (GOC) of 16 Corps Lieutenant General Sandeep Jain and Director General of Police R R Swain and comes close on the heels of a major encounter in the border district of Rajouri that left five Army personnel and two terrorists dead.

The Jammu-based white Knight Corps said the meeting was attended by senior officers of the Central Armed Police Force, intelligence agencies and police along with senior Army officials.

Matters pertaining to the security situation, sharing of intelligence and synergy in the Jammu region were dis-



GOC of 16 Corps Lieutenant General Sandeep Jain and J&K DGP R R Swain chairing core group security review meeting in Jammu on Saturday.

Initiated action over fake WhatsApp profile of DGP: Police

JAMMU: Police on Friday said that a fake WhatsApp profile of Director General of Police Rashmi Ranjan Swain has been created with "malicious intent".

Any transaction with the account should be reported to the nearest police station or the cyber police station in Srinagar and Jammu, a police spokesman said.

Necessary action as warranted under law has been initiated. he said. "A delinquent and fraudster has created a fake whatsapp profile using the number +99 8914128090. It has a photo of J&K DGP Rashmi Ranjan Swain (IPS) as DP (display picture)" he said. "Since it is a fake profile created with malicious intentions, no one should reply or respond to this number, he added.

cussed and deliberated during the meeting, it wrote on

Meanwhile, General of Police (DGP)

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Union Housing Secy reviews dev works under SSCP

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Union Ministry of Secretary, Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Manoj Joshi, on Saturday visited Srinagar to review development works being carried out under Srinagar Smart City Project.

Union Secretary, who is on a 2 day visit to Srinagar, is being accompanied by Chairman Advisory Board Smart City, Keshav Varma. Secretary Principal

H&UDD, Prashant Goyal; CEO SSCL/Commissioner SMC, Athar Aamir Khan; VC LCM, Bashir Ahmad; SSCL/Joint Commissioner SMC, Riyaz

Huge cache of arms, ammunition recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS BANIHAL: Security forces

launched a search operation in Ramban district and seized arms, ammunition and explosive material on Friday, officials said.

Acting on information about the presence of a huge cache of arms and ammunition in the forest area of Sarniyal, a joint team

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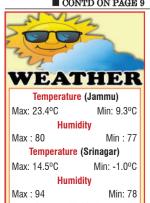
Interstate drug peddler arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: An interstate drug smuggler was arrested in Samba district on Saturday along with heroin worth over Rs 4 crore in the international market, police said.

Liagat Ali alias Lucky, a resident of Gurdaspur in Punjab, was arrested in Rajpura along the Jammu-Pathankot highway during a routine vehicle check, a police spokesperson said. Ali had entered Samba

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(UD)SSCL, Anuj Malhotra and other senior officers from allied departments were present during the visit.

During the first day of the visit, Manoj Joshi visited Dal Lake Sunset Plaza on Boulevard, Char Chinari, Cycle Track Nishat Sathu, Selfie Point, Nishat Northern Foreshore Road. Shalimar Canal, Dal-Habbak STP at Habbak and Mahraj Gunj Downtown to take stock of the completed and ongoing projects.

Later, Union Secretary chaired a PowerPoint Presentation on Solid

STATE TIMES NEWS

Justice of India D Y

Chandrachud on Saturday

said identity and its recogni-

tion by the State plays a cru-

cial part in what resources

people get and their ability to

express their grievances and

Delivering the keynote

speech at the plenary session

of the 36th 'LAWASIA' con-

ference virtually, he spoke on

"Identity, the Individual and

the State - New Paths to lib-

LAWASIA is a regional association of lawyers,

judges, jurists and legal

Govt convenes all party

meet on Dec 2 ahead

of Winter session

ment has convened an all-

party meeting on December

2 ahead of the Winter session

of Parliament, sources said

The session will begin on

December 4 and conclude on

Though the all-party meet

is convened a day before the

session begins, this time it

has been advanced by a day

apparently due to counting

of votes for five states on

December 3 where polls are

The results of the assembly

elections will have a major

bearing on the session dur-

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ing which the government

on Saturday

December 22.

underway.

demand their rights.

Chief

BENGALURU:

greenery/plantation etc.

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BENGALURU: Clad in an

olive green fighter pilot G-

Narendra Modi on Saturday

took to the skies in the home-

Aircraft Tejas after which he

said the experience has bol-

stered his confidence in the

country's indigenous capabil-

It was for the first time

that an Indian prime minis-

ter undertook a fighter air-

craft sortie, according to the

The sortie was carried out

from the Aircraft Systems

We are confronted with fundamental questions

about ethical treatment of AI: CJI

organisations which advo-

cates for the interests and

concerns of the Asia Pacific

He also spoke on how in the

digital age "we are faced with

several fascinating aspects of

"There is a complex inter-

play between Artificial

Intelligence (AI) and person-

Indian Air Force (IAF).

Light Combat

apportioned to the

The establishment of new industrial estates is in line with the commitment of the government to boost industrial development and entrepreneurship in J&K.

Modi undertakes sortie on Tejas aircraft, says his experience bolstered confidence in indigenous capabilities

PM Narendra Modi after taking sortie on IAF multirole fighter jet Tejas on Saturday.

that during the 30-minute ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Testing Establishment, an the prime minister

hood where we find ourselves

navigating uncharted territo-

ries that demand both philo-

sophical reflection and prac-

In contemplating the inter-

section of AI and person-

hood, "we are confronted

with fundamental questions

about the ethical treatment

He cited an example of a

human-robot (Sophia) that

was granted citizenship (in

Saudi Arabia) and said, "We

must reflect on whether all

humans who live, breathe

and walk are entitled to per-

sonhood and

of these technologies....

tical considerations."

IAF statement said, adding sortie over the skies of Bengaluru the capabilities of Teias were demonstrated to

Wearing aviator glasses and a helmet, an elated Modi, who undertook the sortie sitting in the rear seat behind the pilot in the cockpit waved multiple times from

Two Kashmiri youths held in Nagpur for abducting' 15-year-old girl from J&K ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NAGPUR: A joint team of police from Jammu and Kashmir and Nagpur on Saturday arrested two youths for allegedly abducting a 15-year-old girl from the Union Territory and bringing Maharashtra, an official said.

The minor, a Class 10 student, was apparently in a relationship with one of the accused, Mohd Muddasir Hussain (19), said the Sitabuldi police of Nagpur city. Muddasir allegedly promised to marry the girl and get her a job

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the twin-seater aircraft. Taking to social media plat-

form 'X', the prime minister said, "Successfully completed a sortie on the Tejas.' The experience was incred-

ibly enriching, significantly bolstering my confidence in our country's indigenous capabilities, and leaving me with a renewed sense of pride and optimism about our national potential." In the video footage of his

sortie, the prime minister can be seen flashing thumbs-up gestures with a broad smile after boarding the aircraft and on landing

Doodh Ganga, Mamath Kull streams after NGT rap STATE TIMES NEWS on the part of the adminis-SRINAGAR: The Jammu tration in waste management

J&K Admn sanctions Rs 32 Cr for restoration of

and Kashmir administration has sanctioned Rs 32 crore for the restoration of the Doodh Ganga and Mamath Kull streams in the valley after the NGT directed it to pay compensation for discharging untreated sewage into the water bodies.

In October last year, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) said there were "serious lapses" on the part of the administration in waste management as well as in failing to control illegal mining and asked it to pay a compensation of Rs 35 crore. "There are serious lapses

and in failing to control illegal mining which has resulted in huge damage to the environment and public health," the NGT had said in an order while hearing an application moved by activist Raja Muzaffar Bhat.

The tribunal said the amount be used for the restoration of the environment, which will include preventing the discharge of sewage in an unscientific manner in drains or otherwise and improving the water quality of the drain. While filing its response in the

1,117 electricity connections disconnected in Kashmir as noose tightened on 'erring' consumers

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SRINAGAR: Tightening the consumers indulging in direct hooking from the power line, violation of the agreed load and bypassing the electricity metres, the authorities in Kashmir have disconnected 1.117 connections, an official spokesman said on Saturday.

The authorities realised a revenue of more than Rs 29 crore in the last four days, the spokesman added.

In order to provide relief to genuine consumers, the Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) has escalated its night patrolling and inspection drives to tighten noose on "erring" consumers who indulge in widespread hooking, violation of the agreed load and bypassing of the metres, the spokesman said.

The KPDCL collected a revenue of Rs 29.89 crore from consumers over the last four days amidst scaled-up drives to check energy pilferage that primarily results in outages and damage to transformers, thus bringing hardships to genuine consumers, he said.

A revenue of Rs 9.18 crore as pending arrear dues were collected on Friday alone by the corporation.

The spokesperson said out of 1,153 inspections carried out in the Kashmir Division, 331 were conducted in Srinagar, 367 in Ganderbal. 140 in Pulwama, 142 in Bijbehara and 154 in Sopore.

Around 228 kW load was added across these six circles of the corporation during these drives, the spokesman further said.

A penalty of Rs 7.81 lakh was also imposed for unauthorised use of electricity according to Section 126 of the Electricity Act.

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Wins 3rd prize in Vision: Design for the Future' **Architect Ashish Rohmetra shines in International Competition**

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STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: The govern-

legal progression.

Artificial Intelligence.

JAMMU: Ashish Rohmetra, is an award-winning architect from J&K and founding partner of Nida Architects, got third prize in an international competition for a Blind School in Guhawati.

An international competition 'Vision: Design for the Future' was organized by Archdais Private Limited which culminated recently in a stunning disof creativity and vision.

Ashish, son of Narinder Rohmetra, a retired Chief Engineer, has over many years of experience working on high-end commercial



Kolkata.

Jammu, Delhi NCR, and Ashish Rohmetra also earlier received Architecture And Interior

Excellence Award 2023

under Category Premium Residential Projects, Hospitality Commercial Projects by Architects of India at Bangalore by achieving prize amongst 1000 plus entries in an "International Interior Design Awards -Residential", Category: organised by Archdais. The award was bestowed

to recognize outstanding ideas that redefine the interior design through the implementation of novel technologies, materials, programs, aesthetics and spatial organizations.

In competition for a Blind School in Guhawati, architects, designers, students.

and visionaries around the globe rose to the challenge of designing an Educational Centre for Visually Impaired Learners, aimed at breaking down barriers and fostering inclusivity.

Each submission was a testament to the power of design in bridging gaps and creating empathetic, inclusive environments.

The participants showcased how architecture can do more than create spaces, it can build communities and change perceptions.

The work highlighted the significance of accessible, aesthetically pleasing, and functional designs enhancing lives.

Cold conditions in Kashmir, Srinagar records minus one deg C



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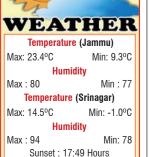
SRINAGAR: A day after slight respite from cold, the minimum temperature has dropped below the freezing point at most places in Kashmir, officials said on Saturday.

Barring Kokernag, in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, all other weather

stations in the valley experienced sub-zero night temperatures, the MeT officials said.

The officials said Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir. recorded a minimum temperature of minus 1 degree Celsius on Friday night

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Sunrise: 07:05 Hours