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# Jammu-Srinagar highway closed again due to fresh landslides

### Sub-zero temperatures grip Kashmir

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu-Srinagar national highway was closed again due to fresh landslides in Ramban district on Tuesday, triggering massive traffic jams on the stretch, officials sources said. Many truckers, who are stranded on the highway for the past several days, blamed the traffic management authorities for not allowing them to move on, causing them huge financial losses as perishable goods they carry have been damaged.

The highway was closed for traffic due to a landslide in the Mehar area of Ramban, the official sources said.

The men and machines are working to clear the highway of the debris and shooting stones, which pose a grave danger to the lives of the people, they said.

Massive traffic jams were seen at many places on the highway.

The 270-km Jammu-Srinagar national highway was reopened for traffic on



Monday after remaining closed for the past three days owing to heavy snowfall and multiple landslides in Ramban district.

The highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, was closed for traffic on Friday afternoon, shortly after it was opened after two days closure, following heavy snowfall and multiple landslides between Chanderkote and Ramsu.

While passenger vehicles and some vehicles carrying essentials were allowed to move towards the Kashmir Valley on Monday, others

remained stranded on the stretch.

Some vehicle owners protested over their halt on the highway and said the perishable items in their vehicles have destroyed.

"We are stranded on the highway for the past five days. We are carrying vegetables and most of them have perished. If they allow vehicles carrying chicken, why they have halted vehicles carrying vegetables. It has caused us a grave loss," a trucker, Sadiq, told reporters.

Meanwhile, sub-zero temperatures returned to the

Kashmir Valley as the mercury plunged with Gulmarg and Pahalgam witnessing extreme cold conditions, officials said.

Gulmarg, the famous ski resort in Baramulla district, recorded a low of minus 10.6 degrees Celsius. This is for the third straight night that the minimum temperature in Gulmarg has fallen to minus 10 degrees Celsius or below, meteorological officials said.

South Kashmir's Pahalgam, which serves as the base camp for the annual Amarnath Yatra, recorded a low of minus 10.4 degrees Celsius, a drop of nearly eight degrees, they said. Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, was the only place where the minimum temperature was above the freezing point at 0.2 degrees Celsius last night, the officials said.

Qazigund, the gateway town to the Valley, recorded a low of minus 0.6 degrees Celsius, while the

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### Winter Vacations for faculty of SKIMS cancelled

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In view of the upsurge of COVID-19 / Omicron cases, the winter vacation-2022 of faculty members of the SKIMS stands cancelled.

In this regard circular has been issued and all the faculty members have been directed to resume their duties immediately, without any delay. Director SKIMS, Prof. Parvaiz A Koul

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### Three IAS officers placed in Jr Admin Grade

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Tuesday placed three IAS officers of 2013 Batch in the Junior Administrative Grade of IAS.

"Sanction is accorded to the placement of the three IAS officers of 2013 batch of the J&K Segment of AGMUT Cadre namely Vikas Kundal, Avny Lavasa and Anshul Garg in the Junior Administrative Grade of IAS (Level-12) with effect from January 1, 2022," read an order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary,

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# Republic Day: Kashmir situation reviewed; area domination ops launched in Samba

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR/SAMBA: Inspector General of Police Kashmir zone Vijay Kumar on Tuesday reviewed the general security situation in the valley ahead of the Republic Day celebrations later this month.

Kumar chaired a security review meeting at Police Control Room Kashmir through video conferencing with deputy inspectors general of the various ranges, Senior Superintendents of Police and other officers.

A police spokesman said the IGP was briefed by the officers about the overall security scenarios in their respective areas and the security measures being adopted to counter the challenges.

The IGP was also briefed about the security measures and preparations put in place in connection with upcoming Republic Day besides, the measures taken in view of the third COVID-19 wave.

The IGP discussed the initiatives taken for the maintenance of law and order



Security forces during long-range patrolling and area domination operation in border areas of Samba district.

besides anti-terrorist operations in the valley.

Kumar also appreciated them for their commitment towards their duties and contribution in maintenance of law and order and in conducting successful anti-terror operations with no collateral damage.

He emphasized upon them that such efforts and coordination with other forces working on ground should continue to ensure a peaceful atmosphere in the valley.

He directed the officers to make all necessary and required arrangements in connection with 26th

January for ensuring peaceful celebrations of the event.

Kumar also directed the officers to personally supervise the arrangements required in connection with the event.

Meanwhile, security forces have launched a long-range patrolling and area domination operation in border areas of Samba district to keep a vigil on anti-national elements ahead of the Republic Day, officials said.

Several bids to smuggle weapons and infiltrate terrorists into the Indian side of the border have been

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## COVID SITUATION: Modi to hold meeting with CMs on Thursday

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to hold a meeting with chief ministers over the COVID-19 situation on Thursday as the number of virus infections sees a surge due to its Omicron variant.

Fresh curbs have been imposed in various parts of the country to check the spread of the highly transmissible virus.

Reviewing the Covid situation at a high-level meeting on Sunday, Modi had called for ensuring adequate health infrastructure at the district level and accelerating the vaccination drive for adoles-



cents in mission mode.

The precaution vaccination drive for healthcare and frontline workers besides those over 60 years of age with comorbidities has also started.

Vaccination remains among the most effective means to fight Covid, Modi had said.

The prime minister

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# J&K records 1,148 new COVID cases, 2 deaths

## Kashmir reports first case of Omicron as 2 locals, 3 tourists test positive

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A total of 1,148 people were confirmed COVID-19 positive in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, registering a 63 percent jump in daily cases, officials said.

The union territory also reported two more deaths, raising the toll to 4,542.

The total number of infections has risen to 3,46,506, the officials said.

Of the fresh cases on Tuesday, 640 were recorded from the Jammu division and 508 from the Kashmir division, they said.

Jammu district recorded

the highest of 301 cases, followed by 256 cases in Srinagar district, they added.

There are 4,810 active Covid cases in the union territory as of now. The number of recovered patients was 3,37,150, the officials said.

Meanwhile, Kashmir has recorded its first cases of the Omicron variant of coronavirus as two locals and three tourists tested positive for the strain, officials said Tuesday.

"Omicron has finally made its way to Kashmir. 05 cases detected. Stay safe stay healthy. Follow Covid appro-

priate Behavior, follow Sops," Kashmir Health Services Director Mir Mushtaq tweeted.

While one patient was detected in Uri (Baramulla district) the other was diagnosed in Shopian district. Three tourists has also tested positive for the variant.

The number of Omicron cases in Jammu and Kashmir has gone up to eight now as three cases were detected in Jammu last month.

According to reports from Leh, Ladakh's coronavirus caseload surged to 22,686 during the past 24 hours

with 125 fresh infections, while the death toll climbed to 222 as one more person succumbed to the virus, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, 118 were from Leh district and seven from Kargil district, they said.

The latest death was reported from Leh, the officials said.

The number of active coronavirus cases in Ladakh increased to 397. Of these, 373 cases are in Leh district and 24 in Kargil district, they said. Of the total 222 deaths, 164 were

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## 14 DySPs transferred

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Director General of Police, J&K, Dilbag Singh on Tuesday transferred 14 Deputy Superintendents of Police (DySPs).

As per order. Parshotam Kumar Mengi, SDPO Gandhi Nagar has been transferred and posted as DySP CID (SIA); Pardeep Kumar, SDPO Gool as SDPO Nagrota; Zaheer Abbas DySP DAR Rajouri as SCRB Jammu; Nisar Ahmad, SDPO Marwah as SDPO Banihal; Shivali Kotwal, DySP Traffic City Jammu as SDPO Barabrahma; Syed Zaheer Abbas Jafari, SDPO Mendhar as SDPO

East Jammu; Nihar Ranjan, SDPO Barabrahma as SDPO Gool; Ashish Gupta, SDPO Banihal as SDPO Marwah; Sajad Sarwer, SDPO East Jammu as DySP DAR Shopian; Sheezan Bhat, DySP DAR Shopian as SDPO Mendhar; Mansha Beg, DySP Hqrs Srinagar as SDPO Nehru Park; Parupkar Singh, SDPO Nagrota as DySP DAR Rajouri; Sachit Sharma, SDPO Nehru Park as SDPO Gandhi Nagar; and Farha Nishat, DySP SCRB Jammu has been posted as DySP Traffic City Jammu.

## Lata Mangeshkar hospitalised after testing positive for COVID

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MUMBAI: Singing legend Lata Mangeshkar has been admitted to a hospital here after she tested positive for Covid, her niece said on Tuesday.

The 92-year-old singer is in the ICU ward at the Breach Candy hospital and her symptoms are mild, her niece Rachana told PTL. "She is mild Covid positive. Considering her age, doctors advised us that she should be in the ICU because she requires constant care. And we cannot take a chance. As a family, we want the best and want to ensure she has 24x7 care, Rachana said. She will be fine. But it is going to take a while because of her age. And also, COVID-19 takes seven days, she added.



**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 19.6°C Min: 6.2°C

Humidity

Max: 91 Min: 59

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 9.2°C Min: 0.2°C

Humidity

Max: 87 Min: 57

Sunset : 17:45 Hours

Sunrise : 07:34 Hours

## ACB nabs ASI red-handed while accepting bribe

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Sleuths of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday arrested an Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI) of J&K Police in Kupwara district for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 10,000 from a driver for getting his vehicle released from the Court.

As per an official spokesperson, ACB received a complaint on its Helpline alleging therein that one Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI) Mohammad Sultan Mir of Police Station Kupwara is demanding bribe for providing report to the Court on an application

moved by him. "The complainant had made an application before the Court for release of his truck and other documents which were seized by Police in an accident case. He further told that his truck met with an accident on November 29, 2021 near Heri, Kupwara," he said. "During investigation of accident case, documents of the complainant's vehicle and vehicle were seized by Police Station Kupwara. For releasing these documents and vehicle, the complainant moved an application before the Sessions Court Kupwara," he said adding that accordingly, Court

sought report from Police station Kupwara.

"Complainant approached ASI Mohammad Sultan Mir, Investigating Officer of case for providing report to the court. ASI Sultan Mir demanded bribe from him for providing report to the court. Soon after getting complaint, investigation started during which commission of offences as defined under section 7 of PC Act 1988 were prima facie established. Accordingly, FIR No. 01/2022 was registered at Police Station ACB Baramulla against ASI Mohammad Sultan

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## Govt extends FY21 ITR filing deadline for corporates till Mar 15

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The government on Tuesday extended till March 15 the deadline for corporates to file Income Tax returns for the fiscal ended March 2021.

The deadline to file tax audit report and transfer pricing audit report for 2020-21 fiscal too has been extended till February 15.

This is the third extension given to corporates for filing the income tax return for 2020-21 fiscal. The original deadline for filing ITR for corporates was October 31, and those with transfer pricing transactions was November 30.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) in a

statement said that on consideration of difficulties reported by the taxpayers and other stakeholders due to COVID and in electronic filing of various reports of audit, it has decided to further extend the due dates for filing of Income Tax Returns and various reports of audit for the Assessment Year 2021-22 (2020-21 fiscal).

The extended deadline for filing ITR for corporates is now March 15, and the tax audit report is February 15, 2022.

The last date for filing 2020-21 ITRs without penalty for individual taxpayers ended on December 31, 2021, and nearly

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## Govt amends Public Servants Declaration of Assets & Other Provisions Rules

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Tuesday made amendments in the Jammu and Kashmir Public Servants Declaration of Assets and Other Provisions Rules, 1998 asking public servants to submit annual returns through online mode for a calendar year and provide details regarding the assets possessed by him and his family.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by section 16 of the Jammu and Kashmir Public Men and Public Servants Declaration of Assets and Other Provisions Act, 1983, the Government makes amendments in the Jammu

and Kashmir Public Servants Declaration of Assets and Other Provisions Rules, 1998," reads S.O. 14 Notification issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department.

The notification reads that in Rule 3 of the Rules, sub-rule (1) shall be substituted as every public servant shall submit annual return through online mode for the calendar year between 1st and 31st January, of the next calendar year; in respect of all the assets possessed by him and his family members which shall include the assets in respect of movable property, the value of which exceeds

his two months basic salary in each case, giving full particulars regarding cash balance, saving bank deposits, shares, cash certificates, fixed deposits, debentures, security bond, jewellery ornaments and household items (electric and electronic items only).

Sub-rule (2), as per the notification has been omitted.

"Rule 4 of the Rules shall be substituted as restriction to acquire and transfer of movable property. Every public servant shall bring to the notice of the prescribed authority the acquisition or transfer of movable

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# J&K figures among top ranking UTs/states in COVID vaccination

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir figures among the best equipped states and Union Territories in the fight against Covid-19 pandemic. It is also the second state/UT in the country to achieve 100 percent vaccination of age appropriate population.

The reassuring statement has come from Director Health Services, Jammu, Dr Saleem-ur-Rehman to allay the rising fears of the third Covid-19 wave in the region.

The Director has advised the public not to neglect Covid appropriate behaviour

due to the purported 'mild symptoms' being reported amid the latest Covid wave. "We have started witnessing an exponential rise in the number of Covid cases and there is a need to avoid panic and adopt Covid appropriate behaviour," he said.

The DHS said that J&K has received extraordinary support from the Union Government in its fight against the Covid and is well prepared to deal with an eventuality.

The Director attributed the achievement of record number of vaccinations to close

monitoring from the highest level of UT administration led by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. The regular review and intervention by the Lieutenant Governor, the Chief Secretary and the Additional Chief Secretary has put J&K in the best shape, he said.

Putting in simpler words, the DHS explained that the reason behind the readied stance of J&K is due to the surplus availability of beds and oxygen plants.

"We have more than 84 functional oxygen plants,

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## 41 Kanals JDA land retrieved in Roop Nagar



A JCB demolishing illegal structures in Roop Nagar area.

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu Development Authority on Tuesday retrieved its 41 Kanal Prime land here in Roop Nagar.

Anti-encroachment drive was jointly launched by the District Administration,

Police and JDA at Sector-06 Roop Nagar, Tehsil Jammu North and the encroached land falling under khasra No. 1193 and 1206 was retrieved during 5 hour long anti-encroachment drive. During the

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