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J&K records 2,827 fresh infections, 5 deaths 16 more areas declared as Micro Containment Zones in Jammu; JU

postpones MBBS-Ist Prof Regular exam; SKIMS, KU too defers exams

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Witnessing slight decline in Covid cases, Jammu and Kashmir on Monday recorded 2,827 fresh cases, raising the tally to 3,62,200, while five more deaths pushed the toll to 4,572, officials said.

A day earlier, 3499 cases were reported in the Union

Of the cases on Monday, 1,093 were reported from the Jammu division and 1,734 from the Kashmir division, the officials said.

They said Jammu district recorded the highest of 711 cases, followed by 618 cases in Srinagar district.

There are 17.928 active cases in the union territory. The number of recovered patients was 3,39,700, the

officials said. The toll in the union territory due to the pandemic rose to 4,572 as five fresh deaths were reported in the past 24

hours, they said. In view of the situation



A health worker taking sample for COVID testing in Jammu.

emerging due to COVID-19, District Magistrate, Jammu, Anshul Garg on Monday declared 16 locations in district Jammu as Micro Containment Zones.

District Magistrate, Jammu, Anshul Garg on Monday declared area in and around SSB Security Office, Bikram Chowk; Lane near H. No 67, Adarsh Colony, Trikuta Nagar; Lane

Basti, BC Road, Kabir

Colony-A, Rama Lane,

near H. No 1414 B, Sainik Colony; Lane near H. No 64/1, Sector 08, Sainik Colony; Lane near H. No 55, Behind Aircel Call Centre, Vidhata Nagar, Bathindi; Area in and around Military Station Sunjwan; Lane near H. No 46/3, Tawi Vihar, Colony, Sidhra; Lane near H. No 1, B/B Ext. Gandhi Nagar; Lane near Q E21.

Purkhoo Camp, Jammu; Lane near H. No 140, Sector 51, Channi Himmat; Lane near H.No 33, Sector 03, near Indian Oil Petrol. Channi Himmat: Area in and around J&K Bank, Panama Chowk; Lane near H. No 104, Sector 8, Shivaji Park, Upper Roop Nagar; Area in and around SOS Home, Gole Gujral; Lane near Q.No 3/2 near Police Head Quarter, Gulshan Ground, Gandhi Nagar; Lane No. 16 near Police Colony, Dogra Nagar, Muthi Micro Containment

above-mentioned areas shall be under strict lock down and tight perimeter control, except for essential needs. There shall be no movement, whatsoever, in and out of the Micro Containment zones," the order stated.

According to officials, the University of Jammu has decided to postpone

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Terrorists hurl grenade towards PCR in Srinagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Terrorists Monday hurled a grenade towards the Police Control Room here but there was no damage done in the attack. police said.

"At about 1945hrs, unknown terrorists hurled a towards PCR Kashmir. However, in this terror incident no one was injured," a police spokesman said in a statement.

He said the area outside PCR Complex, which is located near the

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Three dead, another injured as truck plunges into gorge in Rajouri ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Three people were killed and another critically injured on Monday when a truck skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge in Rajouri district, officials said.

The accident took place at Bhella village of Khawas when the driver of the truck lost control of it while negotiating a blind curve around 8.30 pm, the officials said. They said the

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COVID treatment: Govt issues revised guidelines on use of drugs, therapies

NEW DELHI: There is no \mathbf{of} evidence injectable steroids benefitting Covid patients not requiring oxygen supplementation or in continuation after discharge, according to the revised Clinical Guidance for Management of Adult COVID-19 Patients'. The revised guidelines issued by AIIMS, ICMR-COVID-19 National Task Force and Joint Monitoring Group (DGHS) under the Union health ministry also stated that anti-inflammatory or immunomodulatory therapy, such as steroids, can have the risk of secondary infection like invasive mucormycosis, when used too early, at higher dose or for longer than required.

methylpred-Injection nisolone 0.5 to one mg/kg in two divided doses, or an equivalent dose of dexamethasone, can be given usually for a duration of five to 10 days in moderate cases, the guidelines stated. The same drug in two divided doses of one to two mg/kg can be

given for same duration in severe cases.

"Inhalational budesonide (given via metered dose inhaler/dry powder inhaler) at a dose of 800 mcg BD for five days can be given in mild cases if symptoms (fever and/or cough) are persistent beyond five days of disease onset, it was stated in the guidelines.

If cough persists for more than two-three weeks, one should opt for investigation for tuberculosis and other conditions, they stated.

The revised guidelines continue to recommend emergency use authorization (EUA) or off-label use of remdesivir in patients with moderate to severe disease and those with no renal or hepatic dysfunction within 10 days of the onset of any symptom.

It warned against use of the drug for patients who are not on oxygen support or in home

According to the guidelines, EUA or off-label use of the tocilizumab drug may be considered for use in the presably within 24 to 48 hours of onset of severe disease or intensive care unit (ICU) admission.

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Tocilizumab may be considered for patients with significantly raised inflammatory markers, and not improving despite use of steroids with there being no active bacterial, fungal or tubercular infection, $_{
m they}$ Coronavirus patients have been classified into those affected by mild, moderate and severe disease, the guide-

lines stated. According to the guidance note, upper respiratory tract symptoms without shortness of breath or hypoxia has been categorised as mild disease and have been advised home isolation and care. Those suffering from mild Covid should seek medical attention if they have difficulty in breathing, high grade fever, or severe cough lasting for more than five days.

Those having breathlessness with SpO2 fluctuating between 90-93 per cent,

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'Smart Anganwadis' to be reality in Jammu: JSCL CEO

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The "humble-looking" anganwadis in Jammu are all set to have a complete makeover as the Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) is converting their conventional buildings into structures with better amenities, officials said on Monday.

The JSCL is converting 14 buildings in Jammu into 'Smart Anganwadi Centers' under the Smart City Mission programme of the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, the officials said. The 14 Anganwa

Naseeb Nagar A, Naseeb-Nagar-B,

Mercury dips in

parts of Kashmir

after fresh snowfall

SRINAGAR: Fresh snowfall

in some parts of Kashmir led

to a dip in the maximum

temperatures but overnight

cloud cover has resulted in

higher than expected mini-

mum temperatures across

the valley, officials said on

Light to moderate snowfall

was reported from many

places in north Kashmir,

including Lolab, Kupwara,

Sopore and Baramulla, they

Some parts of Srinagar

witnessed sleet a mixture of

snow and rain -- very briefly,

The precipitation has

resulted in the mercury

falling during the day. However, overnight cloud

cover ensured that the tem-

perature settled around the

freezing point in most parts

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of Kashmir last night,

Monday.

they added.

STATE TIMES NEWS

Trikuta Nagar -Sec-3. Trikuta Nagar-Extension, Trikuta Nagar (South-Extension), Press Morh B. Qasim Nagar B, Belicharan A, Ruhimorh B and Lower Gadigarh.

JSCL Chief Executive Officer Avny Lavasa visited different anganwadis to review the status of the ongoing project and was informed that several items ranging from furniture to stationary items were procured to convert conventional buildings of anganwadis into struc tures with better

Services of 4 teachers, JE terminated for unauthorised absence **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: The government has ordered termination of services of four more teachers for unauthorised

According to an order issued by the Directorate of School Education Kashmir, services of Ashaq Parvez Mir of Kupwara, Mohammad Saleem Dar of district Budgam, Shazia Shafeeq, Teacher, HS Gundishath, Kupwara and Fatima Jameel. teacher. $_{\mathrm{HS}}$ Padshahibagh, Srinagar have been terminated, a Srinagar based news agency reported

ernment has invoked Article

According to the order gov-

113 of J&K Civil Service Rules (Volume I) of 1956 and Rule 30(VII) of J&KCCA rules 1956 for their removal from government services. As per the order, Ashaq

Parvez Mir, Teacher, UPS Kachree, Kupwara remained un-authorizedly absent from duties from 06 May 2012 and "despite providing of enough opportunities to resume his duties by the Drawing & Disbursing officer concerned neither he responded the notices nor resumed his duties. According to order, the

teacher was again provided opportunities on 06 July 2021 (through a joint show

to present himself before the Directorate along with statement of defense within 07 days failing which action as warranted under rules shall be initiated against him without serving any further

The issue was placed before the Designated Committee in meeting held on 11/12/2021 and after examining the case, the committee took the decision to process for termination under Article-113 J&K CSR of "Now, therefore, pursuant

to the decision of the commit-Mr Ashao Parvez Mir Teacher, UPS Kachree, Kupwara is hereby removed

J&K Civil Services Rules (Volume I) of 1956 and Rule 30(V11) of J&KCCA rules 1956", stated the order. The termination order issued to Mohammad Saleem

from the Government service

in terms of Article 113 of

Teacher, Aripanthan, Budgam states that he applied for six month leave along with station leave permission for completion of his Ph.D programme but in anticipation of sanction of leave/station leave permission he left the station and as such remained absent from his legitimate duties from 27 March 2015. The incumbent

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associates in Awantipora Presents chargesheet against terror

Police arrests 2 terrorist

associate under UAPA in Kulgam

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday arrested two terrorist associates in Awantipora and recovered explosive material from their possession.

Besides, Police in Kulgam produced chargesheet against a terrorist associate under UAPA before NIA court Anantnag.

Based on specific input, Awantipora Police along with 42RR and CRPF have arrested two terrorist associates linked with proscribed terror outfit JeM identified

as Zahid Ahmad Lone son of Gh. Rasool resident of Naristan Tral and Shakeel Ahmad Malik alias Abu Dujana ofson Mohammad resident of NoorPora Awantipora. Incriminating materials including explosive materials have been recovered from their possession.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the arrested duo were working as terrorist associates of proscribed terror outfit JeM and involved in providing shelter,

J&K Admn takes back Kashmir Press Club premises, says it has ceased to exist

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Kashmir Press Club has ceased to exist, the Jammu and Kashmir administration said on Monday as it took back the premises allotted to the largest journalists' body in the Valley following dissensions between two factions. one of which had tacit support from the government.

In a press statement, the government has expressed conver "over the emergent situation which has arisen due to the unpleasant turn of events involving two rival warring groups using the banner of the Kashmir Press

The factual position is that KPC as a registered body has ceased to exist and its managing body too has come to a legal closure on 14 July 2021, the date on which its tenure came to an end. In its failure to register itself under the central Societies of Registration Act, further compounded by its failure to hold elections to constitute a new managing body, some individuals of the erstwhile club have been committing illegalities on several counts. least of which are false portrayal of being owner-manlonger in legal vogue, the statement added.

Meanwhile, according to the statement, some other members have created an interim body using the same suggesting 'takeover'. However, since the original KPC itself has ceased to exist as registered body, the question of any interim body is rendered infructuous. In these circumstances, issuing of notices and communication by any group using the rubric of erstwhile Kashmir Press Club is illegal. "The rival groups have been ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Kathak dancer Birju Maharaj passes away

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Legendary



Maharaj-ji, as he was popu-

ed by his family and disciples. They were playing antakshari' after **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**

Kathak exponent Birju Maharaj, who took the tradi-



home here in the early hours of Monday, his granddaughter said. He would have been 84 next month.

larly known, died surround-

Pak-sponsored agencies engaged in spreading disinformation: DGP

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Pakistan-spon-

sored agencies are circulating concocted stories on social media to disturb peace in Jammu and Kashmir, the police chief said on Monday. JK Director General of Police Dilbag Singh said concrete steps are being taken to effectively deal with such

He also proposed a well coordinated surveillance system and beefing up of security to counter the nefarious plans of the enemies of peace to ensure smooth Republic Day celebrations across the Union Territory.

type of propaganda.

The police chief was chairing a meeting to review the overall functioning of police on different fronts.

Preparations for the upcoming Republic Day were also reviewed during the meeting, a police spokesman Every technicality of inves-

tigation should be taken into account while investigating the crimes like Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Unlawful Substances, Activities (Prevention) Act, terror, and other crimes of special nature.

Elements involved in notorious crimes must be booked

under Public Safety Act, the

DGP said.

He appreciated the field officers for mounting pressure on terrorists and achieving huge success at the start of the year and instructed officers to formulate a comprehensive security grid and deployment mechanism for

Singh also stressed on strengthening the city and highway checkpoints as also the border security grid, the spokesman said.

He emphasised on dealing with challenges like radical ization and recruitment

Republic Day flypast this year will be

No person can be forced to get vaccinated against wishes: Centre to SC

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: COVID-19 inoculation guidelines issued the Union Health Ministry do not envisage forcible vaccination without obtaining the consent of an individual, the Centre has told the Supreme Court.

The Health Ministry in an affidavit filed before the top court submitted that India's vaccination programme is the largest in the world and as on January 11, 2022, a total of 1,52,95,43,602 doses have been administered.

It said that 90.84 per cent of the eligible adult population has received their first dose of the vaccine and 61 per cent has received their second dose as well.



"Furthermore, a total of doses have been administered to disabled persons who have voluntarily chosen to be identified as such by using their Unique Disability ID Card/Disability Certificate for registration at the time of their vaccination,"

On the issue of exempting persons with disabilities from producing vaccination certificates, the Centre told the apex court that it has not issued any SOP that makes it mandatory to carry the vaccination certificate for

any purpose. The Centre said this in its

affidavit filed in response to a plea by NGO Evara Foundation seeking door-todoor, priority COVID-19 vaccination for persons with disabilities.

"It is submitted that the direction and guidelines released by the Government of India and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare do not envisage any forcible vaccination without obtaining consent of the concerned individual.

"It is submitted that vaccination for COVID-19 is of larger public interest in view of the ongoing pandemic situation," the affidavit filed by the Health Ministry said.

The ministry said that "it is duly advised, advertised and

communicated through various print and social media platforms that all citizens should get vaccinated and systems and processes have been designed to facilitate the same

"However, no person can be forced to be vaccinated against their wishes," it said.

On the issue of door-todoor vaccination, the affidavit submitted that guidance has been provided to states and union territories to undertake meticulous, need-based planning so that Near to Home Vaccine Centres (NHCVCs) strategy is undertaken at block or urban area level and identification of NHCVC sites

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'grandest, largest' with 75 aircrafts: IAF

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: The Republic

Day parade on the Rajpath this year will see the "grandest and largest" flypast ever with a total of 75 aircraft to mark the Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav celebrations, an IAF official said on Monday. The flypast will conclude with seven jaguar fighter aircraft flying in the "Amrit" formation to commemorate the 75 years of Independence. "The flypast this year will be the grandest and largest with 75 aircraft from IAF, Army and Navy flying during the Republic Day parade. This is in line with the Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav celebrations," IAF PRO Wing Commander Indranil Nandi said at a press briefing.

"The flypast will include Tangail formation which will have one Dakota and two Dornier flying in Vic formation. This is tribute to the Tangail air drop operations of the 1971 War. There will also be Meghna formation of 1 Chinook and four Mi-17s." he said. The flypast will begin with "Dhwaj" formation with four Mi-17 aircraft, followed by "Rudra" and "Rahat" forma tions with 4 and 5 Advanced Light Helicopters (ALH), respectively. Among the other aircraft that will display their might at the parade are Rafale. Indian Navy's MiG29K, P-8I surveillance aircraft and Jaguar fighter jets.

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