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LG reviews public health response to COVID-19; discusses steps taken to tackle surge
Sinha for increasing testing in areas where more cases are being reported



LG Manoj Sinha reviewing public health response to COVID-19 in J&K.

► Authorities on ground should focus more on local containment to safeguard public health & momentum of economic activities: LG
► Vaccination will continue to be the most effective tool to fight pandemic. Our focus is to saturate precautionary doses to frontline workers & senior citizens: LG
► LG lays emphasis on usage of mobile clinics to create awareness amongst COVID-19 patients who are in home isolation as well as those in rural areas

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JAMMU/NEW DELHI: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday reviewed

COVID-19 situation with the members of Covid Task Force, DCs & SPs and discussed the various steps

being undertaken across the UT to tackle the surge.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioners briefed the

Lt Governor about the covid situation, status of vaccination, implementation of Covid Appropriate Behavior (CAB), and other related measures in their respective districts.

The Lt Governor observed that the emerging situation has necessitated strict observance of Covid Appropriate Behavior and COVID SOP's by the general public.

The Lt Governor stressed upon the officials to focus on spreading awareness among public about self-care during home isolation. "We must reach out to the patients in home isolation and concerned health officials should ensure that their daily needs, medicines, etc are taken care of with full sensitivity", he said.

He also instructed the officials to expedite the ongoing Vaccination drive. "Vaccination will continue

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HC regularises promotion of 22 Sub-Judges

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JAMMU: In a full Court meeting held under chairmanship of Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal, promotions of 22 Sub-Judges were regularised. According to an order issued by Registrar General, Sanjeev Gupta, after considering comparative seniority, vigilance report and performance of all eligible Judicial Officers

evaluated in terms of criteria

laid down vide High Court Order No. 648 dated September 7, 2019, the adhoc promotion of below mentioned 22 Civil Judges (Junior Division)/ Munsiffs, who are working as Adhoc Civil Judges (Senior Division)/ Sub-Judges, is hereby confirmed/regularised from the date on which they were promoted on adhoc basis as Civil Judges (Senior Division)/ Sub-Judges. Those whose promotions were regularized

included Iqbal Ahmad Akhoon, Phuntsog Angmo, Riyaz Ahmad, Tabasum Qadir Paray, Meyank Gupta, ■ CONT'D ON PAGE 9

J&K logs 5,720 fresh COVID cases, 5 more deaths

Restrictions imposed across Kashmir due to surge

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir on Friday recorded 5,720 fresh coronavirus cases that took its infection tally to 3,84,381, while five more fatalities pushed the death toll to 4,591, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, 1,890 were from the Jammu division and 3,830 from the Kashmir division of the union territory, they said, adding that while four fatalities were reported from the Jammu district, one was recorded in the Valley.

Srinagar district recorded the highest number of fresh cases at 1,341, followed by 1,306 in Jammu district.

The number of mucormycosis (black fungus) cases in the union territory stands at 51. No fresh case has been reported since last evening, they said.

According to the daily Media Bulletin on, out of 384,381 positive cases, 203,041 samples have been tested as negative till date. Besides, 82,903 COVID tests have been con-



A man giving saliva sample for COVID testing in Jammu.

ducted in last 24 hours.

Till date 560,216 persons have been enlisted for observation which included 7829 persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 348,821 in isolation and 429,367 in home surveillance.

Besides, 512,549 persons have completed their surveillance period. Authorities this afternoon imposed restrictions on the

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Govt orders blocking of 35 Pak-based YouTube channels, 2 websites

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NEW DELHI: The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has ordered the blocking of 35 YouTube channels and two websites which were running anti-India propaganda and spreading fake news "in a coordinated manner".



These websites and YouTube channels were being operated from Pakistan, I&B Secretary Apurva Chandra told a press conference on Friday.

Indian intelligence agencies were closely monitoring these

social media accounts and websites and flagged them to the ministry for immediate action, he added.

"Vide five separate orders issued under rule 16 of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, the Ministry has ordered to block these Pakistan-based social media accounts and websites," the ministry said in a statement later.

The orders were issued on Thursday.

Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir will also address the event to be organised jointly by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) on Saturday.

That statement that Union Home Minister Shah will release the District Good Governance Index for 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday.

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