

03 J&K first to release Good Governance Index in country

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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**

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

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

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.



BJP tickets represent all sections: Chugh



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

CHANDIGARH: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh said that the list of BJP candidates released today has given representation to all sections of the society.

He said soon the final list be out after discussions with the alliance partners.

He said the party has made a judicious mixture of young and experienced while looking at winnability of a candidate.

Chugh said amidst anti Congress wave in Punjab the BJP has a bright chance of forming the next government.

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 14.4°C Min: 10.6°C

Humidity

Max: 95 Min: 86

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 9.9°C Min: 2.8°C

Humidity

Max: 79 Min: 77

Sunset : 17:54 Hours

Sunrise : 07:32 Hours

Prpl AG pointed out incorrect entries, loss of state exchequer Govt orders verification of Service books of employees of J&K UT; issues check list

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has advised all the Administrative Secretaries to direct the Pension Sanctioning Authorities subordinate to them to check the fixation and regulation of pay of the employees, as per the check list, before submitting the service books to the office of Accountant General (J&K) for verification as significant number of incorrect entries have been pointed out.

The circular issued by the Finance Department states

that "Principal Accountant General vide Communication No. PVC/JHOD's/2021-22/522 dated 23.11.2021 has brought to the notice of Finance Department that pursuant to instructions issued by the Finance Department vide Circular No. A/25(2014)-1003 dated 24.07.2019 and Circular No. A/Codes/Pension/2020-165 dated 11.02.2021, the service books of the Government employees of the UT J&K, who are due to retire w.e.f 01.01.2024 to 01.06.2024, are being verified in the first phase by the office of

Accountant General (J&K).

Principal Accountant General has also pointed out that while checking the service books of employees, it has been observed that in significant number of cases fixation and regulation of pay of the employees has not been carried out correctly in accordance with the relevant rules and Government orders, thereby causing loss to the Government exchequer and resulting in avoidable delay in the settlement of pension cases.

Accordingly, a check list for guidance of the Pension

Sanctioning Authorities in the Government Departments has been framed in consultation with the AG's Office and is annexed to this circular.

Therefore, all the Administrative Secretaries are advised to direct the Pension Sanctioning Authorities subordinate to them to check the fixation & regulation of pay of the employees, as per the check list, before submitting the service books to the office of Accountant General (J&K) for verification, the

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Amit Shah to release district-based Good Governance Index for J&K today

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah will release the District Good Governance Index for 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, the first of its kind index for a union territory.

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)

and Jammu and Kashmir Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development in association with the Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad.

Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions said in a statement that Union Home Minister Shah will release the District Good Governance Index for 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday.

The District Good Governance Index of Jammu and Kashmir was prepared by DARPG in collaboration with the Government of



Jammu and Kashmir in pursuance of the announcements made in the Behtar e Hukumat Kashmir Aelamia resolution adopted on July 2, 2021 in the Regional Conference on Replication of Good Governance Practices in Srinagar; it said.

The exercise on formulation of District Good Governance Index was set in motion in July, 2021 which has now been completed, and Jammu and Kashmir will become the first union territory in the country to have Good Governance Index, it said.

The District Good Governance Index of Jammu and Kashmir represents a major administrative reform in benchmarking good governance at district level and a significant step for timely collation and publication of statistics at state/district level, according to the

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31 Kg narcotics recovered along LoC in Poonch



Security personnel along with seized consignment.

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JAMMU: The security forces conducted a joint search operation and recovered 31

kilograms of narcotics along Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's

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Core Group meeting: Top officials review security situation in Kashmir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Top civil and security grid officials here Friday reviewed the security situation in Kashmir and vowed to keep up the efforts to maintain peace in the valley.

"Core Group consisting of top officials of Civil Administration, Intelligence Agencies and Security Forces in J&K met today at Badami Bagh Cantonment to review the security situation in Kashmir," a defence spokesman said here.

The spokesman said the meeting was co-chaired by the General Officer

Commanding, Chinara Corps, Lt Gen DP Pandey and Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police Dilbag Singh.

"The core group reviewed the intelligence inputs and security parameters of 2021. Year 2021 witnessed a reduction in terrorist infiltration, reduced terrorist incidents, reduced terror recruitment, increased operations based on HUMINT, reduced collateral damage, no civil casualties in law and order situation, reduced SF casualties, increased arrest of terrorists and booking of OGWs; all pointing to effective conduct

of joint operations and activities by intelligence and security agencies," the spokesman said.

He said there has been increased neutralisation of Pakistani terrorists in last few weeks. The effort of the frontline soldiers and operatives of all agencies were acknowledged by all present, he added.

"The core group discussed fresh strategies of the terrorist organizations and their handlers including use of Hybrid terrorists and targeting of soft targets. 15 terrorists killed in 2021 were

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BSF deploys more troops, surveillance equipment along border in J&K as part of 'winter strategy'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Border Security Force (BSF) has deployed additional troops along with anti-fog surveillance equipment on the International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir as part of its "winter strategy" to foil infiltration bids and terror plans ahead of Republic Day celebrations, officials said on Friday.

BSF troops guarding the 200-km International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir have been put on alert to ensure high-degree of security against infiltrating terrorists.

"We have mobilised troops along the border. Extra troops have been deployed along with surveillance equipment along IB in view of the foggy weather and Republic Day celebrations," a senior



officer told PTT.

He said that operations and night domination exercises have increased along the border which witnesses dense fog during winters.

Officials pointed to terrorists using fog as a cover to infiltrate and said the winter strategy that has been put in place includes the measures to deal with security

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Netaji's grand statue to be installed at India Gate

NEW DELHI: Ahead of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's 125th birth anniversary, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced on Friday that a grand statue of the iconic freedom fighter will be installed at India Gate as a symbol of India's "indebtedness" to him.

Till the statue, made of granite, is completed, a hologram statue of his would be present at the same place, he said, adding that he will unveil the hologram statue on January 23, the birth anniversary of the Azad Hind Fauj founder.

"At a time when the entire nation is marking the 125th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, I am glad to share that his grand statue, made of granite, will be installed at India Gate. This would be a symbol of India's indebtedness to him," Modi tweeted. Official sources said the dimension of the granite statue will be 28 feet long and six feet wide and added that its

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many things (in the form of religious and cultural heritage) for us, but there was hesitation in talking about our rich religious and cultural

heritage," Modi, who is also the chairman of the Somnath Temple Trust, said. "After Independence, new construction took place for a



that development of religious and cultural centres give a boost to the local economy.

He added that cleanliness, creation of facilities, ensuring that tourists' time is saved and having a modern mindset are four things that are required for tourism development.

"Our ancestors have left

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AHMEDABAD: In a veiled attack on the Congress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said that post-Independence, new construction took place only for a "few families from Delhi", but his government brought the country out of this "narrow" mindset and is building new monuments of national importance while adding glory to the existing ones.

Although Modi did not name anybody, his remarks were apparently aimed at the Nehru-Gandhi family.

He was speaking after virtually inaugurating a newly-built circuit house near the famous Somnath temple in Gir Somnath district of Gujarat, where he also said