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LG announces 15 pc reservation for women in non-gazetted posts in JKP



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JAMMU: In a landmark decision to further strengthen women empowerment in the Union Territory, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday announced 15 per cent reservation for women in the non-gazetted

posts in the Jammu Kashmir Police (JKP).

Making the announcement on the occasion of National Girl Child Day, the Lt Governor added that the 15 per cent reservation is just the beginning and the government is determined and

Immense priority accorded to empowering girl child: PM

NEW DELHI: On the occasion of National Girl Child Day,

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said immense priority is accorded to empowering the girl child in every development initiative undertaken by his government, and asserted that the focus is on ensuring dignity as well as opportunities to her.

India celebrates the National Girl Child Day, an initiative of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, every year on January 24 "National Girl Child Day is an occasion to reiterate our commitment and further strengthen ongoing efforts to empower the girl child," Prime Minister Modi said. "It is also a day to celebrate the exemplary



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R-Day 'At Home' cancelled due to pandemic

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JAMMU: In view of Covid-19 pandemic, Raj Bhawan has decided to cancel this year's Republic Day 'At Home' Reception on 26th January 2022.

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has urged the people of the Union Territory of J&K to follow Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) and safety protocols issued by the health officials.

Sub Registrar Jammu (North) transferred; SDM North given Addl charge

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Monday transferred one JKAS officer and given additional charge to Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Jammu (North).

Government on Monday ordered transferred a JKAS officer and assigned additional charge of the post to another

According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General

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A contingent during the Republic Day full dress rehearsal at MA Stadium, Jammu.

Republic Day full dress rehearsal held at Jammu, Srinagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The full dress rehearsal for celebration of Republic Day 2022 was held on Monday here at M. A Stadium Jammu amid tight security arrangements.

The contingents of Army, CRPF, JKP, NCC cadets and other departments besides various schools presented an impressive March past.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer inspected the Parade and took salute at the march past.

School children and artists of J&K Academy of Art Culture and Languages presented colorful cultural programme featuring theme based presentations. Brilliant performance by the

Dare Devils of Jammu and Kashmir Police mesmerized the audience by spectacular stunts.

Stunning Gymnastic performances, shows were also presented by sportspersons of J&K Sport Council.

The cultural items depicted communal harmony and composite culture of

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Overloaded load carriers plying on Jammu-Sgr NH warned of strict action

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Taking a serious note of a rice-loaded truck getting stuck for nearly 30 hours on Jammu-Srinagar national highway, Jammu and Kashmir administration on Monday directed the officials to take strict action against "overloaded" load carriers.

It has also directed for opening of Panthiyal tunnel by middle of April to bypass the landslide stretch.

The directions were passed by Chief Secretary A K Mehta at a meeting which was convened to review the condition of the 270-km highway - the only all-weather

road linking Kashmir with rest of the country- here, an official spokesman said.

The strategic highway was cleared for stranded vehicles Monday afternoon after road clearance agencies pulled out the truck that was stuck in mud near Panthiyal in Ramban district for nearly 30 hours.

The Chief Secretary was apprised of the recent traffic disruption on the highway due to the breakdown of an overloaded vehicle carrying 36-ton dry ration in violation of the laid down norms, the spokesman said. He said Mehta directed for

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Air India likely to be handed over to Tata group by weekend

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Air India is likely to be handed over to the Tata group by the end of this week, senior government officials said on Monday.

After a competitive bidding process, the government had on October 8 last year sold Air India to Talace Private Limited -- a subsidiary of the Tata group's holding company -- for Rs 18,000 crore.

Following that, on October 11, a Letter of Intent (LoI) was issued to the Tata group confirming the government's willingness to sell its 100 percent stake in the airline. On October 25, the Centre signed the share purchase agreement (SPA) for this deal.

Officials said on Monday that the remaining formalities regarding this deal are expected to be completed in the next few days and the airline will be handed over to the Tata group by the end of this week. As a part of

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 14.8°C Min: 8.0°C

Humidity

Max : 95 Min : 74

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 8.4°C Min: 2.8°C

Humidity

Max : 94 Min: 61

Sunset : 17:54 Hours

Sunrise : 07:13 Hours

COVID: 5,394 fresh cases, 8 deaths in J&K

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Monday recorded 5,394 fresh cases of coronavirus taking the infected number of persons to 4,02,596 while eight deaths due to the virus were reported in the past 24 hours-four each in the Valley and the Jammu division, officials said.

Out of the fresh cases, 2,045 were from the Jammu division and 3349 from the Kashmir division of the union territory, the officials said.

They said Jammu district recorded the highest of 1,204 cases followed by 963 cases in Srinagar district.

Providing district-wise breakup for positive cases, a bulletin stated that Budgam district in the Valley reported 574 cases, Baramulla 514, Pulwama 188, Kupwara 267, Anantnag 229, Bandipora reported 252, Ganderbal 51, Kulgam 276 while Shopian district recorded 35 fresh cases.

Similarly, Udhampur district in the Jammu region reported 234 cases, Reasi 99, Rajouri cases, Doda 187, Kathua 34, Samba 71 cases, Poonch 15, Kishtwar 40 and Ramban district logged 121 fresh cases during the past 24 hours.

There are 44,609 active cases in the union territory,

while the number of recovered patients was 3,53,374, the officials said.

The death toll in the union territory due to the pandemic was 4,613 as eight fresh deaths were reported in the past 24 hours.

The officials said, there were 51 confirmed cases of Mucormycosis (black fungus) in the union territory as no fresh case was reported since last evening.

Meanwhile, Ladakh in a day reported 159 fresh Covid cases, which took the tally to 24,655, while the active cases in the Union Territory stand at 1,255, officials said. The union territory has

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Govt reconstitutes four committees of SKIMS Soura

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Monday re-constituted four high level committees of SK Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Soura.

The committees that have been reconstituted include the Purchase Sub-Committee, Senior Selection Committee, Junior Selection Committee and the Apical Selection Committee.

For the Apical Selection Committee of SKIMS, the Chief Secretary will be the Chairman of the Committee. Director, AIIMS, New Delhi or Dean as his representative in the event of

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IG BSF DK Boora briefing media in Jammu.

joint patrolling with the army, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and police to thwart nefarious

attempts of terrorists, Boora said.

"There is input that anti-national elements are likely

About 135 terrorists waiting across border to infiltrate into Kashmir

SRINAGAR: About 135 terrorists are present at launch pads across the border and are waiting to infiltrate into India, BSF Inspector General, Kashmir, Raja Babu Singh said on Monday.

However, he asserted that the overall situation at the Line of Control (LoC) is "peaceful" and said the number of infiltration bids was lesser in 2021 in comparison to previous years.

"The overall scenario along the LoC is peaceful. Since the signing of the ceasefire agreement, there has been a general peace all along the LoC in the Kashmir frontier," the Border Security Force (BSF) officer said while speaking to reporters here. Giving details on infiltration bids,

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to create trouble (in connection with Republic Day) but we are very, very alert on and along the border, including

the Line of Control (LoC)," he said. "We have heightened our vigil on the border

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Jammu-Srinagar NH opens for stranded vehicles

Fresh snowfall in many parts of Kashmir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/SRINAGAR: The strategic Jammu-Srinagar national highway was cleared for stranded vehicles on Monday as road clearance agencies pulled out a rice-loaded truck that was stuck in mud near Panthiyal in Ramban district for nearly 30 hours, officials said.

Senior Superintendent of Police, traffic, Shabir Ahmad Malik said 130 heavy motor vehicles and 10 oil tankers besides dozens of light motor vehicles, which were stranded on the highway, were allowed to move towards their destination after completion of the road clearance operation

at Panthiyal, where the carriageway is single.

However, he said no fresh vehicle was either allowed from Jammu or Srinagar for the second day on Monday.

The traffic on the highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with rest of the country, was suspended on Sunday following multiple landslides and shooting of stones from hillocks between Chanderkote and Ramsu and snowfall in Banihal sector.

While the road clearance agencies pressed its men and machines and cleared the highway of the obstacles, a truck loaded with rice got deeply embedded in the mud

at Panthiyal and could not be moved.

The operation was called off late Sunday evening and was resumed this morning with fire and emergency service joining the effort which proved fruitful and the truck was pulled out around 1 pm, the officials said, adding the normal traffic is likely to resume Tuesday.

Officials said the helicopter service to Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine atop Trikuta hills in Reasi district was briefly resumed this morning after remaining suspended for the past two days. Pilgrimage through the new track to

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Sonia, Manmohan, Rahul, Azad among Congress star campaigners for first-phase poll in UP

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Congress on Monday released its list of 30 star campaigners for the first-phase assembly election in Uttar Pradesh, naming party president Sonia Gandhi, former prime minister Manmohan Singh, former party chief Rahul Gandhi, new entrant Kanhaiya Kumar and some of the G-23 leaders.

Former Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad, former Haryana chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda and former Rajya Sabha member Raj Babbar are among the G-23 leaders named as star campaigners. The group of 23 Congress leaders had earlier raised questions on the

functioning of the party and sought an organisational overhaul.

Former Rajasthan deputy chief minister Sachin Pilot, who had revolted against its own government in the state led by Ashok Gehlot, also figures among the 30 star campaigners.

AICC general secretary in-charge of Uttar Pradesh Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot and Chhattisgarh chief minister Bhupesh Baghel are also among the star campaigners.

The list includes state party chief Ajay Kumar Lallu, Congress Legislature Party leader in the assembly Aradhana Misra 'Mona', former union ministers

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Chess champion Arushi from J&K conferred with Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar



Chess prodigy Arushi Kotwal has been conferred with State Award for the year 2016. The award carries Rs 51,000 cash prize and Gold medal.

Arushi is the youngest player of State to get the Sher-e-Kashmir Sports award for the year 2011-12 at the age of seven years.

She is the first and only one chess player from Jammu and Kashmir, who has been awarded WCM title by World Chess Federation for winning Silver medal in Western Asian Chess Championship (2018) at Taskent, Uzbekistan.

Besides this WCM Arushi is the only player who has won medals in all three

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From dancing on broken glasses to negotiating with terrorists, 29 children conferred Bal Puraskar

NEW DELHI: From dancing on broken glasses to negotiating with terrorists, from fighting an alligator to developing innovative measures to help COVID-19 patients, 29 children from across the country were conferred with the Pradhan Mantri Bal Puraskar on Monday for their contribution.

The Bal Puraskar was conferred by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who gave digital certificates to the awardees using blockchain technology developed by

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