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COVID Containment Measures

Focus on ramping up healthcare infra; availability of oxygen, ventilators: LG to officers



LG Manoj Sinha reviewing COVID-19 situation across UT.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday stressed the need for protecting healthcare personnel, patients and communities, and asked the officers to focus on ramping up infrastructure, availability of oxygen, ventilators, essential medicines, etc.

Reviewing the Covid-19 situation across the UT in a series of meetings with the members of Covid Task Force, Deputy Commissioners and

Superintendents of Police, the Lt Governor reiterated the importance of tele-consultation, expanding the services to far-flung areas and efficient monitoring of those in home isolation.

He also underlined the importance of involving Community in awareness campaigns to sensitize people on mask usage and Covid protocol.

The Lt Governor stressed that Testing, Tracing, Treatment, Covid Appropriate Behaviour and

J&K reports 4,354 new COVID cases, 5 fatalities

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir on Friday recorded 4354 new Covid cases-- 1440 from Jammu division and 2914 from the Valley-- thus taking the total to 424085 in the Union Territory.

Officials said five Covid related deaths have been recorded during the past 24 hours--three from the Jammu Division and two from the Kashmir Division. Moreover, 5850 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals across the Union Territory. According to daily Media Bulletin, out of 424085 ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Vaccination will continue to be our strategy to effectively fight the Covid-19.

He impressed upon the officials to ensure proper implementation of Covid Protocol and CAB among the people to effectively break the chain of transmission.

The Lt Governor was briefed about the Covid containment measures at the district level including functionality of War rooms, Covid help-lines, IEC campaign regarding Covid Appropriate Behaviour, distribution of

Covid kits, besides facilities for extending assistance to people in need.

He also took stock of the vaccination drive for the 15-18 years age group and the precaution dose vaccination for healthcare and frontline workers and those over 60 years of age with co-morbidities.

Deputy Commissioners and other concerned officials were directed to widely publicize the COVID helpline numbers and other

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Unidentified gunmen open fire at cop in Srinagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A policeman escaped a bid on his life by unidentified gunmen in Batamloo area of Srinagar on Friday, officials said.

The pistol-borne gunmen opened fire on constable Muneer Meraj near his residence in SD Colony in Batamloo area, they said.

They said the cop escaped the attack unhurt.

Police has taken cognizance of the incident and started investigation.

Two JKAS officers get addl charge

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Friday assigned additional charge to two JKAS officers.

According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Divedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department, Dr. Fayaz Ahmad Bhanday, JKAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Pulwama, shall hold the charge of the post of Registrar,

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No one can stop nation whose youth work with spirit of nation first: Modi



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday lauded the strength of India's young population in fields ranging from start-ups to sports, and said no one can stop a nation whose youth works with the spirit of "nation first".

Speaking at the National Cadet Corps PM Rally at Cariappa grounds, Modi said efforts are being made to strengthen the organisation with a high level review committee

formed in this regard.

Over one lakh new NCC cadets have been added in border areas in the last two years, he said while pitching for induction of more girls in the organisation.

He noted that women are getting more and more responsibilities in the armed forces.

The prime minister also highlighted the menace of drug abuse and asked NCC members to work to keep themselves and their campuses free from this and also help those who are not in the NCC in getting rid of this.

Noting that in an era of possibilities relating to digital technology and information sector there are also dangers of misinformation, he said NCC members can run awareness campaign for this.

The young population can also play a big role in "vocal for local" to help India become self-reliant, the prime minister said, adding that more demand for local products will boost production and subsequently employment.

"I am proud that I was also a NCC cadet like you once upon a time...While fulfilling my current responsibilities to the country, I get immense strength from the training that I got in NCC and the things I learned there," Modi mentioned.

Modi said he has just got his NCC Alumni card and he has ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Virtual hearing in all courts extended upto February 15

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Keeping in view alarming surge in new COVID variant Omicron cases in the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, the Chief Justice has issued directions for hearing of cases by High Court as well as Subordinate Courts, through virtual mode, extended upto February 15, 2022.

As per an order issued by Sanjeev Gupta, Registrar General on the directions of Chief Justice, ordinarily the

hearing of cases listed before a Bench shall be through virtual mode, however, physical hearing in respect of any listed matter will be at the discretion of Bench concerned subject to the satisfaction of the Bench regarding urgency involved in such matter and thereafter such matter can be taken up for physical hearing on the date fixed by the Bench. "For smooth hearing of the cases through a virtual mode, the Registrars Judicial of both wings of the High Court in

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Some Kashmiri politicians try to divide people, destroy Jammu: Rana

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Friday decried the attempts of a few politicians of Kashmir in vitiating the atmosphere and trying to divide the people, saying they will not be allowed to succeed in their machinations.

"Some politicians from Kashmir frequently visit Jammu and try to create a wedge between various segments of the society", Rana said while addressing a congregation at Barn in Tehsil



Prominent BJP leader Devender Singh Rana being honoured during a programme at Barn in Tehsil Bhalwal.

Bhalwal of the Jammu district, organized by Baba

Chanchal Singh.

Rana said that such politi-

cians who come to Jammu from the Valley and try to divide people here, will not succeed in destroying this pluralistic region in the way they destroyed Kashmir. The people of Jammu live in peace and will continue to live in communal harmony and brotherhood, he added.

Rana said coexistence is Jammu's DNA and those trying to pollute it know well that the people of this region, irrespective of caste and religion, cannot be

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Rahul's Punjab visit gimmick, owes apology for 1984 Sikh mayhem: Chugh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

CHANDIGARH: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Friday termed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi visit to Golden Temple as an eyewash and an electoral gimmick.

He said Rahul should have sought an apology on behalf of his family for executing Operation Bluestar and the Sikh carnage in 1984.

Chugh said the Gandhi family had been protecting and shielding leaders like Kamal Nath, Jagdish Tytler and Sajjan Kumar who were



responsible for anti-Sikh riots in Delhi.

Rahul owes an apology to Punjabis for the brutal mayhem against the Sikhs that the Congress workers led by the Gandhi family had caused in Delhi and

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Two IFS officers transferred

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Friday transferred two IFS officers.

According to the order issued by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, Brij Mohan Sharma, IFS (JK:1995), Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests presently

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Former Div Com granted bail in Roshni scam

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Special Judge CBI Srinagar Jatinder Singh Janwal on Friday granted bail to Basharat Ahmad Dhar, the then Divisional Commissioner Srinagar in Roshni Scam.

According to CBI, in compliance to J&K High Court order, records of FIR 26/2015 dated April 22, 2015 was received from ACB, UT of J&K, the contents of which have been reproduced as, 'A preliminary verification conducted by Vigilance Organisation into the allegation of irregularities committed in the transfer of State Land in District Srinagar under Roshni Scheme has revealed

that officers/officials of Revenue Department have abused their official positions to confer undue pecuniary benefit upon the occupants of State Land by arbitrarily fixing the price of state land lower than the prevailing market rate of the area, incorrect categorization of occupants, conferment of ownership rights to non-entitled persons etc. it was alleged that officers/officials of Revenue Department in league with beneficiary Sajad Parvez have caused a minimum loss of Rs 97,70,625 to the State exchequer. The aforementioned commissions/ omissions on the part of officers/ officials of Revenue Department in the

conferment of ownership rights of State land to non-entitled beneficiary namely Sajad Parvez, son of Talib Hussain, resident of Baghat-e-Barzulla Srinagar constitute the offence of criminal misconduct under sections 5(1) (c), 5(1)(d) read with section 5(2) J&K PC Act and section 120-B RPC.'

After hearing both the sides, Special Judge CBI Srinagar Jatinder Singh Janwal observed that proceedings of criminal case, registered vide FIR RC 4(A)/2020 of Police Station CBI, ACB Srinagar for commission of offence made punishable under Section 420 of RPC read with Section

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Determination of inadequate representation of SC/STs in Govt jobs discretion of State: SC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court Friday refused to "lay down any yardstick" for granting reservation in promotion to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in government jobs saying determination of their inadequate representation is the discretion of the State.

The top court said it is neither legal nor proper for the Courts to issue directions or advisory sermons to the executive in respect of the sphere which is exclusively within their domain under the Constitution. "Determination of

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Ex-Dy CM's controversial bungalow; JDA, appellant granted last opportunity to file objections

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a significant development, Member(J), Member(Judicial) Rajesh Sekhri of J&K Special Tribunal Jammu has granted last and final opportunity to Jammu Development Authority (JDA) and appellant, Mamta Singh, wife of Dr Nirmal Singh, former Deputy Chief Minister J&K to file objections to the application of whistleblower Adv Muzaffar Ali Shah seeking his impeachment as Party Respondent in the appeal filed against the order of demolition issued by JDA against Dr Nirmal Singh and his wife for raising a palatial house at village Ban (Panjgrain), Jammu allegedly without seeking any building permission from JDA.

When matter came up for

hearing through virtual mode before the Bench headed by Rajesh Sekhri, Member(J), Adv Rahul Sadotra appearing for the appellant Mamta Singh sought yet another opportunity to file objections to the application for impeachment moved by Adv Muzaffar Ali Shah. At this stage, the court enquired from Counsel appearing for JDA, Adv Adarsh Sharma as to whether JDA is filing its objections to application, in reply of which Counsel for JDA also sought further time to file objections.

Adv Muzaffar Ali Shah submitted that both the appellant and JDA have already been given more than a month's time on last date of hearing and they have not filed objections and both the parties want to prolong the

matter, so that it gets delayed. He further submitted that matter can be listed for final hearing after impleading him as party respondent as it will not cause any prejudice to any of the parties since he is only going to render assistance to the court for arriving at a just conclusion. Considering the submissions of the rival parties and keeping in view urgency and the public interest involved in the matter, J&K Special Tribunal granted last and final opportunity to the Jammu Development Authority (JDA) and the appellant Mamta Singh to file objections to the application for impeachment and further directed registry to list the matter on February 7, 2022. The court has further extended the stay on

demolition till next date of hearing.

It is worthwhile to mention herein that JDA, on November 8, 2021 issued final Demolition Notice under section 7(3) of Building Control Operations Act, 1988 directing Dr Nirmal Singh and his wife Mamta Singh to demolish alleged illegal/ unauthorised construction raised at village Ban (Panjgrain) Nagrota on their own within a period of five days failing which Enforcement Wing of JDA would carry on demolition. However, Mamta Singh filed an appeal against Demolition Order and obtained interim relief from J&K Special Tribunal Jammu whereby demolition was stayed. The JDA has already

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