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AC creates CSF, GRF for meeting liquidity challenges

Gives nod to IFAD funding for sustained increase in income of rural households

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: To meet the fiscal challenges and liquidity constraints, Administrative Council, which met here under the Chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, has approved constitution of the Consolidated Sinking Fund (CSF) and the Guarantee Redemption Fund (GRF) for meeting contingent liabilities of the Government with an initial corpus of Rs. 30.00 Crores for each Fund.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor; Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to LG attended the meeting.

Consolidated Sinking Fund (CSF) is a reserve fund set

Approves absorption of 145 employees of Centaur Hotel

JAMMU: The Administrative Council has approved absorption of 145 permanent employees of the Centaur Lake View Hotel, Srinagar in Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC), Jammu and Kashmir Cable Car Corporation Ltd (JKCCC) and Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation Ltd, Srinagar (JKTDC) with effect from March 1, 2023 instead of May 22, -2023.

This is in pursuance to the process of outsourcing of the assets of Tourism Department. Administrative Council in its decision dated 22-05-2023 had approved absorption of these employees with effect from 22-05-2023 and Government Order No. 86-JK(TSM) of 2023 dated 12.07.2023 was issued in this behalf.

The matter was examined by a high powered committee constituted under the administrative mechanism for resolution of disputes by Department of Legal Affairs, Govt of India and recommended by the Committee constituted by GAD vide Government Order No. 536-JK(GAD) of 2023 dated 02.05.2023 and also as per the concurrence of the Finance Department.

aside by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The provision

for this fund is made in Article 266 (1) of the Indian Constitution. Consolidated Sinking fund is to aid States/UTs wherein the Government has problems handling their finances, including debt. CSF promotes economic restructuring in States/UTs, especially those with chronic remuneration obligations.

A Guarantee Redemption Fund (GRF) is established in the Public Account of India for redemption of guarantees given to PSEs, financial institutions, etc. by States/UT Govts, whenever such guarantees are invoked.

When the borrowing organizations fail to service their debt burden covered under State Government Guarantee, the

'Rammay' Ayodhya set for consecration ceremony

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
AYODHYA: The much-awaited consecration event at Ram temple will be held here on Monday in a grand ceremony with Prime Minister Narendra Modi attending the rituals. The shrine will be opened to the public a day later.

The "Pran Pratishtha" ceremony will begin at 12.20 pm and is expected to end by 1 pm. The prime minister will then address a gathering of more than 7,000 people, including seers and prominent personalities, at the venue.

According to the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, Ram Lalla idol was bathed on Sunday with 114 pitchers filled with "aushadhiyukt" (medicated) water and sacred water brought from various pil-



grimage sites.

"The idol was kept in 'Madhyadhyas' today. 'Ratri Jagran Adhivas' will start today itself. The old idol of Ram Lalla is being worshipped in the 'Yagyashala'. The rituals are being performed with flowers from many places, including

Chennai and Pune," a trust member said.

"Today, temple trust member Anil Mishra along with his family, VHP chief R N Singh and others are performing the rituals. The consecration ritual started from the Saryu river on January 16 and will be completed on

Monday afternoon on 'Abhijeet Muhurta'," he added.

A few invitees arrived in Ayodhya on Sunday while others are expected to arrive Monday morning. Lakhs of people are expected to watch the event live on

Man killed, 17 injured as minibus rolls into gorge in Rajouri

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAJOURI: A man was killed and 17 others were injured when a minibus skidded off the road and rolled down into a gorge in Rajouri district on Sunday, officials said.

The mishap took place in the Saryo area, when the minibus was on its way from Teryath towards Pooni, they said. One person died on the spot and 17 others were injured, the officials said, adding that the injured were hospitalised.

The deceased has been

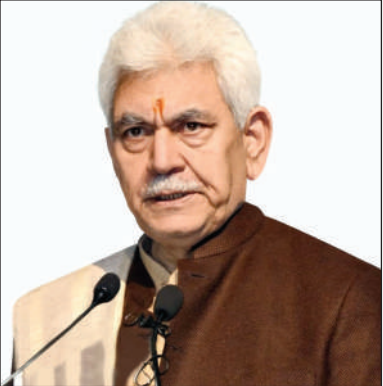
identified as Pritam Lal son of Isher Das, a resident of Narla Bambel Khawas of district Rajouri while the injured were rRakesh Kumar son of Bansil Lal (35) of Thangriote, Mohd Arif son of Mohd Younis (10) of Khorbani, Gulab Jaan wife of Mohd Bashir (45) of Bissi Kalakote, Aka Akhter daughter of Gulzar Ahmed (9) resident of Basantpur, Nisha Devi wife of Jagdish Lal (25) of Arnas, Mohd Altaf son of Iqbal (24) of Kala Reasi, Jagdish Lal (30)

Surge in registration of Homestays shows immense potential of offbeat tourist destinations: LG

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Highlighting the efforts of the Union Territory Administration to facilitate the creation of amenities for tourists in rural and far-off areas, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said the recent surge in the registrations for homestays shows immense potential of offbeat tourist destinations.

During 'Awaam Ki Awaaz' programme, the Lieutenant Governor called upon the people living in rural and border areas to take advantage of this opportunity and assured every support from the administration to them.

He dedicated the 34th edition of the programme to the citizens of Jammu



and Kashmir for their historic participation in 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra'.

"Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a powerful Jan-Abhiyan initiative to reach out to the vulnerable section of society will create a new future for developed India," the Lt Governor observed.

He said the participation of 40 lakh citizens of Jammu Kashmir so far in this journey has laid a strong foundation for progress in both rural and urban areas of the Union Territory. I am confident that the Janbhagidari and the healthy competition among the districts will continue to take the extraordinary journey of J&K UT forward on the path of prosperity and inclusive development, he added. Sharing the inspirational success

NIA arrests juvenile in Dhangri terror attack case

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested a juvenile in connection with the 2023 Dhangri terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district that claimed the lives of seven civilians.

He is third accused to be arrested by the agency in the case.

Thirteen people were also injured when terrorists struck Dangri village on January 1 last year and opened indiscriminate fire. They also left behind an

improvised explosive device (IED) which went off the next morning.

The juvenile, who was already lodged at an observation home in Jammu district's RS Pura area in another case, was taken into custody by the NIA and presented before the Juvenile Justice Board in Rajouri for remand, a spokesperson of the agency said.

Earlier, a case was registered against him at the Gursai police station in Poonch district's

Winter vacations in Jammu schools extended till Jan 27

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: In view of extreme cold weather conditions, the Directorate of School Education Jammu (DSEJ) extended winter vacation for all the schools of summer zones up to January 27. "In view of prevailing extreme cold conditions and in continuation to previous orders, all the schools upto 12th class functioning in Summer Zones of Jammu Division shall observe vacations w.e.f. 22nd of January 2024 to 27th of January 2024", reads an order.

It further stated, "However, students practicing for participation in Republic Day celebrations shall continue to come for the rehearsal and the HOIs shall ensure that all the arrangements for the Republic Day Function are in place (including enthusiastic participation of the students)."

Chugh reaches Ayodhya to see management of Pran Pratistha programme

‘Pran Pratistha moment of cultural pride, renaissance of India’

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
AYODHYA: Bharatiya Janata Party's National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Sunday said that as a result of 500 years of unwavering faith and penance of innumerable devotees and Kar Sevaks, the Pran Pratishtha programme is being organized by Yashvi Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In a statement, Chugh said that it is his privilege to be a part of the management of this programme. "For this, I



express my heartfelt gratitude to all the organizations including the country's successful Prime Minister Narendra Modi", he added

This is a moment of pride for millions of Ram devotees living across the world, including millions of Karsevaks like me, he said. Chugh said that crores of people of India and abroad, who believe in Lord Shri Ram were waiting for this moment. That day has now come, he said.

Chugh said the consecration of Shree Ram will be seen by the whole world and this will be a historic moment of the Indian culture.

Fire breaks out in Ramban market

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
BANIHAL: Several shops and houses were gutted in a massive fire that broke out in a market in Ramban district, officials said on Sunday.

No casualty has been reported in the blaze that erupted on Saturday night.

Fire fighters, security personnel and locals joined to control the fire in Ukhrall market this morning.

J&K Admin declares half-day holiday, ‘dry day’ today

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Sunday declared a half-day holiday and a dry day' on January 22 on the occasion of the Ram temple consecration ceremony in Ayodhya.

"It is hereby ordered that half-day public holiday (till 02:30 pm) shall be observed on January 22 in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir," an order issued by Commissioner Secretary General Administration

Department (GAD) Sanjeev Verma said.

The Union territory administration issued the order while referring to the grant of a half-day holiday to central government employees by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel & Training) regarding the consecration event in Ayodhya.

In another order, the administration declared that liquor shops will remain closed for 36 hours in view of the consecra-

tion ceremony.

"Dry Day is hereby declared on the 22nd day of January in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir. No sale of liquor shall be allowed from the retail vends on this day in the Union territory," Exeise Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma in an order issued on Sunday.

As per the order, all wine shops and vends off-premises shall close at 9 pm on January Sunday, January 21

Modi gives ‘Wed in India’ call to retain wealth within country

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
AHMEDABAD: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday flagged the issue of 30 new hospitals for providing medical care for the disease and ensuring the availability of medicines at affordable prices.


More than 1.5 lakh 'Ayushman Arogya Mandirs' (health centres) have also been built at the village level to help in the early diagnosis of the disease, he said.

Addressing the gathering of members of the Leuva Patidar community

has taken steps to ensure that people do not face difficulties in the treatment of cancer by setting up around 30 new hospitals for providing medical care for the disease and ensuring the availability of medicines at affordable prices.

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 7.8°C Min: 5.6°C

Humidity
Max: 94 Min: 91

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 13.0°C Min: -4.8°C

Humidity
Max: 98 Min: 61

Sunset : 17:52 Hours
Sunrise : 07:31 Hours

Hardcore murder accused with his 6 aiders arrested

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SAMBHA: Police on Sunday nabbed hardcore criminal Gilka from Doda, who was arrested in Akshay murder case of GudwalRamgarh& had escaped from Police Station Ramgarh. Six aiders & harbourers of "Gilka" have also been arrested by police after series of raids in Jammu, Doda and Samba districts.

The hardened criminal Sahil Sharma alias Gilka, son of Rakesh Kumar, resident of Near Railway FatakVijaypur has been arrested alongwith his six aiders & harbourers identified as Vishwajeet Kotwal, son of Joginder Singh,

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Dry and cold wave conditions prevailed in Kashmir on Sunday as night temperatures dropped at most places in the Valley after a day's respite, officials said here.

Srinagar city recorded a minimum temperature of minus 4.8 degrees Celsius, dropping from the previous day's minus 3.7 degrees Celsius, they said.

Qazigund in south Kashmir and the ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir both recorded a low of minus 5 degrees Celsius, Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district minus 6.5 degrees Celsius, Kokernag town minus 2.3 degrees Celsius



and Kupwara minus 5.7 degrees Celsius.

A dry and largely snowless winter in Kashmir has resulted in freezing nights and warmer than usual days as Srinagar day temperatures are more than eight degrees above the normal, officials

said here.

Kashmir is currently under the grip of "Chilla-i-Kalan", a 40-day harsh winter period when a cold wave sweeps through the region and temperatures drop considerably, leading to the freezing of water bodies as well as water