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## AC approves Inter-Modal Station at Katra, land for public purposes

IMS to provide single point transportation hub through air, rail, road

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the proposal of the Housing and Urban Development Department to sign a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding between National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Ministry of Railways (MoR), and Government of Jammu and Kashmir (GoJK) for co-development of Inter-Modal Station (IMS) at Katra through Katra Development Authority (KDA).

Farooq Khan and Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisors to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

The approved IMS will be developed as a terminal infrastructure integrating various transportation modes of rail, road, air (helipad), bus, auto rickshaws, taxis and private vehicles at a single hub for seamless movement of people from one mode to another. The project will be completed in three years.



LG Manoj Sinha chairing Administrative Council meeting in Jammu on Wednesday.

The Inter-Modal Station at Katra will be developed in two phases. The public zone and subsequently commercial infrastructures will be developed under phase I and II, respectively.

The decision is aimed at minimizing the transit time and cost for commuters and potentially extend the duration of their stay in Jammu and Kashmir.

Development of the IMS at Katra will also boost commercial development and economic activity which will significantly upscale the socio-economic profile of Katra and its adjoining areas.

For development of the infrastructure, a tripartite MoU will be signed which

will regulate funding and promote coordination between various agencies for time bound execution of the project. The Chief Executive Officer, Katra Development Authority was authorized as the signatory on behalf of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Administrative Council also approved the proposal of Revenue Department to transfer various parcels of land for public purposes.

Farooq Khan and Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisors to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal

### Seven Admin Officers adjusted

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Wednesday adjusted seven officers as In-charge Administrative Officers.

According to the order issued by GAD, Arshad Hussain Ashai, awaiting orders of adjustment has been transferred and posted as In-charge Administrative Officer, Government Dental College, Srinagar; Rajinder Kumar awaiting orders of adjustment has been

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### Jasrotia posted to Samba, Bandral to UR Range

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (IGP) Jammu, Mukesh Singh on Wednesday ordered adjustment of two Inspectors in different Ranges. As per order, Inspector Deepak Jasrotia has been transferred from district Jammu to District Samba; Inspector Sohan Singh Bandral has been transferred from Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban to Udhampur-Reasi Range.

## Newly constituted SIA raids 16 spots in Kashmir to probe land grabbing, terror funding

SP, 4 DySPs among 6 officers inducted in SIA

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: On the basis of intelligence inputs and refined through a preliminary enquiry by the counter intelligence wing of CID of J&K police, the newly constituted State Intelligence Agency (SIA) on Wednesday carried out house searches of several members of the managing body of "Jamaat-us-Saulihat" in Marhama.

Search of the main premises of the seminary was also undertaken.

The searches conducted under the authority of warrants issued by the court of law based on prima facie allegations that under a criminal conspiracy with the officials of the revenue department some Jamaat-e-Islami members, using the direct and indirect influence, have because of their deep connections with these separatist and terrorist outfits especially Hizbul Mujahideen, managed to deviously manipulate and forge revenue records.

Kahkharie land measuring

35 Kanals under Survey No.4683- Min, situated at Marhama, Tehsil Bijbehara was illegally and fraudulently transferred to "Jamaat-us-Saulihat" in Marhama with the dishonest intention of bestowing proprietary rights to the institution in complete violation of the law on the subject which expressly prohibits transfer ownership of any community land to a private entity.

The legal action was taken subsequent to registration and investigation of case

FIR No.14/ 2021U/ S468,467, 120-B IPC, 13, 38 UA (P) Act of P/S Counter Intelligence Kashmir Srinagar. The officers of State Investigation Agency today, on 15-12-2021 conducted searches at 16 different locations falling in District Anantnag and Pulwama of south Kashmir, and Bagh-e-Mehtab of Srinagar of Central Kashmir. The houses of the suspects/other locations

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## IAF chopper crash: Group Capt Varun Singh succumbs to injuries

Prez, PM express anguish

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Group Captain Varun Singh, a decorated air warrior who was seriously injured in the chopper crash in Tamil Nadu on December 8, died on Wednesday at a military hospital in Bengaluru, the IAF said.

It said the 'braveheart' Group Captain succumbed to his injuries this morning.

"IAF is deeply saddened to inform the passing away of braveheart Group Captain Varun Singh, who succumbed this morning to the injuries sustained in the helicopter accident on 08 Dec



21. IAF offers sincere condolences and stands firmly with the bereaved family," it said on Twitter. He was the lone survivor of the crash in

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## DGP terms war against terrorism as war for country

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Director General of Police Dilbag Singh on Wednesday said that war against terrorism is war for the county and its people.

"Responsibility is on our shoulders to fight it with utmost valour", the DGP said while interacting with Jawans and officers at a Darbar held at Armed Police Complex, Parhaspora in North Kashmir's Baramulla District.

"Armed police has emerged as a strong force after facing different challenges professionally," he said adding that this force has been working with utmost zeal and zest on varied assignments given to



DGP Dilbag Singh addressing Jawans & officers during Darbar at Armed Police Complex, Parhaspora.

it.

Citing the various examples of working of armed police, the DGP said that this force has made name for itself.

"This is a force which inspired confidence, even in

tough and challenging situations," he said adding that the officers and Jawans of this wing alongside Executive police have brought laurels by their gallant acts across UT while fighting terrorism

### J&K to rollout land passbooks in Urdu, Hindi, English

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday directed the Revenue Department to roll out trilingual land passbooks as a measure to fill the information vacuum and promote people's ease of access to the revenue record. The first-of-its-kind land passbook will be issued to the legal owners of land in Jammu and Kashmir in Urdu, English, and Hindi languages.

Under the Digital India Land Record Modernization Programme (DILRMP), the Revenue Department has scanned voluminous revenue records and placed them

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## Most wanted HM terrorist killed in Pulwama encounter

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Security forces shot dead a most wanted Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist in an encounter in Pulwama on Wednesday.

"Police and security forces neutralised an 'A+' categorised terrorist of pro-separatist terror outfit HM," a spokesperson of the Jammu and Kashmir police said, adding that the slain terrorist was involved in several terror crimes, including an attack in Shopian's Zainapora in 2018, in which four police personnel were killed.

He said acting on a specific

### Encounter breaks out in Kulgam

KULGAM: An encounter broke out between security forces and terrorists at Redwani Bala area of Kulgam on Wednesday night.

According to a Srinagar based news agency, an encounter started between security forces and terrorists at Redwani Bala area of Kulgam at around 10: 40 pm. He said that the terrorists were repeatedly asked to surrender, which they turned down and fired upon forces, triggering an encounter. As per the sources two terrorists are believed to be trapped in the area.

input regarding the presence of a terrorist in Pulwama's Uzrampathri village, the security forces launched a cordon-and search operation in the area in the intervening night of December 14 and

December 15.

"During the search operation, as the presence of the terrorist got ascertained, he was given repeated opportunities to surrender. However,

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### CS led panel sets-up for allocation of funds for maintenance of roads

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Wednesday constituted a UT level Standing Committee to decide about annual allocation of funds for maintenance of different categories of roads.

"In terms of the Jammu and Kashmir Road Maintenance Policy-2021, sanction is accorded to constitution of the UT level Standing Committee headed by Chief Secretary to

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### PSU bank employees to go on two-day strike from today

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI/MUMBAI: Close to nine lakh employees of various state-run banks will go on a two-day nationwide strike beginning Thursday to protest against the government's move to privatise two public sector lenders, union leaders

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 19.5°C Min: 6.8°C

Humidity

Max : 83 Min : 73

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 9.5°C Min: -3.9°C

Humidity

Max : 96 Min: 66

Sunset : 17:28 Hours

Sunrise : 07:26 Hours

## One more Jammu area declared micro-containment zone

147 fresh cases, 3 fatalities reported in J&K

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR/JAMMU: While Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday reported 147 new COVID-cases-- 40 from Jammu division and 107 from the Kashmir Valley-- besides three deaths, one more area of the Capital City of Jammu have been declared as micro-containment zone.

In view of the situation emerging due to COVID-19, District Magistrate (DM) Jammu, Anshul Garg declared Lane near Louis Braille Memorial Residential School for Sightless Girls near Fire Brigade Office, Upper Roop Nagar of Tehsil

Jammu North falling under Police Station Janipur as Micro Containment Zones, according to an official hand-out.

As per order issued by DM Jammu, the aforesaid area shall be under strict lock down and tight perimeter control, except for essential needs.

"There shall be no movement, whatsoever, in and out of the Micro Containment zones and for any medical emergency, individuals can contact the 24X7 control room at 0191-2571616, 0191-2571912 and necessary facilitation shall be done," the order stated.

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## BJP ended discrimination with Jammu, developing entire J&K: Koul

Hundreds of NC workers join BJP in Vijaypur rally

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

VIJAYPUR/ SAMBA: BJP has ended long-standing discrimination with the Jammu region and developing whole J&K with state of art projects, stated Ashok Koul, in a programme where more than 200 hundred of BDC chairmen, Block President NC, District Office Bearers, Councillors, Sarpanchs, Panchs, Samba Sarpanchs, and other prominent members from NC joined BJP in a rally attended by more than 15,000 persons at Vijaypur, Samba.

Massive joining was done in the special presence of J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul and was facilitated by J&K BJP Vice-President Surjit Singh



BJP J&K General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul along with State Executive Member Devinder Singh Rana and other senior leaders of party during a public rally at Vijaypur.

Slathia. Former BJP State President & former Dy. CM Dr. Nirmal Singh, Former BJP State President and former MP Shamsher Singh Manhas, BJP General

Secretary Dr. Devinder Manyal, former Minister Chander Prakash Ganga, State Executive Member Devinder Singh Rana, DDC Chairman Keshav Dutt,

Narain Singh, District President Amar Singh, Mandal President Ajay, Adv. Mohinder and others were also present on the occasion. Addressing the massive

Why voice from Jammu should peeve anyone, asks Rana  
VIJAYPUR: Former NC legislator and now Executive Member of BJP Devender Rana on Monday expressed surprise on eyebrows being raised over Jammu asserting its identity and setting a narrative for political discourse of Jammu and Kashmir, a domain of a particular section of the Kashmir leadership for over seven decades.

Speaking at a rally, prominently addressed by Chief Guest BJP Organisation Secretary Ashok Koul among others, Devender Rana said: "When we talk of Jammu, we don't mean just two and half districts as they (the Kashmir centric PDP and NC leaders) mock and say with contempt, but we mean the entire Jammu Province from Lakhnapur to Poonch and Banihal to Paddar Kishtwar.

According to ST correspondent, the rally was a show of strength by Devender Rana and Surjeet Singh Slathia, who resigned from the National Conference and joined the BJP a few months ago. Rana said the voice emanating from Jammu is inclusive, irrespective of region, religion or caste, with emphasis on equitable opportunities of progress, development, employment and governance to all and no region nurturing ignominy of

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joining by new entrants, Ashok Koul said that this is the august working space of stalwarts like Pt. Prem Nath Dogra, Shyama Prasad Mokherjee, Brig. Rajinder Singh and others who lived

just to serve the Nation and the society. He said that the BJP with its strong organizational principles has grown over to a party of 17 Crore members and has earned the distinction of being the

largest political party. He said that this party has given us the leaders like Prime Minister Narendra Modi who has made us all proud. He also spoke of the ending

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