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Olectra Greentech's electric bus ride from Raj Bhawan to Trikuta Nagar Committed to provide quality public transport facilities: LG

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Saturday said that the Jammu and Kashmir Government is committed to provide quality transport facilities to the public, adding that the unprecedented augmentation of the public transport system will boost revenue generation as more and more viable and lucrative routes will be included in the operational network of transportation.

The Lt Governor said this while taking a ride in Olectra Greentech's electric bus from Raj Bhawan till Trikuta Nagar, which is on a trial run in J&K to augment inter-city and intra-city transport facilities.

Arun Kumar AGM Sales and Marketing, Olectra Greentech Ltd, briefed the Lt Governor about the functioning, features and technical aspects



LG Manoj Sinha taking ride in Olectra Greentech's electric bus from Raj Bhawan to Trikuta Nagar.

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Pays obeisance at Vaishno Devi

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha paid obeisance at the shrine of Vaishno Devi on Saturday and prayed for peace in the Union Territory, officials said.

Sinha visited the holy cave shrine atop the Trikuta hills and offered his prayers, they added.

The officials said the LG prayed for peace, progress, prosperity and well-being of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

of the bus during the ride. He apprised the Lt Governor that it is a seven meter Olectra K6 Electric Bus which has seating capacity of 24 plus driver, and single charge range of 160 KM with 80 per cent status

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Winter vacations in J&K High Court from Jan 3

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JAMMU: High Court of Jammu and Kashmir will remain closed for winter vacations with effect from January 3, 2022 to January 25, 2022 (both days inclusive). The period commencing from 3rd day of January to 8th day of January, 2020 will be 'No Work Period' for the High Court.

Chief Justice of J&K High Court Pankaj Mithal nominated Justice Puneet Gupta as Vacation Judge for Jammu Wing from January 10, 2022 to January 17, 2022 while Justice Javed Iqbal Wani will be Vacation Judge from January 18, 2022 to January 25, 2022. In Srinagar Wing,

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10 J&K Kick-boxing team leaves for Pune

Jammu areas plunge into darkness, PDD employees go on strike

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JAMMU/SRINAGAR: Many parts of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday witnessed complete power shut-down as thousands of power supply employees on Saturday launched a "work boycott" across Jammu and Kashmir to press for their four-point demands, including shelving a proposed joint venture between the Jammu and Kashmir Power Transmission Corporation Limited and the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited.

The employees, from all unions and associations, from linemen to senior engi-

neers, decided to go on indefinite strike after failure of talks with the government, and staged demonstrations in the twin capital cities besides in district headquarters, a spokesperson of the coordination committee of power supply employees said.

He said they had presented a four-point formula to the government but it failed to accept their demands, including a white paper on non-fulfilment of the recommendations of the unbundling report and the failure to create positions as mandated by the committee at gazetted and non-gazetted levels, regularisation of daily wages

and regularisation of all Power Development Department engineers.

They also demanded delinking their salary from grant-in-aid and releasing a regular budget for all PDD employees on deputation to different corporations and a white paper of service condition of PDD employees on deputation to the Chenab Valley Power Projects Private Limited (CVPPL) and similarly situated employees deputed from the NHPCL, the spokesperson said.

"The path of confrontation is being pushed by the

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RSS not Govt's remote control, says Bhagwat

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DHARAMSHALA (HP): The media portrays the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) as the government's remote control, but nothing could be further from the truth, its chief Mohan Bhagwat said on Saturday.

He also said though India is not a world power, it certainly has the potential to become a world 'guru' in the post pandemic era.



Addressing ex-servicemen here, Bhagwat said, The media refers to us as the remote control of the government, but that is untrue. Though, some of our workers are definitely part of the government. The government does not give assurances of any sort to our swayam sevaks. People ask us what we get from the government.

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Jammu won't remain subservient anymore: Rana

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JAMMU: Asserting that inclusive Jammu will play its decisive and designated role in setting a narrative for entire Jammu and Kashmir with avenues of progress to all and appeasement to none, BJP leader and former legislator Devender Singh Rana on Saturday said the assimilative heritage of the region shall continue to provide an umbrella to every segment of society, irrespective of religion and caste.

"Jammu won't remain sub-



BJP leader Devender Singh Rana addressing a public meeting.

servient anymore but shall instead work towards seeking a situation in which every

region and sub-region besides every segment of population, irrespective of eth-

nic, geographic and cultural lineage feels politically empowered and involved in the decision making", Rana said while addressing a meeting at Bathindi here this afternoon, adding that the governance is not anybody's exclusive entitlement or birth right.

He said the Jammu narrative is to bind the people and not to divide them as per political exigencies. Those bringing religion and region in the political discourse

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COVID: J&K records 151 fresh cases, one death

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JAMMU: With 151 fresh cases, Jammu and Kashmir's COVID-19 tally has climbed to 3,39,691, while the death toll due to the viral disease has gone up to 4,511 with one more fatality, officials said on Saturday.

Of the fresh cases, 42 were reported from the Jammu division and 109 from the Kashmir division of the Union Territory, they added.

Srinagar district recorded the highest number of 55

cases, followed by 17 cases each in Baramulla and Jammu districts, the officials said. There are 1,458 active cases of the infection in the Union Territory currently, while the number of patients who have recuperated is 3,33,722, they added.

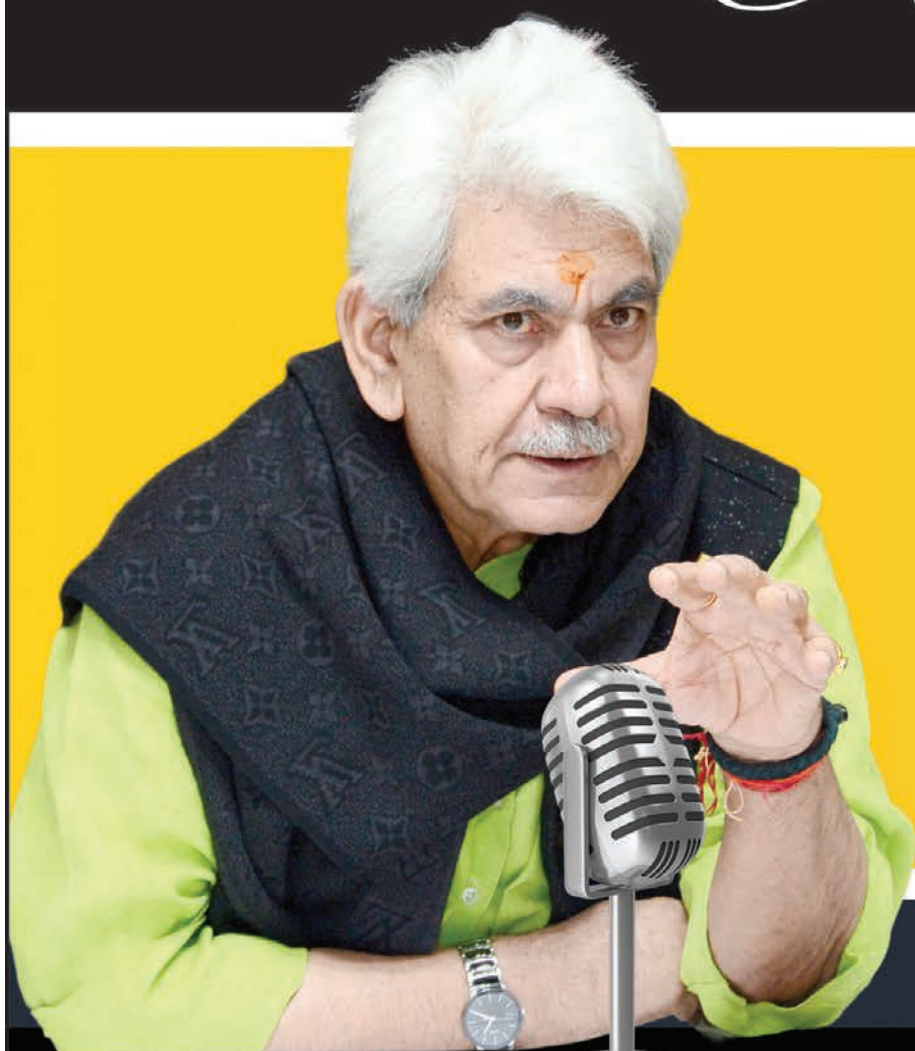
There are 50 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in the Union Territory, the officials said, adding that no fresh case was reported since Friday evening.



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