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Reopening ceremony of St Luke's Church in Srinagar LG exhorts people to strengthen values of brotherhood, peace



LG Manoj Sinha during reopening of historic St Luke's Church at Srinagar.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday exhorted the people to inculcate the spirit of social harmony and strengthen the values of brotherhood, peace and selfless service.

"India is home to diverse religions and cultures for centuries. But, despite much diversity, we are living in unity without any discrimination, observed the Lt Governor while inaugurating the reopening ceremony of historic St

Luke's Church in Srinagar that has been fully renovated, conserved and opened for the public to offer prayers.

Addressing the gathering through virtual mode, the Lt Governor said that the lost glory of the oldest Church in Srinagar has been restored today.

"Reopening of St Luke's Church in Srinagar after restoration is a historic occasion to celebrate and imbibe Lord Christ's message of sacrifice, service, redemption, love and compassion", observed the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor said that the St Luke's Church is a unique symbol of J&K's composite culture, which was built in 1896 on the southwest slope of Shri Shankaracharya Hill.

The Lt Governor congratulated the citizens of J&K, especially the Christian community and all the artisans involved in the renovation and conservation, besides the officials associated with the Smart City program. The restoration and conservation work of St Luke's Church has been carried out under the 'Smart City Project'. The up-gradation of the surrounding landscape has also been attended to including access to the Church, lighting and the allied components. The inside of the Church has also been redone with construction of Alter, wooden flooring, seating, window panes, access gate and porch.

St. Luke's message of peace and harmony to all human beings is more relevant today than ever before. Today, while facing the challenges of Covid pandemic, the whole world is realizing that no nation or society can survive in isolation. Our dependence on each other, our connect with each other has increased substantially, the Lt Governor said.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor remembered

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ACB nabs XEn RDD red-handed while accepting bribe

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has arrested an Executive Engineer of Rural Development Department, Ramban for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 4,000 on Thursday.

As per an official spokesperson, the sleuths of ACB received a complaint, wherein complainant had alleged that one Madan Lal Chadgal, Executive Engineer, Rural Development Department, District Ramban was

demanding a bribe of Rs 5,000 from him for releasing his payments for the works done under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in District Ramban. "On receipt of complaint, a discreet verification was conducted by Anti Corruption Bureau and on basis of findings of the Enquiry Officer, prima facie, offences under section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 (as amended in 2018) was found made out against

accused. Accordingly, FIR was registered and a trap team was constituted, which laid a successful trap and caught Madan Lal Chadgal, Executive Engineer, Rural Development Department, District Ramban red-handed while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 4,000 from complainant. The accused was arrested on the spot by ACB team and searches were also conducted at residence of the accused," he said, adding that further investigation is going on.

Govt constitutes 6-member committee for demarcation of land at Gandhi Nagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Thursday constituted a high level committee for demarcation of land at Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

"Sanction is accorded to constitution of a High Level Committee for demarcation of the land falling under Khasra No.73 of the revenue village Rakh Bahu, Tehsil Bahu, District Jammu (adjacent to the Circular Park Gole Market, Gandhi Nagar) on the basis of available documents/reports/maps/records and ground situation so as to ensure its commercial exploitation through the J&K Housing

Board," reads an order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department. As per order, the high level committee will be headed by Divisional Commissioner, Jammu as its Chairman while 4. Managing Director, J&K Housing Board will be its Member Secretary and Commissioner, Survey and Land Records, J&K Deputy Commissioner, Jammu and an Officer to be nominated by Administrative Secretary, Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs

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Bhatindi IED recovery case: NIA files charge-sheet against 3

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a chargesheet against three persons before a special court here in connection with a case relating to the recovery of an IED from Bhatindi in June, an official said on Thursday.

Nadeem Ul Haq, Talib Ur Rehman of Ramban and Nadeem Ayoub Rather of Shopian have been named in the chargesheet filed under sections the IPC, the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the Explosive Substances Act, the official of the premier investigation agency said.

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Winter vacations for degree colleges from Dec 27

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Thursday announced winter vacation for degree colleges in the Union Territory. As per an order issued by Principal Secretary Higher Education Department, Rohit Kansal, all Government Degree Colleges in Kashmir division and those falling under winter zone Jammu shall observe the winter vacation with effect from December 27 till February 14, 2022. "The vacation for degree colleges falling under summer zone Jammu shall be effective from December 27 till January 5," the order added.

Seeks equal distribution of ST seats in J&K Bring elected Govt in J&K to start grievances redressal mechanism: Azad

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GOOL: Former Union Minister and Senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad on Thursday said that people in J&K want popular Government in Jammu and Kashmir as their miseries have increased after creation of J&K as UT.

Despite inclement weather conditions, people in large numbers participated in the public rally of Ghulam Nabi Azad at Gool area of Ramban on Thursday.

While lambasting government for power crisis in Jammu and Kashmir, former J&K Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad said that J&K is under severe power crisis even after being a major generator of electricity across the country.

Azad was accompanied by former Ministers Ghulam Mohd Saroori, Jugal Kishore Sharma and Viqar Rasool. He said that the government is moving



Former Union Minister and Senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad receiving rousing reception at Gool on Thursday.

without any planning on all aspects. Azad said after the decision of August 5, 2019, the sufferings of people increased manifold in J&K.

Azad, while addressing the gathering, highlighted developmental works done by Congress during his tenure as CM in

J&K.

Azad said that the government has brought miseries for the people in Jammu and Kashmir as they were given hollow and false assurances on the name of massive development, employment which till date

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Two OGWs of LeT arrested in Budgam; IED recovered in Pulwama

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Security forces on Thursday arrested two Over Ground Workers (OGWs) of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) in Budgam district, police said.

"Acting on specific inputs, police, army and the CRPF apprehended two terrorist associates linked with proscribed terrorist outfit LeT from Magam area of Budgam," a police spokesman said.

He said the arrested persons were identified as Mohammad Shafi Ganai and Zahoor Ahmad Chopan. Incriminating materials were recovered from their possession. During preliminary investigation, it

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In COVID review meet, PM underlines need to be 'Satark', 'Saavdhan'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday reviewed the COVID-19 situation in the country amid fresh concerns sparked by the outbreak of highly transmissible Omicron variant and stressed on the need to be 'Satark' (vigilant) and 'Saavdhan' (cautious).

While asserting that the government is alert and seized of the evolving sce-



nario, he added that the fight against the pandemic is not over yet and highlighted the

attempt to create anarchy in the poll-bound state.

The Union Home Ministry has sought a detailed report from the state government as early as possible. It also wanted to be informed about the findings of the initial investigations.

The blast wrecked a wall of the bathroom, shattered window panes in adjoining rooms and broke windscreens of some cars parked below, triggering panic in the busy court complex.

Officials said the five people, including two women, were injured in the explosion were out of danger.

CM Channi, accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister

Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa and minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu, visited a hospital in Ludhiana to meet the injured.

He also summoned a meeting later in the day in Chandigarh.

The blast comes days after the alleged sacrifice bids at the Golden Temple in Amritsar and a gurdwara in Kapurthala followed by the lynching of two men.

Over the past onths there have also been cases of drones being spotted near the Pakistan border, with authorities suspecting that they could have dropped arms or explosives.

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Six SHOs transferred in Reasi district

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Reasi, Shailender Singh on Thursday transferred six Station House Officers (SHOs).

As per order, Inspector Rajesh Kumar Gautam, SHO Pouni has been posted as SHO Reasi; Inspector Jeet Singh, SHO Ransoo has been posted to DPL Reasi; Inspector Rattan Singh, DHO Mahore

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Assistance of Rs. 50,000 to the heirs / next of kins of the deceased who died due to Covid-19 in the UT of J&K

The public is hereby informed that Government of UT (J&K) has approved the scheme to provide assistance of Rs. 50,000/- (ex-gratia assistance) to the NOK /heirs of the deceased who died due to Covid-19 in J&K as per the guidelines of Government of India.

The Next of Kinds / legal heirs can avail ex-gratia by applying online on the respective official district website wherein a special link to the assistance portal is provided for submitting the details.

The application must be submitted with any of the following proofs to establish Death due to Covid-19 as detailed in Addendum to Government Order No. 83-JK (DMRRR) of 2021 dated 29.11.2021:

- RT-PCR Report.
- Rapid Antigen Test Report.
- Molecular Test Report.
- Copy of Certified supporting Medical Treatment / Diagnosis of Covid-19.

The application made should include the following Documents

1. Death Certificate (due to COVID-19).
2. Aadhar linked Bank Account No. with IFSC code of the claimant.
3. Copy of Aadhar Card of the claimant.
4. Address proof of the claimant.
5. Legal Heirship certificate or adoption deed (Issued by competent authority) for establishing kinship with the COVID-19 deceased.

Apart from this an application can also be made by delivering the application in person (offline) at the concerned Deputy Commissioners Office.

If the applicant / heir of the deceased has any objection or complaint against the decision on the application, the application can be made to the following Grievance Redressal Committee or in person at the Deputy Commissioners Office.

- Additional Deputy Commissioner of District.
- Principal Medical College / Chief Medical Officer.
- Medical Superintendent of District Hospital.

For any queries regarding the procedure, please contact the concerned District Administration Office. Information on the scheme can also be obtained from the Office of Secretary to Government, Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, Govt. of J&K and Director National Health Mission, Government of J&K.

Health & Medical Education Department, J&K

Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction