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39 MoUs worth Rs 18,300 Cr signed for investments in residential, commercial infrastructure; film sectors

Real Estate to create innumerable opportunities for economic growth in UT: Puri

Barriers to businesses in J&K removed: LG

J&K now entering mainstream journey of PM's New India: Dr. Jitendra

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JAMMU: Titans of India's Real Estate Sector, including promoters in Residential Retail & Commercial space, Entertainment Industry, Tourism & Hospitality, Logistics & Warehousing and Financing Institutions came together for the growth of J&K at the first-ever 'Real Estate Summit-2021'.

In presence of Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Housing & Urban Affairs Minister; Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor, J&K and Dr. Jitendra Singh; Union MoS, 39 MoUs worth Rs 18,300 Crore were signed on Monday to foster growth and development in Jammu and Kashmir. It includes investments in the residential. commercial, infrastructure, and film sectors.

During his address, the Union Minister, Hardeep Singh Puri said that Real Estate, being the second largest employer in the country will create innumerable



Union Ministers Hardeep Singh Puri, Dr. Jitendra Singh, LG Manoj Sinha and others during Real Estate Summit-2021

- >> Next 'Real Estate Summit' in Srinagar to be organised on May 21 & 22, 2022
- >> RERA portal, Housing Portal, integrated auction portal launched to facilitate transparent and accountable framework in Real Estate Sector
- >> 3 Housing Schemes launched under which about 1000 EWS apartments under PMAY and another 150 MIG & HIG apartments are being launched
- >> J&K Govt signs MoU on skilling with NAREDCO to train 10,000 workers in various skills of the construction industry

opportunities for economic growth in J&K.

The natural endowments in

J&K is being put up for sale.

People of Jammu should

beware, 'investors' will buy

up land in Jammu long

before Kashmir," Abdullah

revoked to dehumanise, dis-

possess & disempower the

only Muslim majority state

in India, GOIs brazen loot &

sale of our resources shows

that the sole motive is to

annihilate our identity &

change the demography.

SHAKELLA ANDRABI

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with full financial

and other procure-

ment powers, as

shortlisted candi-

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interview process on

December 28

Kashmir Institute of Medical

Sciences Soura (SKIMS) is

The only world class med-

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Kashmir with state-of-art

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and highly qualified medical

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the UT of J&K and resilience

of its people are second to none in the world which now need to be translated into economic development, pros-

perity and ease of living, said the Union Minister.

Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha termed the event as a historic

milestone in J&K's Real Estate sector.

Last few years have seen tremendous change in terms of good governance, delivering development & transforming the infrastructure of the UT. Barriers to businessin J&K have been removed. The UT of Jammu & Kashmir is now an attractive place to do business and invest, said the Lt Governor.

Governor announced that the next 'Real Estate Summit' will be organized in Srinagar on 21st and 22nd May 2022.

Development of local businesses is imperative in scripting the growth story of J&K. Besides national players in real estate, local developers of J&K will also be at the focus of this new dawn of development of real estate sector in the UT, he added.

The Lt Governor expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union Minister

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MHA issues fresh advisory for COVID management; asks states, UTs not to let guard down

Junior National Volleyball

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Amidst initial signs of surge in cases of COVID-19 as well as increased detection Omicron variant in different parts of the country, the Centre on Monday issued a fresh advisory to all States and UTs to deal with the pandemic situation.

In the advisory, Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla said States and Union Territories may consider imposing need based, local curbs and restrictions, to control the crowd during the

Asking States and UTs not to let the guard down, he emphasised that there should be continued focus on the five-fold strategy - Test-Track-Treat-Vaccination and adherence to Covid appropriate behaviour to avoid the possibility of surge in COVID-19 cases, especially keeping in view the new Variant of Concern (VOC).

He asked the States and UTs to refer to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) order issued for ensuring implementation of the measures as conveyed by the

CoWIN registration for 15-18 yr age group to start on Jan 1

NEW DELHI: Children aged between 15 and 18 years would be able to register on the CoWIN portal from January 1 and the vaccine option for them would only be Covaxin, officials said on Monday as preparations are underway to start inoculating children against COVID-19 from January 3.

"Children aged between 15 and 18 years would be able to register on the CoWIN portal from January 1," CoWIN chief Dr RS Sharma said on Monday.

The vaccine option for those in the 15-18 age group would only be Covaxin, according to the "Guidelines for COVID-19 vaccination of children between 15-18 years and precaution dose to HCWs, FLWs and 60+ population with comorbidities" issued by the Union health ministry on Monday.

According to the guidelines, which will come into effect from January 3, those aged 15 and above will be able to register on CoWIN. In other words, "all those whose birth year is 2007" or before, shall be eligible.

An additional provision has been made on CoWIN through which students can register for vaccination on the portal using their student identity cards ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) on December 21.

"The country has witnessed an overall decline in active cases. However, the new variant, Omicron is reported to be at least three times more transmissible than the Delta VOC, and is posing a new challenge for the Covid containment measures." the

communication said.

In the countries with Omicron-driven surge, the home secretary said, the growth trajectory of cases has been very steep and in our country, 578 Omicron cases have already been reported in 19 States and UTs so far. He said globally, Omicron cases have

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Meanwhile, 32 of the fresh

cases were from the Jammu

division and 79 from the

Kashmir division of the

Union territory, the officials

They said Srinagar district

recorded a maximum of 38

new cases, followed by 21

The Union Territory now

has 1,333 active COVID-19

cases, while the count of

3,34,976, the officials said.

stands

cases in Jammu district.

recoveries

Omar, Mehbooba fume over opening **J&K** to real estate investors

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Former Jammu and Kashmir chief ministers Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti on Monday hit out at the

administration for opening the union territory to real estate investors alleging that

it is being done to change the demography of the region.

tions of the government are brought to the fore. While offering to secure the land, jobs, domicile laws & identi-

5.3 magnitude

earthquake hits J&K

SRINAGAR: An earthquake

of 5.3 magnitude hit Jammu

and Kashmir on Monday,

officials said. So far, there

are no reports of damage due

to the quake, they said

Tremors were felt around

The earthquake was 5.3 in

magnitude and its epicentre

was at a depth of 10 kilome-

tres in the Astore area of

Slight respite from intense

cold conditions in

Kashmir after snowfall

SRINAGAR: Snowfall in some parts and brief rainfall

in most areas of Kashmir has resulted in respite from

intense cold wave conditions

on Monday, officials said.

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Srinagar recorded a low

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Gilgit Baltistan, they said.

7.01 pm, the officials said.

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Don't feel need to set-up panel for review of AFSPA: LG **STATE TIMES NEWS** ty of the people of Ladakh,

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said there is no need to set up a panel to review the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) in the union territory. Sinha was asked if Jammu and Kashmir feels the need to set up a panel to review or repeal the AFSPA as is being done in Nagaland.

"Do not be concerned about it. I am looking into it. I do not feel any such need (to set up panel to review it)." Sinha told a press conference here

The Centre on Sunday constituted a high-level committee, headed by a secre-

SKIMS likely to get Director today;

from various shortcomings

on account of medical facili-

ties for the past six months.

The candidates shortlisted

by the Committee are

Dr Yogesh Sarin,

FOLLOW-UP

Director Professor and

Head Department of

Ramzan.

Head

Pediatric Surgery at Lady

Hardinge Medical College;

Dr Nisar Ahmed Bhat; Dr

Department of Neurosurgery

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tary-rank officer, to examine the possibility of lifting the controversial Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act in Nagaland, apparently to soothe the rising tension in the northeastern state following the killing of 14 civil-

LG Sinha outright rejected apprehensions among some political leaders in Jammu and Kashmir about demographic change in the union territory.

"I outright reject it. I will not react to statements of leaders " Sinha said while replying to another ques-

In bid to address such apprehension, the LG said. a large chunk of local youth have been given employment in hydro power, tunnel and road projects in J&K.

He said it is an attempt to incite people. "We will take people on board," he said. In his address earlier in

the day to the first ever investment summit, the LG said attempt to create hindrance will be dealt with.

"We will bring down the wall of hindrance (in the development journey of Jammu and Kashmir). We will take swift steps in this development journey said. He, however, advised investors to take on board people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Three PWD officials

deputed to Ladakh, 3

repatriated back

JAMMU: The Government

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Territory of Ladakh and

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"Er. Jatinder Kumar, I/c

Executive

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Public

J&K UT.

Assistant

Department

get Super Time Scale **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: The Government

Three JKAS officers

on Monday promoted three Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) officers to the Super Time Scale

"Sanction is accorded to the promotion of Special Scale officers Rachna Sharma, Leena Padha and Kusum Badyal to the Super Time Scale of the Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service in pay level 14 (Rs 144200-218200) with effect from December 10, 2021," reads an order issued by Kumar Dwivedi, Manoj Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration

111 new COVID-19 cases in J&K Jammu area declared micro-containment zone ment zones

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 111 fresh COVID-19 cases and one fatality due to the virus in the last 24 hours, bringing the infection count to 3,40,833 and the death toll to 4,524, officials said on Monday.

Jammu District Administration declared one moremicro-containment zone in the district with the detection of COVID-19 positive patients with mild symptoms.

Magistrate, Jammu, Anshul Garg declared lane near Kwality Bakery, Canal Road, Jammu as micro-contain-

reported, they said.

The mucormycosis (black fungus) infection count in the UT remained unchanged at 50 as no fresh case was

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2 Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorists

arrested in Pulwama **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Security forces arrested two overground workers of terror outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) in Pulwama district on

Monday, police said. According to a police spokesperson, the arrested men have been identified as Adil Ali son of Ali Mohd Bhat resident of Acchan and Asif Gulzar son of Gulzar Ahmad Dar resident of

Hajidarpora. "Security forces have arrested two terrorist associates linked with proscribed terror outfit JeM and recov-

ered incriminating materials from their possession," the police spokesperson said. "Incriminating materials of

the proscribed terror outfit, JeM, were recovered from their possession," he added.

The spokesperson said a preliminary investigation has revealed that the arrested men were in touch with JeM commanders and involved in providing logistics, shelter as well as arms, ammunition and explosive materials to the members of the outfit to strengthen the terror networks operating

Baldev Prakash is new Director on BoD of J&K Bank

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The government

Monday appointed Baldev Prakash as Director on the Board of Directors (BoD) of Jammu & Kashmir Bank.

"In exercise of powers vested under Article 69 of the Articles of Association of the Jammu and Kashmir Bank Limited, and pursuant to approval of Reserve Bank of India sanction is accorded to the appointment of Baldev Prakash as Director on the Board of Directors of the Jammu and Kashmir

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fraternity has been suffering SKIMS Soura; Dr Umar Eight PDD officials deputed to Ladakh, 8 repatriated to J&K UT

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Professor

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Monday deputed eight officers/officials of Power Development Department to Union Territory of Ladakh and repatriated eight officials to J&K UT.

"Sumir Sharma, AEE, ED-Leh; Sanjiv Sharma, AEE, EM&RE Circle, Leh; Ghulam Nabi Malik, AEE STD- Kargil; Ashraf Majid, AEE, ED-Leh; Sarfaraz Nazir, Assistant Engineer (AE), ED-Kargil; Sandeep Tangotra, AE, STD-Leh; Rohin Gupta, AE, STD-Leh; and Robin Jain, AE, STD-Leh, presently working in the Union Territory of Ladakh are

repatriated to Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir with the directions to report in the Power Development Department, J&K for further posting after being properly relieved by a competent authority in the Union territory of Ladakh." reads an order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Commissioner/ Secretary,

General Administration Department. Consequently, Ghulam Ahmad Quari, AEE, JKSPDC, Srinagar; Vijahat

Ali Mir, AEE, JKSPDC. Srinagar; Tswang Morup, AE, JK House, New Delhi; Shehnaz Akhtar,

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15 candidates shortlisted Javed Shah, Dean Medical Faculty and Gastroenterology/Surgical Oncology at SKIMS Soura; Dr Showkat Ali Mufti. Professor and Emergency Medicine at SKIMS Soura; Dr Parvaiz A Koul, ex-HoD Internal and Pulmonary Medicine at SKIMS Soura; Dr Ghulam Nabi Lone, Prof and HoD CVTS at SKIMS Soura; Dr Bashir A Laway, Professor and HoD Department of Endocrinology at SKIMS Soura; Dr Showkat ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Engineer (Mechanical), Er. Ajay Kumar, I/c Assistant Engineer Executive (Mechanical) and Tilak Raj, Draftsman Head (Mechanical). presently working in the

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JAMMU: Making a sensational disclosure that highest authority in the UPA had intervened to get the Kashmiri Hindu Shrines and Religious Places (Management and Regulation) Bill stalled. Former legislator and prominent BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Monday said there was nothing uncomfortable in the legislation except preservation of the valuable religious treasure of Kashmiri Pandits back home in the Valley.

"I say it on record that sustained efforts were made to stall the passage of the Bill", Rana said while paying tribute to Pandit Prem Nath Bhat on Chetna Diwas here this afternoon organized by Pandit Prem Nath Bhat Memorial Trust.

The gathering was addressed by Swami Kumarji and Justice (retd)



Prominent BJP leader Devender Singh Rana speaking at a programme in Jammu

Sunil Hali. Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Org) BJP, was the presiding guest on the occasion.

He said the machinations against the Kashmiri Pandits did not end up with their horrible exodus at the gunpoint but it continued thereafter too

with slogans like 'honourable and safe return' becoming a fashion statement for all those donning the mantle of governance. They did nothing except delivering emotive slogans without any substance, he added.

The BJP leader however lauded the

resilience and assimilative character of the brave community which weathered all storms with fortitude. He described the forced exodus of the entire ethnic community from their homes and hearths as one of the major tragedies of the twentieth cenand sought Truth & Reconciliation Commission under a retired Supreme Court Judge to find out the circumstance leading to commission of human rights violation of such a magnitude. "Ethnic cleansing of aborigines

from their land of ancestors is unheard", Rana observed, saying it is a matter of concern for people to become refugees in their own country. Rana wondered why the pain of

lakhs of displaced people has not evoked the conscience of the selfstyled champions of human rights for over three ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

