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JMC celebrates Int'l Anti-Corruption UD Day; Mayor leads rally

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Pakistani balloon found in Rajouri; search operation launched

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First Pre-Board exams make students gear-up for CBSE Floor Test: Principal JKPS Kunjwani

LG directs safety audit of all major, internal roads in J&K



LG Manoj Sinha chairing a meeting to discuss various issues related to road safety.

STATE TIMES NEWS

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday passed explicit directions for conducting safety audit of all major and internal roads in Jammu and Kashmir at the earliest.

"Carry out audit of all crash barriers", the Lt Governor directed the concerned officers while chairing a meeting to discuss various issues related to Road Safety, at the Civil Secretariat, adding that Traffic Police officials and Engineers of Transport Department must carry out visits to check unauthorised road cuts and diversions made illegally.

On being apprised about the installation of CCTV cameras on National Highways by the National Highways Authority of India, the Lt Governor asked the NHAI officials to carry out the task on all NHs of UT within a pre-defined timeframe.

He also passed important directions for road safety measures, and suggested various mechanisms to improve the response system. Sinha directed the officials to formulate robust and resilient Standard Operating

"Road accidents are a major threat to people's well being. Focus should be on measures that are effective in preventing fatalities. Safer roads should be the prime

holders and coordinated efforts are required to defeat this third leading cause of death worldwide. Enforcement is a significant and effective way of preventing and reducing accidents, deaths and injuries. Best practice in enforcement of traffic violations should be Evaluate the adopted. enforcement on a regular basis," the Lt Governor said.

Senior officers of Transport and Traffic departments must monitor all aspects of Road Safety on priority and there has to be effective coordination of all Departments in this endeavour, the Lt Governor observed.

The Lt Governor called for ensuring enforcement of safety laws and generating greater awareness among all stakeholders including drivers, transporters and youth. Involve School Education and Higher Education Departments for spreading the message of road

Two SHOs among seven officials transferred

STATE TIMES NEWS

Superintendent of Police (SSP), Samba on Friday transferred two Station House Officers (SHOs) among seven police officials. As per order, Inspector Inderpal has been transferred from Police Station Bari Brahmana and posted to DPL Samba; Inspector Sunil Kumar from DPL Samba to Police Station

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Mortar shells defused in Samba, Poonch

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Security forces detected and defused two live mortar shells in Samba and Poonch, officials said on Friday. Locals informed police about an unexploded mortar shell lying in Chak Faqira village in Samba. The security forces safely defused the shell on Thursday evening, they said. In another incident, a mortar shell found in the forward area along LoC in Poonch's Mendhar sector was defused by the security forces,

Modi chairs meet of Guvs, CMs, LGs on G-20 presidency, says it belongs to entire nation

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh



LG Manoj Sinha participating in virtual meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss issues related to India's G-20 presidency.

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STATE TIMES NEWS

DELTHI NEW PrimeMinister Narendra Modi chaired a virtual meeting of governors, chief ministers and lieutenant governors on Friday to discuss issues related to India's G-20 presidency, and said it is a unique opportunity for the country to showcase its strengths.

During the meeting, the prime minister emphasised the importance of teamwork and sought the cooperation states and Union

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Participated in VC chaired by Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji & conducted by Hon'ble HM Shri Amit Shah Ji on execution of events connected with #G20India. It is a unique opportunity to showcase J&K's rich culture, inclusive traditions, tourism potential & development prowess.

'Polls in J&K after winters keeping

tion of various G-20 events, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a statement. The prime minister pointed

would help showcase parts of India beyond the conventional big metros, thus bringing out the uniqueness of

JKP SI recruitment scam: CJM rejects bail plea of CPRF cop

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Judicial Magistrate Jammu Anjum Ara rejected bail application of one Ashwani Kumar. CRPF constable who was involved in SI recruitment

While rejecting bail application, CJM Jammu Anjum Ara after hearing Vijay Kumar Dogra Prosecutor for CBI, observed that the charge-sheet in the present case has been filed before this court. However, it is prima facie evident from record that nonapplicant/CBI is conducting further investigation in the matter and will file subse-

Govt constitutes panel to determine buffers around Dal, allied water-bodies STÁTE TIMES NEWS

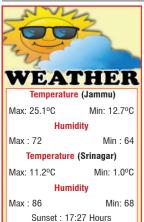
JAMMU: The government on Friday constituted an experts committee to determine the buffers around Dal Lake and allied water bodies falling in the Srinagar Metropolitan Region.

According to an order issued by Secretary, General Administration Department, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

BDOs of Kupwara Distt get Executive **Magistrate** powers

STATE TIMES NEWS KUPWARA: On the recommendation of District Magistrate. Kupwara. Doifode Sagar Dattatray, all Block Development Officers (BDOs) in Kupwara district have been granted Executive Magistrate powers to help them resolve ROW issues and implement projects faster. Those who shall exercise Executive Magistrate powers in their

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Sunrise: 07:22 Hours

quent charge-sheet in the case as there is more evidence to be collected by nonapplicant and there is possibility of involvement of many more accused in the present case. "Accused is involved in a serious economic offence of huge magnitude and prima facie he has played a key role in the criminal conspiracy to leak the question paper for financial gain. The investigating agency CBI has prayed in the charge sheet that further investigation is still going on in the case and subsequent charge sheet will be filed as and when the investigation is complete.

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Procedure (SoPs) to examine vehicle fitness and issuance of driving licenses. He also directed the officials for efficient implementation of stringent deterrence, penal actions against violators.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The people of Pir

Panjal and Chenab region of

Jammu division will soon be

provided Heli services to air

travel to the winter capital

In this regard, Divisional

Kumar on Friday held a

meeting with Deputy

Commissioners of Poonch,

Ramesh

and back home.

Commissioner.

Commissioners,

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Heli services to Chenab Valley, Peer Panjal to start from next week Joint Director Tourism as Joint Director concerned DCs to appoint

Tourism, Sunaina Sharma; Director Airport Jammu; Representative of Global Vectra Helicorp Pvt. Ltd; Civil Aviation Department and other concerned officers, while Deputy Commissioners of Poonch, Rajouri, Doda and Kishtwar participated in the meeting through Video Conferencing.

Rajouri, Doda, Kishtwar and The meeting was informed other concerned officers to that to concede the long pending demand of hilly disreview the preparedness for starting the services. tricts for resuming heli serv-The meeting was attended ices, the UT Government has Additional recently finalized the tenders Pawan for the same. Kumar Sharma; Pankaj

improve further.

Katoch;

The Div Com directed the

Chairing the workshop on

Sustainable Development

Goals and delivering the

keynote address, the Chief

Secretary said: "If we do not

measure development, we do

not improve. If we do not

measure with consistency, it

Nodal Officers and conduct joint inspection with the technical team of Global Vectra Helicorp to ensure readiness of the designated helipads in their respective districts

The Div Com also discussed in detail the modalities for starting the services and asked the DCs to notify timing and fare schedule to all designated places. He also directed Global Vectra Helicorp to explore the provision of online ticket booking for the convenience of the

The Div Com appointed

Nodal Officer for coordinating with Global Vectra Helicorp for hassle free services. The Joint Director Tourism was directed to establish a dedicated counter and appoint a team of officials for ticket booking at TRC Jammu.

The Div Com also stressed that a dedicated counter at Jammu Airport be installed for ticket bookings which shall be managed by Joint Director Tourism.

The Div Com instructed Global Vectra Helicorp to send timely messages

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in mind security scenario' situation in mind, the sources

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Elections in Jammu and Kashmir may be held next year after winter conditions subside, and the timing would depend on the security scenario in the union territory, sources said on Friday.

The final electoral roll of Jammu and Kashmir was published on November 25, paving the way for polls, the first since Article 370 provisions were abrogated and J&K was bifurcated into two Union territories in 2019.

But with winter conditions setting in, the polls could take place in the summer of 2023 keeping the latest security

The harsh winter conditions may leave the poll authorities with little option but to hold the exercise in the summer of next year.

Weather and security are the two parameters which will guide the poll authorities in deciding on the poll schedule, the sources said.

Holding polls in Jammu and Kashmir is entails a massive logistical exercise due to the terrain and the security situation with thousands of personnel from central armed police forces being deployed

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SDGs to be very powerful tool to measure development: CS



CS Dr Arun Kumar Mehta addressing workshop on SDGs

No plan as of now to bring All

India Judicial Service: Govt

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMII: Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on said that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be a very

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Due to diver-

gence of opinion amongst the

various stakeholders, there is

no proposal "at this juncture"

to bring an All-India Judicial

Service to select judges of lower courts, the government

said in Lok Sabha on Friday.

The government has been

pushing for an all-India judi-

cial service on the lines of

IAS and IPS to select judges

or judicial officers for subor-

"In view of the existing

divergence of opinion

amongst stakeholders, there

is no such proposal of All

India Judicial Service at this

juncture," Law Minister

Kiren Rijiju said in a written

According to the govern-

ment, "a properly framed" All

dinate courts

powerful tool to measure development in general and sustainable development in particular, and added that the governments have to measure development to

India Judicial Service is

important to strengthen the

overall justice delivery sys-

"This will give an opportu-

nity for induction of suitably

qualified fresh legal talent

selected through a proper all-

India merit selection system

as well as address the issue of

social inclusion by enabling

suitable representation to

marginalised and deprived

sections of society," the min-

A comprehensive proposal

was formulated for the con-

stitution of an All India

Judicial Service (AIJS) and

the same was approved by

the Committee of Secretaries

in November, 2012, Rijiju

recalled. The proposal was

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included as an agenda

with NITI Aayog, MoSPI, UNDP in Jammu. chart a plan till 2030. He

is just anecdotal. The SDG tool will be a very powerful tool to measure development in general and sustainable development in particular". Dr Mehta also exhorted upon the departments to utilize the SDG mechanism to

further reiterated that CONTD ON PAGE 9

History-sheeter detained under PSA in Samba

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A history sheeter was detained in Samba district on Friday after being slapped with the Public Safety Act (PSA), officials

The accused, Rohit Kumar alias Makhan, who is involved in a number of criminal activities, was detained by a special police team from R S Pura area, they said.

The accused is a habitual criminal and his criminal activities are posing a great threat to the public peace and tranquility, they said. A number of heinous cases

registered against Kumar at police stations of Ramgarh, Samba, Bari-Brahmana and R S Pura, Nawabad and Bishnah, they said. Keeping in view

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DB stays judgment of Writ Court, allows JKSSB to proceed with selection process of JEs, SIs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In an appeal filed by Jammu & Kashmir Service Selection Board against judgment of writ Court whereby Writ Court quashed exams of JE and SI being conducted by JKSSB, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court Comprising Justice Sindu Sharma and Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul after hearing Advocate General D C Raina with Deputy AG Rahul Sharma, stayed impugned judgment passed by Writ Court and directed Jammu & Kashmir Service Selection Board to proceed

CBT exam for SI posts from Dec 11-19 to be conducted as per schedule: JKSSB JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board

(JKSSB) on Friday said that the Computer Based Written Test (CBT) examination for the post of Sub Inspector, Home Department which was scheduled to be held on December 9, 2022 will now be held on December 20, 2022 besides the examinations scheduled from December 11 to 19, 2022 shall be conducted as per the schedule.

A notice issued by Controller of Examinations, JKSSB in this regard reads, "It is hereby notified for the information of all such candidates whose Computer Based Written Test (CBT) examinations for the post of Sub Inspector Home Department advertised vide Notification no. 06 of 2021 which was scheduled on December 9, 2022 and was postponed vide no.JKSSB-COE0EXAM (UT)/54/2022-03(7057013) Dated: December 8, -2022 shall now be held on December 20, 2022". The notice further **CONTD ON PAGE 9** with selection process of Junior Engineer (Jal Shakti Department) and Sub-(Home Inspector Department), however, result

of same shall await further

orders from the Court. During the course of hearing Advocate General submitted that in the present scenario, tenders are floated and offers are invited for highly complex technical subjects. It requires understanding and appreciation of the nature of work and the purpose it is going to serve. It is common knowledge in the competitive commercial

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Hurdles in way of holding elections in J&K removed: Tarun Chugh

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Friday asserted that hurdles in the path of holding assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir had been removed and said polls would be held shortly.

He said the BJP's landslide victory in the Gujarat elections was the people's blessings to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"I am confident that elections will be held at a certain time. The elections will be soon", Chugh, the BJP's Jammu and Kashmir in-charge, unit

Adding that the hurdles in the way of holding the elections had been removed,



Headquarters, Jammu on Friday.

Chugh said, "Delimitation has taken place. The enrollment of votes has taken place. The voters' list will be given to political parties for filing their objections, according to the Election Commission (of India's) procedure.

The BJP unit has raised the demand to conduct elec-

Replying to a question on the BJP's record victory in Gujarat, Chugh said, "It is to support him to continue doing the good work for this nation to make this country

a world power. Such blessings will continue in the elecin Jammu and Kashmir and for the Parliament. The BJP leader said peo-

ple would bless Modi and the margin in 2024 would be much higher than in 2019.