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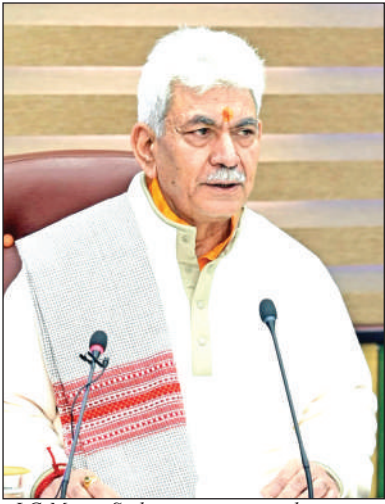
■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said the rapid development and performance of various sectors show the limitless potential of Union Territory and we are determined to transform this potential into reality to change the destiny of J&K in Amrit Kaal.

"Speedier execution of programmes is providing tremendous boost to the economy of J&K and playing an important role in maintaining standards of transparency and accountability for effective and efficient public delivery system", the Lieutenant Governor said while interacting with the citizens through virtual mode during "LG's Mulaqaat"- Live Public Grievance Hearing, at Civil Secretariat.

He took note of the complaints filed by the citizens on JK-IGRAMS and directed for time-bound resolution of their grievances and necessary steps for improving implementation.

Responding to the complaint of Pralad Singh, a resident of Attina, Budgam pertaining to the poor condition of a road in his locality, the



LG Manoj Sinha interacting with citizens during LG's Mulaqaat initiative.

Lt Governor directed the Deputy Commissioner Budgam to take appropriate measures to address the issue at the earliest.

On the grievance regarding the completion of the water supply project (Reservoir) in the Chanderseer Tilgam to Wanigam Payeen area, the Additional Chief Secretary, Jal

Shakti Department briefed the Lt Governor that the work on the said water supply project will be completed by the end of December this year.

A complainant namely Vidyut Vats, a resident of Dhar Road, Udhampur drew the attention of the authorities towards the blocked drain at Goal Mela near Jaganath Temple. The Lt Governor directed the Deputy Commissioner Udhampur to ensure the clearance of the drain within 10 days.

The Lt Governor also addressed the grievance of Payar Singh of Ganote Chakka Bhartund, District Ramban regarding the issuance of BPL Ration Card in his favour.

Rehana Batul, Secretary, Public Grievances conducted the proceedings of the LG's Mulaqaat.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; R K Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department; R.R Swain, DGP; Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, SSPs, HoDs and other senior officers were present, in person and through virtual mode.

LeT module busted in Kupwara, 2 terror associates held

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Security forces on Thursday busted a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) module in Kupwara district and arrested two terror associates, officials said.

"The police along with teams of the Army and CRPF busted a terror module of LeT/TRF and recovered arms from Tutigund forest on the disclosure

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Outgoing CS Dr Arun Mehta given affectionate farewell

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The office of the Chief Secretary, J&K on Thursday bade farewell to the outgoing Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on his superannuation at the Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion Dr Mehta recalled his tenure as the Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir and expressed his appreciation to the contribution and

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Lt Governor launches new portal of DIPR LG commends DIPR's endeavour to disseminate information to media on administration's policies, programmes and new initiatives



LG Manoj Sinha launching new portal of DIPR in Jammu on Thursday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched the new portal of Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR), on Thursday.

The Lt Governor commended the endeavour of Information Department to disseminate information to media on administration's policies, programmes and new initiatives.

Several new features for different modes of communication including press releases,

es, fact sheet, photographs and infographics will streamline existing mechanism and

and commitment to discharge his responsibilities without fear or favour.

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reduce the time taken for dissemination of accurate and correct information, he added.

The Lt Governor also bid farewell to the outgoing Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta and applauded his sincerity, dedication

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CBI files charge sheet against former Agri Dept official, 2 more, in bribery case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The CBI has filed a charge sheet against former Jammu and Kashmir Special Secretary Agriculture and Production Department Mohammed Farooq Dar and others in connection with a Rs 10 lakh bribery case, officials said Thursday.

Along with Dar, the CBI has also chargesheeted then Chief Horticulture Officer, Jammu, Sarbjit Singh and a private person, Gohar Ahmed Dar, they said.

In its charge sheet filed before the Special CBI court, Jammu, the CBI said Singh and Gohar Ahmed were

arrested while accepting bribe of Rs 10 Lakh on behalf of Farooq Dar who was then posted as Special Secretary, Agriculture and Production Department in Jammu and Kashmir government.

The bribe was allegedly demanded from the complainant for his posting and to resolve his departmental issues, including promotion, a CBI Spokesperson said in a statement.

"It was found during investigation that the private person (Supplier/Contractor of Agriculture & Production Department)

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Uploading of offensive content by a student Case registered, investigation on; evidences being collected: DGP Appeals people not to fall to vicious designs of anti-national, anti-social elements

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Director General of Police, R.R. Swain on Thursday said that police has taken cognizance of uploading offensive content by a student and launched the investigation which will be taken to logical conclusion.

"No one would be allowed to hurt the religious feelings of any community, and nobody will be allowed to use this incident for malicious purposes either", the DGP said at a press briefing at the Police Control Room here this morning.



DGP R.R. Swain briefing media in Jammu on Thursday.

At the very outset, the DGP said that we respect the honour and dignity of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) and the police is well aware of its

duties and responsibilities to take action against anyone trying to vitiate the peaceful atmosphere.

He appealed to the general

public that they should not fall to vicious designs of the anti-national, anti-social elements, who by taking undue advantage of this incident are attempting to disturb the communal harmony and brotherhood for which Kashmir is known for ages together. He said that police has registered a case regarding the uploading of offensive content, investigation is on, evidences are being collected and assured that the case will be taken to logical conclusion. The DGP informed that, after discussions

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Big respite for power consumers; Gol allocates additional 293 MW of power to meet winter demand


■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In yet another respite given to power consumers during peak winters, the Government of India (GoI) has increased power allocation to J&K by about 293 MW, by transferring power from distant power houses in West Bengal, Bihar and even Bhutan.

According to the spokesperson for the Jammu & Kashmir Power Development Department (JKPDD), in today's digital era, modern tools and software enable power transfer and management in an automated manner without requiring any human intervention, depending upon the demand, availability, and of course the network feasibility.

Regarding new power allocations made today by Govt. Of India to J&K, the spokesman said that Jammu & Kashmir, being primarily dependent on hydroelectric power, faces significant fall in generation during winters due to low water level

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 20.0°C Min: 14.2°C

Humidity
Max: 65 Min: 60

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 5.3°C Min: 0.8°C

Humidity
Max: 94 Min: 83

Sunset : 17:27 Hours
Sunrise : 07:13 Hours

ED carries out raids at 6 places in J&K in Rs 250-Cr money laundering case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Enforcement Directorate on Thursday searched six places in connection with a Rs 250-crore money laundering case in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

The searches included the premises of the former chairman of Jammu and Kashmir State Cooperative Bank Limited, they said. Earlier the officials had mentioned that the case pertained to J-K Bank.

The fraud was in the name of the fictitious River Jhelum Cooperative Housing Building Society, the officials

said.

According to them, the raids were conducted by the ED's office in Srinagar under powers provided to the federal probe agency under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) for search and seizure.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) had already filed a charge sheet in the case against Hilal A Mir, the chairman of the fictitious housing society, the then chairman of J-K State Co-operative Bank Limited Mohd Shafi Dar and others for the commission of offences under relevant sec-

tions of Indian Penal Code and the Prevention of Corruption Act in August 2020.

According to the ACB probe, Mir had moved an application to the Secretary Co-operatives, Administration Department of Co-operative Societies, where he sought directions to the J-K Co-operative Bank Ltd for a grant of financial assistance to the tune of Rs 300 crores for taking over possession of 37.5 acres of land in the outskirts of Srinagar for construction of a satellite township.

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Varanasi court gives 10 more days to ASI to submit Gyanvapi survey report

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

VARANASI: The Varanasi district court on Thursday gave 10 more days to the Archaeological Survey of India to complete and submit a scientific survey report of the Gyanvapi mosque complex here.

Taking up the plea of the ASI seeking three additional weeks to submit the report, District Judge A K Vishvesh said he hoped that the ASI would not ask for more time, according to counsel for the Hindu side Madan Mohan Yadav.

The court fixed December 11 as the next date of

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Money laundering case: ED files appeal against Ch Lal Singh's bail

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday filed appeal in High Court against the order of Principal Sessions Judge Jammu whereby Principal Sessions Judge Jammu granted interim bail to former Minister and Dogra Swabhimani Sangathan Party (DSSP) Chief Choudhary Lal Singh.

Meanwhile Special Judge CBI Bala Joyti today extended pre-arrest bail of Kanta Andotra and Dr. Kranti Singh up to December 14, 2023.

On Tuesday, the ED had

attached immovable assets on land valued at Rs 1.21 Crore as per circle rate in 2011, in connection with a money laundering case against RB Educational Trust.

The attachment, carried out under the orders of Deputy Director ED Jammu under PAO (03/2023) dated November 28, 2023, pertaining to land acquired by R B Educational Trust (RBET), an institution headed by Kanta Andotra, the wife of Choudhary Lal Singh and Chairperson of RBET.

This land pertained to part of DPS School Kathua,

B.Ed College and Nursing College.

84 kanal and 9 marla land situated at village Karandi was acquired by R B Trust vide gift deed dated January 5, 2011; 48 kanal and 6 marla land situated at village Karandi was acquired by R B Trust vide gift deed dated January 7, 2011 while 35 kanal land was also acquired vide a separate gift deed dated January 7, 2011.

The ED's investigation was initiated based on the FIR and chargesheet filed by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), CBI Jammu,

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Govt policies, decisions have taken economy to new height: Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said his government's policies and decisions have taken the economy to a new height, creating immense possibility for employment and self-employment generations.

Speaking to newly inducted employees in different government departments at the Centre and in some states after distributing nearly 51,000 appointment letters as part of 'Rozgar Mela', he asked them to ensure that welfare initiatives reach the most deprived people wherever they are and said this will lead to the realisation of goal of making India a developed country by 2047.

Modi said that their biggest priority should be people's



ease of living, and took a swipe at past governments saying they ignored the equality envisaged by B R Ambedkar, the key figure behind the Constitution, among all citizens.

A big section of society was denied even basic facilities till 2014 when his government came to power, he said.

The prime minister said his government prioritised the marginalised and

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NIT-Srinagar declares winter vacation 10 days ahead of schedule, students asked to vacate hostels

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar closed for winter vacation on Thursday - 10 days ahead of schedule - as a precautionary measure, a day after protests against a student's social media post spread to other institutes.

The Islamia College of Science and Commerce suspended all classwork and internal examinations scheduled for the day.

While NIT Srinagar declared a holiday for Thursday, the Dean of Students Welfare issued a circular announcing winter vacation in the engineering institute from today. The circular also directed all students living in the hostels to vacate the boarding

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