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Centre approves new 102 Water Supply Schemes worth Rs 476.71 Cr for J&K



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a major boost to Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in J&K, the Centre has approved new 102 Water Supply Schemes worth Rs 476.71 crore for coverage of additional 54752 rural households in the UT for which the provision for Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) had not been planned at the start

of the mission. The identification of these areas and households was done, by the public, during various public outreach programmes like 'Back to village', Block Divas, JJM Fortnight, Gram Sabhas and JJM awareness camps conducted by the Department, where the public had raised the demands for inclusion of these left out areas in the Jal

Jeevan Mission. With the approval of these new 102 schemes by the Centre, it shall be ensured that no household is left without a tap connection within its premises. The UT administration has thanked the Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Union Ministry of Jal Shakti, for timely approval of the new schemes

for coverage of additional 54752 households.

Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra, has impressed upon the engineers to expedite execution of these schemes to meet the agreed timelines for completion of the Mission. He further emphasized upon the field functionaries to maintain highest degree of transparency, accountability and accessibility to the general public for effective implementation of the mission.

It may be recalled that like other States/ UTs of the country, Jal Jeevan Mission is being implemented in J&K with the involvement of various stakeholders like Central Government's Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Jal Shakti Department, J&K,

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India hosts anti-terror exercise of SCO member states

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India on Friday hosted a joint anti-terror exercise of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) nations with a broader aim of suppressing the use of the internet for terrorist activities. The exercise was carried out in New Delhi with the support of the executive

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ABDM calls for facilitating digital payments in hospitals

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: To enhance healthcare experience for patients in hospitals across Jammu and Kashmir, the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) has directed hospital administrators to implement QR code facilities for seamless digital payments. A formal communication has been issued

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JKSCB loan fraud case: ED attaches land worth over Rs 193 Cr in Srinagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: A land in Srinagar worth more than Rs 193 crore has been attached by the Enforcement Directorate under the anti-money laundering law as part of an investigation into a loan fraud involving the Jammu and Kashmir State Cooperative Bank (JKSCB).

A provisional order has been issued under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) to freeze the asset, which measures 257.19 kanal and is located in the Shivpora area of Srinagar, the federal agency said in a statement.

The value of the property is Rs 193.46 crore, it said.

The agency, earlier this month, had arrested former JKSCB chairman Mohammad Shafi Dar and Mohammad Hilal A Mir, the chairman of the River Jhelum Cooperative House Building Society, a "fictitious firm", as part of the investigation. They are in judicial custody till December 20.

The PMLA case pertains to an alleged fraud in sanctioning of a loan to the tune of Rs 250 crore (disbursement amount Rs 223 crore) in 2019 to the River Jhelum Co-operative House Building Society by Dar.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) took cognisance of a August 2020 charge-sheet filed by the Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption

Bureau (ACB) against Dar, Mir and others for offences under the Indian Penal Code and the Prevention of Corruption Act.

The other accused include Abdul Hamid Hajam, secretary of the River Jhelum Co-operative House Building Society, Mohammad Mujeeb Ur Rehman Ghassi, a former registrar of the Cooperative Societies, J&K, and Syed Ashiq Hussain, a former deputy registrar of the Cooperative Societies, J&K.

"Money derived out of the said (loan) fraud was utilised for acquiring the immovable property that has been attached," the Enforcement Directorate said.

Duo open fire on two men over land dispute in Jammu, arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two men were arrested for allegedly opening fire on two others over a land dispute RS Pura border belt of Jammu district, officials said on Friday.

The two men who were injured in the incident were hospitalised and their condition is said to be stable, they said.

The accused went with their kin to stop Vijay Kumar and Suresh

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Slight improvement in cold wave conditions in Kashmir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Kashmir saw some respite in cold wave conditions as the minimum temperature improved across the valley, officials said on Friday.

While the mercury settled several degrees below the freezing point across the valley last night, the minimum temperature marked an improvement compared

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 21.7°C Min: 7.3°C

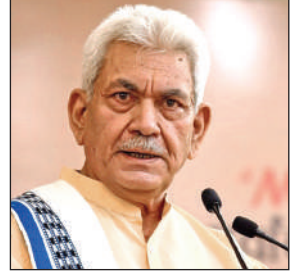
Humidity
Max: 89 Min: 71

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 9.6°C Min: -3.5°C

Humidity
Max: 93 Min: 77

Sunset : 17:18 Hours
Sunrise : 07:21 Hours

Best offbeat destination in India; LG Sinha congratulates people of Lolab valley for Gold Award



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha congratulated the Team Jammu Kashmir, District Administration Kupwara and people of Lolab valley for Gold Award in the category of best offbeat destination in India.

The Lt Governor tweeted, "Congratulations Lolab on winning the Gold Award for best offbeat destination in India. Under the leadership of Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodi Ji, J&K UT continue to achieve greater heights in tourism, infrastructure development and growth.

Kudos to @JandKtourism @SyedAbidShah @dckupwara and the team J&K. I invite people from all over the world to come and discover the captivating beauty of Lolab Valley, home to freshwater springs, pretty meadows, vibrant & alive culture and warm hospitality".

AAP cheating school students for petty politics: Chugh 'Time for Punjabis to wake up to political gimmickry of AAP'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

CHANDIGARH: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Friday blasted the Bhagwant Singh Mann government in Punjab for making a mockery of the school education system in the state for petty political reasons.

In a scathing attack on the AAP government, Chugh took strong exception to the manner schools in Bathinda have been ordered to be closed the day AAP rally is to take place in Maur Mandi.

Chugh ridiculed the AAP government, saying that on the one hand the Chief Minister is doing photo-ops in schools where he is seemingly conducting surprise checks but at the same time making use of the school students and the school staff for making his political rallies a success.

"If a political rally is taking place where is the need to give a holiday to the school stu-



dents and why should the school staff be engaged for AAP's political game plans?" Chugh asked.

He said the governance of Punjab has completely collapsed. The Bhagwant Mann government, in its panic, is only doing political dramatics on the basis of the central schemes after the party has licked dust in the Assembly elections in three states, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, where all its 251 candidates

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Armed Forces Tribunal upholds 2-yr RI for Major

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) has upheld the verdict of a Summary General Court Martial (SGCM) of cashiering an Army Major namely Bobade Avinash from the Military Engineer Services on charges of possessing disproportionate assets and awarding him two-year rigorous imprisonment.

After hearing N.K Kohli for the appellant and Rajat Gupta Senior Panel Counsel for respondents (Union of India) the AFT Bench in its order on December 11 while dismissing the appeal filed by the appellant directed that

the appellant be taken into custody to serve the remainder of his sentence.

During a security check at an establishment of Counter Insurgency Force (Uniform), an amount of Rs 9.78 lakh was recovered from the bags of an NCO from the Major's unit who was proceeding on leave in January 2016.

During a court of inquiry, the NCO was held blameworthy for accepting illegal money belonging to the appellant for delivering at the latter's residence. The appellant was found blameworthy of being in possession of money disproportionate to his known sources of income.

CJ inaugurates Fast Track Court (POCSO Cases) at Distt Court Complex, Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N Kotiswar Singh, on Friday inaugurated newly constructed Fast Track Court (POCSO Cases) Jammu having all latest equipments and facilities mandatory for a POCSO Court, at District Court Complex Jammu.

Justice Tashi Rabstan, Administrative Judge for District Jammu, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, Justice Puneet Gupta, Justice Rahul Bharti, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazni, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Sanjay Parihar, Principal District and Sessions Judge Jammu, Principal Secretary to Chief



Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N Kotiswar Singh inaugurating newly constructed 'Fast Track Court (POCSO Cases)' in Jammu on Friday.

Justice, M K Sharma, Y P Bournay, Director Judicial Academy besides all the judicial officers of the District Headquarter as well as officers of High Court registry, Jammu were also present on

the occasion.

The event was also graced by Advocate General, D.C Raina, President BAR Association, Vikram Sharma, Secretary Bar Association and office bear-

ers of BAR Association Jammu besides Court staff of District Court Jammu.

Pertinently, the construction of POCSO Court was taken up by the High

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Development our core agenda: Azad

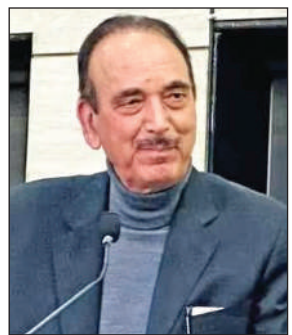
■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Scores of young lawyers and social activists from Jammu joined Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) in presence of its Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad, here on Friday.

Welcoming the new entrants, Azad said that his party is committed to development, peace and prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir, adding that he hoped that everyone joining the party fold is strongly believing on its agenda.

Azad said the DPAP agenda is attracting youths from diverse sections of society which suggests that everyone in the Union Territory is craving for change.

"My commitment to people is to ensure equitable development of the Union Territory where all regions, religions and sections of soci-



ety are treated at par with each other," he said.

He said J&K required a massive economical and developmental push.

"We are lacking in infrastructural development from many other states of the country. We need to build roads, schools, colleges, hospitals at a large scale which will help us to improve our economy and offer job opportunities to our youth,"

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HC collegiums yet to send recommendations for 201 judges' vacancies: Govt

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Eighty-one of the 123 proposals sent by high court collegiums for appointment of judges are at various stages of processing with the government, Parliament was informed on Friday.

The remaining 42 proposals are under the consideration of the Supreme Court Collegium, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal said in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha.

He also said recommendations are yet to be received from the high court collegiums regarding the remaining 201 vacancies.

"As on December 12, 123 proposals are at various stages of processing. Out of these 123 proposals,

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