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Union Power Minister assures adequate power for J&K during winter

Lauds UT Govt's initiatives toward energy conservation

Launches 4E Wave, student led National Movement for Energy Conservation

Union Minister of Power RK Singh flanked by LG Manoj Sinha chairing meeting to review power sector of J&K.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Minister of Power, New and Renewable Energy, R. K. Singh and Lieutenant Governor of J&K, Manoj Sinha on Friday co-chaired a high level meeting to review power sector of Jammu and Kashmir.

During the meeting, Principal Secretary, Power Development Department, H. Rajesh Prasad, presented a detailed overview of department's recent achievements.

It was informed that J&K has taken

several proactive steps to ensure sufficient availability of power as a part of both short term and medium term measures. In this direction, PPAs for 2500 MW have been signed during the current year, aiming to double the existing power availability in the UT in coming years.

The Union Minister, while addressing the meeting, said that a senior officer from the Ministry would act as the Nodal Officer, responsible for continuous monitoring of power situation and

addressing any gaps from the Central Pool to ensure adequate power supply to J&K.

The Union Minister directed the project implementing agency, RECPDCL to expeditiously implement smart metering, ensuring end to end solution including integration with MDM, enabling pre-paid functionality and other smart features so that benefits of the technology are effectively passed on to the consumers.

He directed the CPSUs engaged in RDSS implementation to promptly award and initiate execution of all projects entrusted to them, recognizing the intended impact of RDSS works in transforming J&K's power sector.

Lieutenant Governor apprised the Union Minister of continuance of obsolete wires and other network elements especially in rural areas which cause undue power interruptions.

The Union Minister called for a comprehensive proposal for the same and assured sufficient funding for system revamping.

Apart from the technical matters, a notable highlight of the meeting was launching of 4E Wave - A Student led National Movement for Energy Conservation by the Union Minister and Lieutenant Governor of J&K. While launching the

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3 terror suspects arrested with 'cash'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: Security forces arrested three terror suspects with unaccounted for cash in their possession in an operation in J Reasi district, officials said on Thursday.

The arrest came when a joint team of army and police, acting on a tip off, intercepted an SUV which was on its way to Mahore town, they said.

The team apprehended the three occupants of the car and seized cash found on them. It is suspected that the money was likely to be

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Five arrested with weapons in separate incidents in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Five people were arrested with weapons in separate incidents in Jammu and Kashmir, police said on Friday.

Acting on a tip-off, a police team raided the Ramgarh area in Samba district and arrested hardcore criminal Vivek Singh on Thursday night. A country-made pistol and a 12-bore gun were recovered from him, they said. A case was

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Law and Order ahead of SC verdict of Article 370 discussed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Top police and administration officials held a meeting here on Friday to discuss "law and order" ahead of the Supreme Court's verdict on Article 370 case.

A senior officer of Jammu and Kashmir Police said punitive action will be taken against anyone found indulging in any mischief or misuse of social media.

Additional Director General of Police, Law and Order, J&K, Vijay Kumar chaired a joint meeting of all district magistrates and senior superintendents of police of the Kashmir division for the first time at PCR Kashmir, the spokesman said.

The meeting comes ahead of Monday's SC ruling in the Article 370 case.

Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, IGP Kashmir, Deputy Director Intelligence Bureau, DIGs of all ranges of Kashmir, DIG-CID, and SSP, PCR Kashmir, also attended the meeting, the spokesman said.

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ADGP, Law and Order, J&K, Vijay Kumar chairing joint meeting of DMs and SSPs of Kashmir Division at PCR Kashmir.

‘NIA to investigate Police Insp Masroor Ahmad's martyrdom’

SRINAGAR: The probe into the martyrdom of Jammu and Kashmir Police inspector Masroor Ahmad Wani has been handed over to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), a senior police officer said here on Friday.

Wani, who was shot by a Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist while playing cricket in Srinagar in October, died at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi on Thursday. "The case has been given to the NIA. The NIA and JK Police will investigate it jointly," Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Vijay Kumar told reporters on the sidelines of a wreath-laying ceremony of the slain officer here.

Kumar said the police have got some leads in the case and the investigation is underway.

"Those involved will soon be brought to justice. Investigations are on and we cannot share the details," he added. The ADGP said maintenance

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Nine SOs placed as Under Secretaries, eleven adjusted

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Friday placed nine Section Officers (SOs) of the J&K Secretariat (Subordinate) Service as Under Secretaries and adjusted eleven Under Secretaries.

"Sanction is accorded to the placement of the nine Section Officers of the

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Kashmir continues to reel under sub-zero temperatures

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The minimum temperature dropped at most places in Kashmir on Friday as the valley continued to experience sub-zero nights, the weather department said.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 2.4 degrees Celsius, slightly up from minus 2.6 degrees Celsius noted the previous night, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said in its bulletin.

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 23.5°C Min: 8.6°C

Humidity
Max: 82 Min: 72

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 11.6°C Min: -2.4°C

Humidity
Max: 94 Min: 77

Sunset : 17:17 Hours
Sunrise : 07:16 Hours

Modi's guarantee, every penny ‘looted’ will have to be returned: PM

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday took a swipe at the opposition on the issue of corruption, asserting it is "Modi's guarantee" that they will have to return every penny "looted" from people.

In a post on X, Modi tagged a news report of the Income Tax department recovering Rs 200 crore in cash from various locations of a business group allegedly linked to Congress MP from Jharkhand Dhiraj Prasad Sahu, as he attacked the opposition party.

"Countrymen should look at these piles of currency notes and then hear the addresses of its (Congress) leaders on honesty. Every penny looted from people will have to be returned. This is Modi's guarantee," he said in a post with several emojis.

The news report

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Tiranga my identity, Hindustan my country: Kashmiri rappers set internet on fire with rap song

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two rappers from Kashmir have taken the musical route to highlight the "transformation" of the valley following the abrogation of Article 370 that provided special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

The video of the rap song "Badalta Kashmir" has become a hit on social media, garnering over two million views.

The over three-minute-long song is by the rappers Raasiq Sheikh (MC Raa) and Humaira (8MR). It was released on Youtube on December 3.

Those who have shared the song include Corps Commander of the Srinagar-based 15 or Chinar Corps, Lt

Rappers Humaira (8MR) and Raasiq Sheikh (MC Raa)

Gen Rajiv Ghai.

"Good to see this... The young here are remarkably talented and music has always resonated in Kashmir... Power to the youth," Ghai said in a post on X.

The track highlights the positive transformation in

Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019. The song also talks about religious inclusiveness and freedom of girls to wear the clothes they like. It also references tourist seasons, the Amarnath yatra, Srinagar Smart City and Digital revolution.

The youngsters sing about how people in the valley were proud to be Indian. "Tiranga is in my heart, it is my identity, Hindustan is my country," the lyrics read.

idea of the song, Sheikh said, came after observing the changed situation and development in the valley.

"Every hip-hop artist observes things minutely. I saw the transformation in Kashmir like smart-city, G20, and other developments, and that was my inspiration. I wanted to vent my feelings," Sheikh, a resident of south Kashmir's Shopian, said PTL.

Sheikh, who works with an IT firm here, said it did not take much time to

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Construction on 10 Kanals Forest Land by Ex- Minister DB directs DC Jammu to produce Vigilance record and enquiry conducted by Tehsildar Bahu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a petition filed and argued by Advocate Ankur Sharma , seeking registration of FIR against Ex-BJP Cabinet Minister Abdul Gani Kohli and others in which petitioner highlighting

encroachment of 10 Kanals Forest Land by Ex BJP Minister Abdul Gani Kohli at Nowabad Smjwan where the said Minister is stated to have raised a huge educational complex comprising of a B. Ed College, ETT College, B.N. Para Medical School, B.N. Public School, ATM and Branch of J&K

Bank.

The Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice N Kotishwar Singh and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, directed Deputy Commissioner Jammu to produce the Vigilance record and enquiry conducted by Tehsildar Bahu before this Court on the next date of hearing.

When the PIL came-up for hearing, Division Bench observed that petition bearing OWP No. 933/2015 came to be filed alleging

encroachments/ grabbing of more than 10 Kanals of Forest land at Nowabad (Sunjwan), District Jammu falling under Khasra No. 356 min by respondent No. 4. The said writ petition came to be treated as Public Interest Litigation (PIL) as per the observation made by learned Single Judge on August 21, 2015.

Reply has been filed by respondent No. 5-Deputy Commissioner, Jammu in which it has been mentioned that a preliminary enquiry was conducted by

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CS for ensuring sustainability of cleanliness measures in rural areas

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo reviewing functioning of RDD.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Friday while reviewing the functioning of Rural Development Department (RDD) here impressed upon it to ensure

that the measures taken for cleanliness of our villages are sustainable and effective on ground level.

Dulloo observed that the cleanliness (Swachhta)

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Transhumance: 12,497 families, 1.56 lakh livestock provided transport from Kashmir Rs 74.18 Cr direct saving for migratory tribal families

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a significant achievement the Government of Jammu and Kashmir under its initiative for supporting biannual migration (transhumance) of tribal communities provided transport service to 12,497 families and transported 1,56,215 livestock.

The scheme initiated by the Tribal Affairs Department in 2021 is being implemented through District Administrations under supervision of Deputy Commissioners and transport fleet provided by the J&K Road Transport Corporation. More than 12,000 families and around 70,000 population was benefited under the initiative this

year which is highest since the launch of initiative.

These include 86,192 from Anantnag, 22,221 from Ramban, 12,714 from Kulgam, 10,223 from Pulwama, 9758 from Ganderbal, 6897 from Shopian, 3593 from Srinagar, 1748 from Budgam, 1717 from Bandipora and 1152 from Baramulla. The arrangements at district level were supervised by the respective Deputy Commissioners.

The concept of transport service was introduced after 1st International Conference on Transhumance held in Albania in 2021 shared International best practices for sustaining transhumance and supporting the pastoral

communities in migration to avoid conflict, mitigate losses and establish institutional mechanisms.

Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary on Friday informed that as per 2021 survey conducted by the department tribal families possess an average livestock of 12.48 and family size is 5.8. This year total livestock numbering 1.56 Lakh was transported along with the families from various districts of Kashmir to Jammu. An evidence based approach public policy has been introduced to acknowledge the rangeland management and environmental conservation services provided by

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