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Chairs 35th Executive Council Meeting of SMVD University LG emphasises on introducing new courses, rewriting existing curriculum

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday emphasised on introducing new courses and rewriting the existing curriculum with the focus on capacity building to bridge the gap between availability and requirement of different sectors of the economy.

"University must formulate a comprehensive strategy to promote innovative programs and courses like Design Your Degree, Automation, Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Management and Architecture with specialization in Urban & Town planning. We need to fill the gap in the availability of employable skills. We should also focus on strengthening of the School of Languages and promote regional languages and Sanskrit," the Lieutenant Governor said while chairing the 35th meeting of Executive Council of



LG Manoj Sinha chairing 35th meeting of Executive Council of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University on Saturday.

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University. The meeting was attended by Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU; Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor Jammu University; Prof. Nilofer Khan, VC Kashmir University; Prof. Pankaj Chandra, Vice Chancellor & Chairman, Board of Management, Ahmedabad University; Prof. A.S.K. Sinha, Director, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology; Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur, Director, IIT, Jammu; Dr Mandeep Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor; Anshul Garg, CEO, SMVDSB; Ajay Kumar Sharma, Registrar, SMVDU and other members of the SMVDU Executive Council. The meeting discussed several important academic and administrative issues pertaining to Career Advancement Promotion of Faculty members, non-functional promotion of Non-teaching staff members, increasing enrolment, campus placements, University's Outreach Programmes, promotion of innovation & start-ups, research, training and skill development programs. The Executive Council gave in-principle approval to various agenda points

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Police conducts raids in Srinagar against suspects spreading 'malicious, seditious propaganda'

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Police on Saturday said it conducted raids at multiple locations in the city as part of investigations against suspects allegedly involved in spreading malicious and seditious propaganda aimed at provoking people into unlawful and violent activities.

A spokesperson said the searches were carried out in the Batamalo and HMT areas of Srinagar city in a case under section 13 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act registered at the Shergari police station.

The investigation is underway against some individuals, who at the behest of adversaries and in criminal conspiracy with others, were found prima facie involved in "orchestrating a campaign of manufacturing fabricated and malicious narrative by way of disseminating twisted and false information to pro-



Police carrying out search in a house at Srinagar on Saturday.

voke people for unlawful and violent activities", the official said.

He said that the Srinagar district police, after obtaining search warrants from an NIA court, conducted the searches in the houses of Obais Riyaz Dar of Bonpora, Batamalo, and Sahil Ahmad Bhat of HMT, Zainakot.

Incriminating materials and electronic devices were seized during the raids, the spokesperson added.

He said more such searches in the houses of identified suspects involved in spreading "malicious and seditious propaganda" would be conducted in the coming days.

The official urged citizens to exercise responsibility while using social media platforms and refrain from sharing or uploading inciteful content that promotes false narratives and misleads people, especially the youth, to commit acts of terror.

Terrorists minimise internal communication, pose challenges to SFs: IG BSF

SRINAGAR: Terrorists have cut down on communications amongst themselves which is posing a huge challenge to the security forces in tracking them down, a senior BSF officer said here on Saturday.

Inspector General of BSF, Kashmir Frontier, Ashok Yadav, said this while speaking to reporters on the sidelines of BSF's Raising Day celebrations at STC Humhama in the outskirts of the city.

"Terrorists always try to strengthen their security protocol. They minimise communication which creates gaps in intelligence gathering." But, all the agencies

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J&K IT Deptt wins SKOCH Silver Award for 'e-unnat' Project

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Information Technology Department of Jammu & Kashmir has been honored with the SKOCH Silver Award for its innovative in-house project "e-unnat" at the 100th edition of the SKOCH Summit held at the NCIPD Campus in New Delhi on Saturday.

The award was presented to Aijaz Qaiser, Additional Secretary IT, J&K, who accepted the prestigious honor on behalf of the department. The award was presented by Sameer Koehhar, Chairman, and Dr. Gursharan Dhanjal, Vice Chairman of the SKOCH

Group. The SKOCH Silver Award recognizes the department for its pioneering solutions and impactful initiatives that have made a significant contribution to public service. J&K's commitment to digital governance was highlighted as the state tops the country with 100% availability of its 1,164 online services on the unified e-unnat portal.

The project has been celebrated as an exemplary model of how digital platforms can streamline public service delivery and enhance accessibility for citizens. This prestigious recognition

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Sinha reviews preparedness for Police Constables Written Examination in J&K



LG Manoj Sinha chairing a review meeting in Jammu on Saturday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chaired a meeting to review the preparations for conduct of written examination for selection of Police Constables in J&K, at Raj Bhawan on Saturday.

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo; Principal Secretary, Home, Chandraker Bharti;

ADGP Jammu, Anand Jain; IGP Kashmir, Vidhi Kumar Birdi; Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor Mandeep K. Bhandari;

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One dead, 2 missing as car plunges into Chenab

STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: A woman was killed and two other passengers are missing after a private car skidded off the road and rolled down into Chenab river in Doda district on Saturday, officials said.

The accident took place near Khandote village around 8.30 am and a joint rescue operation by the police, State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and local volunteers is on to trace out the missing persons,

according to officials. Three persons - Ranjeet Kumar (25) and his relatives Beli Ram (60) and Puran Devi (60) - were travelling from Charya village to Jammu when the car plunged into the river; they said. Devi's body was



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Fresh snowfall in higher reaches of Kashmir

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Fresh snowfall was recorded in many places, including the tourist towns, in the higher reaches of Kashmir on Saturday despite the night temperature settling above freezing point at most locations, officials said.

Many places in the higher reaches of Kashmir experienced fresh snowfall under the influence of a western disturbance, they said.

The famous tourist resort town of Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district witnessed the season's first snowfall.

Other tourist destinations, including the ski resort town of Gulmarg and Sonamarg, also recorded snowfall.

Snowfall was also reported from Gurez, Zojila axis and a few other upper areas, the officials said.

The snowfall on the Zojila axis resulted in the closure of the Srinagar-Leh highway, they added.

The Met office said the weather would remain cloudy with the possibility

Union Jt Secy MoRD reviews implementation of PMGSY in J&K



Union Joint Secretary, MoRD Amit Shukla taking stock of road work in Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Union Joint Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Amit Shukla, along with Secretary Public Works (R&B), Bhubinder Kumar conducted a comprehensive review of implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

The review focused on expediting project completion, ensuring adherence to quality standards and enhancing rural connectivity across the region.

During the review meeting, Amit Shukla emphasized the need for a daily monitoring mechanism to meet project timelines and address challenges effectively. He issued specific instructions to ensure uncompromising quality standards in road construction, underscoring the importance of creating durable and safe

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Srinagar Smart City wins SKOCH Award for Excellence

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Srinagar District has been conferred the esteemed 'SKOCH Award of Excellence in Sustainable Transport System' for its exemplary work in developing a sustainable and inclusive non-motorized public transport system.

This innovative system encompasses walking and cycling infrastructure, fostering a pedestrian-friendly environment that boosts tourism and economic growth.

The SKOCH Award, instituted in 2003,

Justice Hrishikesh Roy inaugurates 2-day North Zone-I regional conference



Supreme Court Judge, Justice Hrishikesh Roy addressing gathering after inaugurating regional conference at Srinagar on Saturday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Justice Hrishikesh Roy, Judge, Supreme Court of India on Saturday inaugurated two day North Zone-I Regional

Conference on "Court Docket: Explosion & Exclusion" at SKICC, Srinagar in presence of Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia, Judge Supreme Court of India, Justice Rajesh Bindal, Judge Supreme Court of India, Justice N Kotishwar Singh, Judge Supreme Court of India, Justice

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 23.5°C Min: 10.7°C

Humidity
Max: 73 Min: 72

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 9.7°C Min: -0.2°C

Humidity
Max: 77 Min: 68

Sunset : 17:32 Hours
Sunrise : 06:56 Hours

PM Modi to attend Maharashtra Govt swearing-in on Dec 5; Fadnavis front runner for CM post

STATE TIMES NEWS
MUMBAI: The new Mahayuti government in Maharashtra will be sworn in at Azad Maidan here on the evening of December 5 in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's presence, the state BJP announced on Saturday.

While there was no announcement yet on who would be the chief minister, BJP sources said Devendra Fadnavis, who has been chief minister twice and was deputy CM in the last Eknath Shinde-led government, was the frontrunner for the top post.

Shinde, who is holding the charge as caretaker chief minister and who headed to his native village Dare in Satara district a day before amid speculation that he was not happy with the way the new government was shaping up, has taken ill, an aide said.

He was running temperature of 105, the aide said.

The swearing-in ceremony will take place at 5 pm at the Azad Maidan ground in south Mumbai, said state BJP chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule in a post on X. PM Modi will attend the ceremony, he added.

Shiv Sena leader Shambhuraj Desai, who hails from Satara district, told reporters that Shinde and other party leaders returned from Delhi early Friday morning after meeting the top BJP leaders, and Shinde has had cough and cold since then. "Exertion affected him, so we advised him to take rest," said Desai.

Sanjay Shirsat, a Shiv Sena leader close to Shinde, said his party must get the home portfolio. Speaking to PTI, Shirsat also claimed that attempts were made to sideline Shinde.

Meanwhile, a BJP leader said a meeting will be held on December 2 to elect the BJP legislature party leader.

Fadnavis was likely to get the CM post this time, he added.

Shinde, who heads the Shiv Sena and who was chief minister since June 2022, attended a meeting of the ruling alliance leaders with senior BJP leader Amit Shah in Delhi on Thursday night. Before that, he had made it clear that any decision on the chief minister's post by the top BJP leadership would be acceptable to him.

Shinde is under pressure from a group of Shiv Sena leaders who think he should not become a deputy CM, having been the chief minister for more than two years. Another group of party leaders insists that he must be part of the new government.

The Mahayuti alliance of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar's Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) retained power with a landslide victory in the assembly elections, the results of

CS for making RLM movement to empower J&K women

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Saturday while chairing the 8th Executive Council Meeting of J&K Rural Livelihood Mission (JKRLM) impressed upon the organization to make it a platform for enhancing the capacity of our women folk to attain leadership qualities across diverse fields.

The members of EC who attended the meeting includes Principal Secretary, Finance; Secretary, RDD and MD, JKRLM.

Others who attended includes Secretary in I&C Department; Secretary Technical, APD; Representatives of JK Bank and concerned officers and officials of the Department.

Dulloo emphasised upon

the organization to continuously work for enhancing the capacity of the SHGs by creating both backward and forward linkages with banks and other markets.

He urged them to focus on creation of 'A-Grade SHGs' by helping them taking up enterprises that would enable them to take 2nd, 3rd dose of financial infusion for creating as many 'Lakshmi Didis' as possible. He maintained that it would also signify the sustainability of such SHGs when these would be eligible to secure next doses of credit from RLM.

The Chief Secretary further advised for widening the ambit of this program in convergence with other schemes like Mission YUVA and MUDRA etc to turn

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