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# LG inaugurates Rs 41 Cr- 20 power distribution projects at Bajalta J&K to generate 2,500 MW additional electricity by 2024: LG

#### PM to preside launch of industrial investments in J&K next month

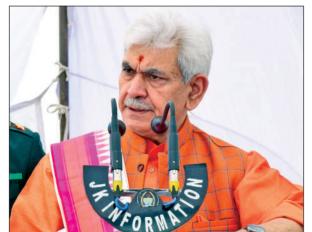
#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Inaugurating 20 Power distribution projects costing Rs 41 Cr at Bajalta, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinah on Tuesday said that these will address peak season shortage and ensure sustained economic activities.

Additional capacity augmentation will bridge the major gap in the electricity requirements of Jammu, Udhampur, Reasi, Poonch, Rajouri and adjoining areas, he added.

Our aim is to make the power department of J&K UT self-sustaining and reduce power theft which is proving to be cancer for this sector, the Lt Governor said.

Sinha said the UT Government is working on detailed plans in a systematic manner for achieving reliable, quality, and sustainable power supply. We will generate 2500 MW additional electricity by 2024 to ensure energy security for the people of J&K UT, adding last year, 60 MW capacity augmenta-



# 'Pray for sense to those questioning surgical strike'

JAMMU: Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said India is proud of its armed forces and prayed for "good sense" to those questioning the surgical strike on terror camps in Pakistan in the aftermath of the 2019 Pulwama terror attack

"There is no doubt about the bravery of the armed forces and they are enjoying respect for their work which they have done over 70-75 years. The whole country is proud of them," the LG told reporters on the sidelines of a function here.

He was responding to a question about media reports that Telangana Chief Minister ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

tions were achieved in the

"By March 31 this year, additional 200 MW capaci-

ties will be added in our energy basket", he further added.

I appeal to the people to help the administration in controlling theft, reducing wasteful consumption, cutting down losses and reporting the offenders to the authorities, added the Lt Governor.

It is the need of the hour to install smart meters to ensure that people of J&K get good quality & reliable power, address the needs of poor, rural areas, agriculture and industrial sector, and usher in an era of uninterrupted power supply.

Highlighting the remarkable progress attained by the UT in power sector, the Lt Governor observed that the unprecedented achievements in power generation, transmission & distribution sectors in the last one year have completely overhauled J&K's power infrastructure which remained dilapidated for several decades.

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#### Cabinet approves preparations for India's G20 presidency state times news

NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Tuesday approved setting up of a G20 secretariat to put in place arrangements required for India's presidency of the prestigious grouping.

India will hold Presidency of the G20 from December 1 to November 30, 2023. India will host the G20 summit next year.

"The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, today approved the setting up of a G20 Secretariat and its reporting structures, which will be responsible for implementation of overall policy decisions and arrangements needed for steering India's forthcoming Presidency," the government said in a statement.

G20 is the premier forum for international economic cooperation that plays an important role in global economic governance.

"As per practice, a G20 Secretariat is being established to handle work relating to substantive / knowledge / content, technical, media, security and

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# Northern Railways makes breakthrough in ambitious Kashmir project

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

BANIHAL/JAMMU: Railways has achieved a line and level breakthrough of the longest 12.758 km tunnel between Sumber and Arpinchala station on the Katra-Banihal section under the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project, an official said on Tuesday.

The breakthrough was achieved on the T-49 tunnel, which is going to be the longest tunnel of the Indian Railways surpassing the 11.2 km-long Pir Panjal tunnel constructed by USBRL on the Banihal-Qazigund section.

The South portal of tunnel T-49 is located in the picturesque Sumber village at a distance of 45 km from district headquarters Ramban at an altitude of 1,200 metres, while the North portal is located near Arpinchala village in Khari Tehsil at an altitude of 1,600 metres, he said.

He said the T-49 tunnel has two tubes -- one is the main tunnel and the other is the escape tunnel. It has been constructed using a modern drill and blast technique called the New Austrian Tunnelling Method.

He said the cross-section profile of the tunnel is modified to give it a horseshoe shape.

In order to facilitate construction of the longest tunnel, three adits -- Urnihal Adit, Hingni Adit and Kundan Adit -- have also been constructed. The tunnel has a ruling gradient 1 in 80 and a designed speed of 100 Kmph, the official said.

An adit is a horizontal or near-horizontal passageway to a larger underground excava-



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tion for the purposes of ventilation, water removal, or auxiliary entrance.

As per the international standards, he said, the escape tunnel constructed parallel to the main tunnel is

## Kashmiri student booked for sedition over objectionable video on Pulwama attack

official said.

#### STATE TIMES NEWS NEEMUCH (MP): A case of

sedition has been registered against a minor college student from Jammu and Kashmir, studying in Madhya Pradesh's Neemuch city under a central government's scholarship scheme, for allegedly posting an objectionable video regarding the 2019 Pulwama terror attack, an official said on Tuesday.

In the video, shared by the student on WhatsApp and Instagram and which has also surfaced on other social media platforms, he has allegedly termed  $_{
m the}$ Pulwama terror attack, in which 40 CRPF personnel were killed on February 14, 2019, as "an act of revenge

#### for the Babri demolition and some other incidents", the

The in-charge principal of the Neemuch-based PG College, where the student is enrolled, on Monday came across the objectionable video, which was seen by other pupils as well, and approached the police, Superintendent of Police (SP) Suraj Kumar Verma said. After taking cognizance of the matter, the Neemuch City Police Station in-charge seized the student's mobile phone and other equipment and they are being evamined for any other objectionable

The student is aged below 18 and action is being

contents, he said.

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#### Illegal construction by ex-Cong Minister near Wave Mall Jammu Who leaked identity of RTI Activist, putting his life under threat?

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The price for being a whistleblower in Jammu and Kashmir can be so devastating is quite incomprehensible. By exposing the 'illegal building construction and possession of state lands' in the Jammu suburbs, an RTI Activist has virtually landed himself in real trouble-courtesy the agencies he approached for course correction. Instead of putting their act together to stop the illegal construction by senior Congress leader and former minister Abdul Majid Wani, the agencies leaked the complaint and the complainant Mohammad Sadiq Poswal,

the offender. If this is not a fit case for a thorough and fair probe then what is? Jammu and Kashmir

Union Territory is currently under the direct

Lieutenant Governor. There is no place for political interfer-

ence therefore. This being the position, the question arises who unfolded the identity of the complainant thus putting his security in jeopardy. No sooner the complaint was lodged, the complainant got threatening calls from the alleged offend-

er. The ramifications of the leak can be manifold and who will be responsible if anything happens to the whistleblower? This is a cause of concern for all those who crave propriety in public

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co-administrative nexus so deep in the Union Territory that the agencies that are required to take cognizance of wrong doings feel obliged to report to their political masters? This is a pointer for the Lieutenant Governor to take note of. If the issue is let go, no whistleblower or common citizen can dare to

lodge complaints and there will be total anarchy in the The re-evaluations made by

the RTI Activist call for a thorough probe by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) or Bureau Central Investigation (CBI) which has bonafide jurisdiction in the Union Territory. The black sheep in the Jammu Development Authority, Jammu Municipal Corporation and more importantly the police organisation are needed to be iden tified and booked for action under law. Who knows the nexus may turn out to be deep-rooted with top

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#### ACB nabs JE RDD red-handed while accepting bribe STATE TIMES NEWS preparing bills for the work

JAMMU: The sleuths of Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) nabbed Hassan, Junior Engineer of Rural Development Department, Block Tregham in District Kupwara, red handed, while accepting a bribe of Rs 8,000 for preparing bills. As per an official spokesperson, ACB received a complaint alleging therein that Gh Hassan, Junior Rural Engineer of Development Department has demanded bribe of Rs 8000 for preparing bill for work executed by complainant under MGNREGA. The complainant further alleged that accused Junior Engineer (JE) was adopting delaying tactics and not

executed Kunanposhpura, Tregham, District Kupwara, the official said. "On receiving complaint, prima offence under section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act was found. Consequently, FIR No. 06/2022 was registered at Police Station Baramulla. Subsequently, a trap team was constituted which caught Gh Hassan, Jr Engineer red handed while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 8,000 from complainant. He was arrested and taken into custody," said official, adding that bribe money was also recovered from his possession in presence of independent witnesses

#### 314 more test COVID positive in J&K

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday recorded 314 fresh coronavirus cases on Tuesday, pushing the infection tally to 4,51,330, officials said.

The death toll from the remained pandemic unchanged at 4,745 as no fatality linked to the virus was reported in the past 24 hours, they said

Out of the fresh COVID-19 cases, 188 were from the Jammu division and 126 from the Kashmir division of the Union Territory, the officials said. They said Jammu district recorded a maximum of 67 new cases, followed by 63 cases in Srinagar district.

There are 4,280 active cases in the Union Territory, while the count of recoveries stands at 4,42,305, the offi-



Sunset: 18:17 Hours

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# Rs 10 lakh costs imposed for dragging villagers of Kanli-Bagh in unnecessary litigation for decades

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court (Srinagar Wing) comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Sanjay Dhar imposed an exemplary costs of Rs 10 lakh for dragging villagers in unnecessary litigation for decades, thereby depriving them of their property without adequately compensating them for a long period. This significant judgment has been passed in a petition filed by villagers of Kanli-Bagh Baramulla seeking quashment of entire acquisition proceedings in respect of about 150 Kanals

and 03 Marlas of land, notified for acquisition for public purpose of establishing a Housing Colony at Sangri in

placing themselves behind

Baramulla. The Division Bench, while allowing the petition, observed that it is an alarming situation that administration is acquiring private land without payment of full compensation. "This kind of action or omission on part of the authorities is not acceptable and can't be allowed to continue for an indefinite period. We deprecate such practice and expect that the State would henceforth take all possible measures

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## Court awards life-imprisonment to two in murder case

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Principal Sessions Pulwama Abdul Rashid Malik awarded lifeimprisonment to Sameer Ahmad Sheikh and Javid Ahmad Shah. As per the brief facts of story, complainant, namely Ghulam Ahmad Wani approached SHO Police Station Pulwama on April 2, 2011 with a written complaint stating that his grandson namely Khursheed Ahmad Wani, son of Sonaullah Wani left house on March 25, 2011 with an accused. The com-

plainant further mentioned

that he got the information that his grandson has stayed in house of accused No.2 but despite passage of 5 days, he has not returned back. Before this, as per the police report on April 2, 2011 Police Station Pulwama received an information through reliable source that at village Murran under heap of cow dung a blood-stained dead body is lying who has been killed mercilessly by some unknown persons. This information culminated into registration of FIR under section 302 of RPC

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