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# AC approves policy for promotion of Foreign **Investment in J&K Industrial Sector**

Gives nod to transfer of land for various public purposes



LG Manoj Sinha chairing Administrative Council meeting in Jammu on Wednesday.

#### STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMII.

Administrative Council (AC) met here on Wednesday under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the Policy for Promotion of Foreign Investment in the industrial sector in Jammu and Kashmir-2022.

Farooq Khan and Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisors to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief

Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meet-

the guiding framework on FDI issued by the Government of India through the RBI and DPIIT and will be valid for the next 10 years. It aims to facilitate large foreign investments greater than Rs.100 crore with a minimum of 51% for-

The policy also provides for

various industrial estates to be given exclusively to industries with foreign investments including vertical rise The new policy is based on premises in the form of multi-purpose buildings/complexes, with

plug and play facilities. The land allotment process will be regulated by the J&K Industrial Land Allotment Policy, 2021-30, whilst, such units will also be eligible for benefits, incentives, and support under the Jammu and Kashmir Industrial Policy

Sector Scheme for the industrial development of Jammu and Kashmir.

For optimal utilization of land resources and to provide integrated services to multiple players, the policy also envisages the establishment of multipurpose complexes for foreign investment by developing IT tower projects through private players in Sempora, Pampore and Exhibition Ground, Jammu. These towers will house different business activities and will form a part of the 'Industrial Complex for Foreign Investment'.

The Administrative Council also approved the proposal of Revenue Department to transfer various parcels of land for public purposes.

Farooq Khan and Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisors to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&KNitishwar Kumar,

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#### JKPSC reschedules paper of PO Main **Examination-2021**

■ STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: In view of the inclement weather conditions, the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) has rescheduled today's paper of

Prosecuting Officer (PO)

[Main) Examination-2021

to Friday, 25th February,

2021.

In this regard, a notice issued by JKPSC reads, "It

is for the information of ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

#### Two Pvt Secys transferred STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Wednesday transferred two Private Secretaries. According to the order

issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi. Principal Secretary, Fayaz Ahmad Khan, Private Secretary Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, has been transferred and posted as Private Secretary with Conservator

Forests, Kashmir, on ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

# Foundation stones laid for health infra projects

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

# Govt committed to goal of health for all: LG

Social Security Scheme for NHM employees launched

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Laying foundation stones for various state-ofthe-art health infrastructure projects at GMCs, DHs, CHCs & PHCs across the UT, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said that J&K Government is committed to the goal of health for all.

"We are determined to ensure that the new health facilities in various districts promote social equality and its benefits reach our brothers and sisters living in farflung areas", Sinha said.

In presence of the Lt Governor, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Tata Memorial Hospital and Government Medical College Jammu for technical expertise and academic support for developing modernized cancer care facil-

The Lt Governor launched a social security scheme for employees under National Health Mission and

LG Manoj Sinha during signing of MoU with Tata

Memorial Hospital for developing ultra-modern tertiary cancer care facilities.

also handed over ex-gratia cheques of Rs 10 lakhs each to the NoKs of the deceased employees of NHM.

The Lt Governor said that the augmented facilities will contribute towards further strengthening of the healthcare system.

The MoU with Tata Memorial Hospital for academic & technical collaboration will help in developing ultra-modern tertiary cancer care facilities & technical medical staff and integration of State Cancer Institute into National Cancer Grid, Tata Memorial Centre, the Lt Governor observed.

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Expressing his gratitude towards Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for transforming the health sector of Jammu and Kashmir, the Lt Governor said that the healthcare infrastructure has changed dramatically since 2014. Earlier, a privileged few were enjoying

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# DySP, nine Inspectors among 15 officers transferred

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Senior Superintendent of Police Srinagar, Rakesh Bhalwal on transferred Wednesday Deputy Superintendent of (DySP),Inspectors among 15 offi-

According to order, DySP (P) Anubhuti has been transferred from Police Station (PS) R.M.Bagh and posted as SHO R.M Bagh for two months as part of practical training programme.

#### Inspr Iftikhar Hussain has been transferred from Police Post (PP) Qamarwari and posted as SHO PS Nowgam; Inspr Taseer Hamid has **DGP** directs formation of

#### cyber-crime investigation teams in J&K STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: To avert the grow-

ing trend of cyber crimes, Director General of Jammu and Kashmir Police Dilbag Singh on Wednesday issued a circular, directing the formation of teams of welltrained officers to handle the

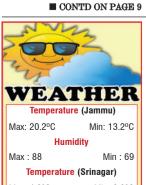
cyber-crime investigation. The circular, forwarded to Special Director General

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#### J&K Admn orders probe into self-immolation bid during anti-encroachment drive STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Wednesday ordered an inquiry into a self-immolation bid by a 27-year-old man during an antiencroachment drive in Ganderbal district a day ago.

It also ordered the transfer of the tehsildar concerned for "mishandling the matter". Following many



been transferred from PS Nowhatta and posted at PC Srinagar; Inspr Rashid has been transferred

from PS Khanvar and posted as SHO PS M.R. Gunj; Inspr Majid Hussain has been transferred from PS M.R. Gunj and posted as SHO PS Khanyar; Inspr R.P Singh has been transferred from PS Harwan and posted to DPL Srinagar:

Inspr Khushab Kumar has been transferred from PC Srinagar and posted as SHO PS Harwan; Inspr Sabzar Ahmed has been transferred from DPL Srinagar and posted as SHO

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# Six-member SIT to probe missing Jammu revenue records scam

JAMMU: Three days after surprise raids in land grabbing cases for missing revenue record, Jammu Police have framed a six-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe as names of senior officials also surfaced during the investigations. "Six member SIT has been constitut-

ed to probe the missing revenue record. More arrests including of many property dealers and land grabbers is on cards," official said. The SIT is headed by SP

Headquarters Ramneesh Gupta while SDPO East DySP Syed Zafar, SHO Channi Himmat, Inspector Deepak Katoch, Chief Prosecuting Officer, Pooja Nijan, a sub inspector and a head constable are the other members.

"The record seized during raids on Sunday in the residences of former revenue officials is being scrutinised by the special committee," sources added.

The raids were carried out on the directions ofthe Divisional Administration headed by Jammu Divisional Commissioner Raghav

Four revenue officials including retired, have **FOLLOW-UP** 

also been taken into custody for tampering with records to facilitate the land mafia in encroaching and grabbing state land. They include Sadiq Poswal, property dealer Mohd Bashir, retired Tehsildar, Dharam Pal and Ghulam Rasool, both retired Girdawars. All these accused are on 8-day police remand.

"As per initial reports, the arrested

persons have made several disclosures during questioning and named few property dealers who were involved in sale and purchase of thousand kanals of encroached/grabbed state land," sources

"The property dealers whose names are revealed are on the SIT's radar and their properties and businesses are also under scanner." sources said, adding, "the list of names is ready and the arrests can come anytime soon.'

Following the suspicious disappear ances of Jamabandis, Lathas and other land records in Jammu South, 21 joint police-revenue teams on last Sunday raided houses and offices of many land grabbers, property leaders and revenue officials in Sunjwan, Chowadhi, Greater Kailash, Sanjay Nagar, Janipur, Gujjar Nagar, Bahu, Sidhra, Trikuta Nagar Extension and ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

#### Four terror associates of Lashkar nabbed from Baramulla, Shopian districts ■ STATE TIMES NEWS through reliable sources that

# SRINAGAR: Security forces

arrested four terrorist associates of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) in Baramulla and Shopian districts of Jammu and Kashmir, police said on Wednesday.

Police along with security forces have arrested two terrorist associates linked with proscribed terror outfit LeT (TRF) in Baramulla. Incriminating materials including ammunition have been recovered from their police possession, spokesman said.

Giving details, spokesman said police received specific information unknown terrorist group from Khachadari Zehanpora are using illegal arms and ammunition against police and other security forces in the main area of Baramulla to disturb the peace and law & order. Acting on the information,

security forces established several nakas including on Zehanpora-Khadniyar link road, he said. During checking, a Scooty

which was coming from Zehanpora with pillion ride was noticed moving in suspicious circumstances, the spokesman said.

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# Will not agree to any change in status quo: Jaishankar on Ladakh standoff

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: India is engaged in talks with China on the eastern Ladakh border standoff with absolute clarity that it will not agree to any change in the status quo or any attempt to unilaterally alter the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the region, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said.

In an interactive session at think-tank in Paris, Jaishankar said he was optimistic about resolving the issue through dialogue and that significant headway has been made in many of the friction points following talks between military commanders of the two sides

"We are absolutely clear that we will not agree to any change in the status quo. Any attempt to change the LAC unilaterally by one side. So however complex it is, however long it takes, however difficult it is, I think that clarity is what guides us," he said on Tuesday.

Jaishankar said achieving disengagement is the goal right now and that he was optimistic about the resolution of the issues.

"I would say other than optimism, it is very important to have perseverance.

Believe me, I have got those qualities in reasonable measure and my system has it in reasonable measure which is more important," he

"We will carry on with this and disengagement is right now the goal. Because it is only when disengagement happens we can then start talking about de-escalation,

Jaishankar arrived in Paris on Sunday on a three-day trip after paving a two-day

visit to Germany. The external affairs minister said that both sides

#### J&K adds 100 COVID cases, one death

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday recorded 100 fresh COVID-19 cases that took its tally to 4,52,647, while one more fatality pushed the death toll to 4,748, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, 70 were reported from the Jammu division and 30 from the Kashmir division of the union territory, they said.

Jammu district recorded the highest number of fresh cases at 29, followed by 25 in

There are 1.365 active COVID-19 cases in Jammu Kashmir. So 4,46,534 people have

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# STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: Supreme Court Wednesday dismissed a plea seeking cancellation of offline board examinations for classes 10 and 12 to be conducted by the CBSE and several other boards this year, saying such petitions give false hope and create confusion among students who are going to appear in these exams.

The apex court observed that the petition is ill-advised and premature and the authorities are vet to take

appropriate decision with regard to conducting exams

the authorities take decision. If the decision is wrong, challenge that decision. Here, you want to prething, a bench headed

> Khanwilkar told the lawyer appearing for the petitioners. This creates not only false

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comprising

# Fresh snowfall shuts J&K highway, vehicles stranded Flight operations at Srinagar airport disrupted

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BANIHAL/JAMMU/SRINA GAR: The Jammu-Srinagar national highway, the only allroad linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, was closed for traffic on Wednesday due to landslides and fresh snowfall in Ramban district, officials

Many vehicles have been stranded at different points of the highway due to the clo-

"The highway was closed for vehicular movement due to landslides and shooting stones at many places and snow accumulation around the Navyug tunnel", an offi-

Traffic has been halted at Cafeteria Morh Ramban,



Sherbibi, they said.

"No fresh traffic is being allowed from Jammu or Srinagar", a traffic police official said. Meanwhile, the air traffic to

and from Kashmir was

affected on Wednesday as all

flights at the Srinagar airport

were cancelled due to bad weather in the wake of heavy snowfall in the Valley, officials "All flights of all airlines

have been cancelled," said Kuldeep Singh, director, Airport Authority of India (AAI), Srinagar airport. The flight operations at the

bad weather and low visibility in the wake of heavy snowfall across the Valley. A total of 41 flights have been cancelled, he said. The visibility was below 400

metres and the continuous snowfall made the operations impossible, he added.

#### Singh said the passengers of the cancelled flights will be adjusted on the next available

Life was thrown out of gear in Kashmir as most areas of the valley received snowfall the season's first heavy fall in the plains - disrupting railway operations.

Most areas of the valley received moderate to heavy snowfall which started in the night and was going on when last reports came in, they

The areas in the higher reaches of the Union Territory received very heavy snowfall -- around two feet or more, they said.

The officials said Srinagar the summer capital of

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# SC dismisses plea seeking cancellation of offline board exams for classes 10, 12

# of the various boards

Such petitions give false hope to the persons who are going to appear in the examinations. Those students will be misled by this petition. Let

ates confusion all over to students who are preparing, said the bench, also

# DB seeks fresh status report regarding policy, requirements of educational institutions in J&K UT

# STATE TIMES NEWS

In a Public

Interest Litigation filed by All Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh Teacher Federation seeking directions to administration for framing policy for maintaining studentteacher ratio in schools without any discrimination and implementing the same in letter and spirit, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Sindhu Sharma after hearing senior Adv Pranav Kohli with Adv Farhan Mirza for PIL whereas AAG Amit Gupta for UT, granted a months' time to produce a better status report bringing on record entire policy and needs of educational institu-

tions in Union Territory along with existing studentteacher ratio in both urban

and rural areas. When PIL came-up for hearing, the Division Bench observed that order of the court dated February 15, 2021 recorded that a fresh status report filed on May 13, 2019 is deficit and does not spell out if various infrastructural projects referred therein have been completed, as such there is need to file fresh status report.

DB further observed that similarly by an order dated December 7, 2021, respondents were directed to indicate progress in the studentteacher ratio in both the urban and rural areas. In pursuance thereof, a

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