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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

JAMMU: The Administrative Council (AC) which 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 Secretary, J&K, and

Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

The new policy is based on 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% foreign stakes.

The policy also provides for identifying parcels of land in

various industrial estates to be given exclusively to industries with foreign investments including vertical rise 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 2021-30 and New Central

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&K and Nitishwar 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

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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 with Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, has been transferred and posted as Private Secretary with Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir, on

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Foundation stones laid for health infra projects

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-of-the-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 far-flung 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 facilities.

The Lt Governor launched a social security scheme for employees under the 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 expertise to faculty, para-

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DySP, nine Inspectors among 15 officers transferred

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

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

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.

Inspir Ifthikhar Hussain has been transferred from Police Post (PP) Qamarwari and posted as SHO PS Nowgam; Inspir Taseer Hamid has

been transferred from PS Nowhatta and posted at PC Srinagar; Inspir A d i l Rashid has been transferred from PS Khanyar and posted as SHO PS M.R. Gunj; Inspir Majid Hussain has been transferred from PS M.R. Gunj and posted as SHO PS Khanyar; Inspir R.P. Singh has been transferred from PS Harwan and posted to DPL Srinagar; Inspir Khushab Kumar has been transferred from PC Srinagar and posted as SHO PS Harwan; Inspir Sabzar Ahmed has been transferred from DPL Srinagar and posted as SHO

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DGP directs formation of cyber-crime investigation teams in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: To avert the growing trend of cyber crimes, Director General of Jammu and Kashmir Police Dilbag Singh on Wednesday issued a circular, directing the formation of teams of well-trained 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 anti-encroachment drive in Ganderbal district a day ago.

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

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 20.2°C Min: 13.2°C

Humidity

Max : 88 Min : 69

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 4.2°C Min: 0.0°C

Humidity

Max : 100 Min: 94

Sunset : 18:25 Hours

Sunrise : 07:05 Hours

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 a 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 the reasonable measure which is more important," he said.

"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," he added.

Jaishankar arrived in Paris on Sunday on a three-day trip after paying a two-day visit to Germany.

The external affairs minister said that both sides

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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 Doda.

There are 1,365 active COVID-19 cases in Jammu and Kashmir. So far, 4,46,534 people have

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

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The 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 yet to take

appropriate decision with regard to conducting exams 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

the authorities take decision. If the decision is wrong, challenge that decision. Here, you

want to pre-empt everything, a bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar told the lawyer appearing for the petitioners. This creates not only false hopes, it creates

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

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

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation filed by All Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh Teacher Federation seeking directions to administration for framing policy for maintaining student-teacher 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 Sindhur 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 student-teacher 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 student-teacher ratio in both the urban and rural areas. In pursuance thereof, a

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National highway shut and flights from Srinagar airport cancelled on Wednesday.

Maroog, Panthiyal and 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 said.

"All flights of all airlines have been cancelled," said Kuldeep Singh, director, Airport Authority of India (AAI), Srinagar airport.

The flight operations at the

airport were affected due to 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.

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