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95 new COVID cases reported in J&K

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Friday recorded 95 fresh cases of coronavirus, taking the number of infections to 4,52,817, while no death due to the virus was reported in the past 24 hours, officials said.

They said 65 of the new cases were from the Jammu division and 30 from the Kashmir division. The officials said Jammu

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LG Manoj Sinha escapes unhurt in car accident at UP



LG Manoj Sinha's car after it met with an accident in UP.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on

AC approves 50 pc remission on stamp duty rates for 1st-time purchase

Gives nod for infra works related to women battalions

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a remarkable move, the Administrative Council (AC), which met on Friday under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the remission of fifty percent stamp duty for all first time buyers of real estate in the housing sector for a period of two years.

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 decision is aimed at giving a boost to the real-estate sector in Jammu and Kashmir and motivating the new buyers to participate in the market. It is also expected to provide momentum to property sale and registration by making the purchase of property attractive and

Seen Thakral, Udhampur IE reserved for women entrepreneurs

JAMMU: To promote women entrepreneurs in Jammu and Kashmir, the Administrative Council on Friday declared the Industrial Estate (IE) at Seen, Thakral, Udhampur as women industrial estate.

In a first-of-its-kind decision, the Administrative Council declared the Industrial Estate at Seen, Thakral, Udhampur as reserved for women entrepreneurs and women-led industries. The decision will benefit women entrepreneurs and industrialists as any business enterprise having a minimum of 51% stake held by a woman entrepreneur shall qualify to apply for allotment in reserved Industrial Estate.

Moreover, under the new J&K Industrial Land Allotment Policy, the eligible women entrepreneurs will be allotted suitable parcels of land through a transparent single-window mechanism in a time-bound manner.

affordable.

The Administrative Council also asked the Housing and Urban Development Department to work out the modalities for smooth implementation of the decision at the earliest.

Earlier, in line with its commitment to attract investment, promote infusion of technology, and create

employment opportunities in the real estate sector, the Government hosted the first-ever Real Estate Summit in J&K, wherein several promoters in residential/retail/commercial space, film & entertainment industry, tourism and hospitality, logistics and warehousing, and financing

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Terror funding: Court sends ex-NIA SP Negi, activist Khurram Parvez to jail

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Friday sent NIA's former Superintendent of Police Arvind Digvijay Negi, Kashmiri human rights activist Khurram Parvez and others to judicial custody for a month in a case related to the terror funding in the valley.

Special Judge Parveen Singh sent the accused persons to jail till March 24 after they were

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IAF Chief asks commanders to ensure operational readiness of all weapon systems

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari on Friday asked commanders to ensure operational readiness of all platforms, weapon systems and assets.

"He stressed on the need for root cause analysis of all accidents and incidents, improving maintenance practices to boost mission effectiveness besides

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2 terrorists, civilian killed in Shopian encounter

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists and a civilian were killed during an encounter between security forces and the ultras Shopian district on Friday, police said.

"Based on specific input about the presence of terrorists at Shopian's Amshipora village area, a joint cordon and search operation was launched by Police, 44RR besides 14Bn CRPF during the night," a police



spokesperson said. During the operation, a cluster of houses were cor-

doned off and searches were started to locate the

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J&K Delimitation panel shares revised draft report with associate members

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Delimitation Commission, mandated to redraw assembly constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir, on Friday circulated a revised draft report to its associate members incorporating some changes suggested by them.

Five Lok Sabha members

from Jammu and Kashmir -- Farooq Abdullah, Mohammad Akbar Lone and Hasnain Masoodi of the National Conference and Jugal Kishore Sharma and Jitendra Singh of the BJP -- are the panel's associate members.

They had suggested various changes to the earlier draft

report of the panel.

The panel had met on Thursday and accepted most of the suggestions after due consideration, sources said.

They said the reworked draft incorporating the suggestions was circulated to the five associate members on Friday. In their

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14 SDPOs among 77 DySPs transferred; 10 officers given addl charge

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Director General of Police, J&K, Dilbag Singh on Friday transferred 14 Sub Divisional Police Officers (SDPOs) among 77 Deputy Superintendents of Police (DySPs). Ten DySPs have also been given additional charge.

According to PHQ order, Noor-ul-Hassan, DySP SSG J&K has been posted as DySP Social Media CID Hqrs; Mushtaq Ahmad Wani, DySP JKAP-9th Bn as DySP Arms/Ammunition

Manhas SDPO Vijaypur; Javed DySP PC Jammu; Sajad DySP CB Jammu; Imtiaz SDPO Thannamandi; Pankaj SDPO Border Kathua; Shamsher SDPO Manjakote; Tussif SDPO Nowshera; Karan DySP CB Jammu; Surinder SDPO R S Pura; Narinder DySP DSB Jammu; Shabir SDPO Kothibagh; Dr Azhar SDPO Hazratbal; Sukhdev SDPO Rly Katra; Shah SDPO Bijbehara; Mumtaz SDPO Awantipora

PHQ; Mohammad Ayoub Zargar, DySP IR-14th Bn as DySP IR-5th Bn; Sheikh Zaffar Ullah, DySP Estates PHQ as DySP CID Hqrs; Pawan Kumar, DySP Central Store Jammu has been posted to SKPA Udhampur.

Farooq Ahmad, DySP STC Sheeri has been posted as SDPO MR Gunj; Shabir Ahmad Khan, SDPO R.S Pura as SDPO Kothibagh; Vishal Manhas, DySP Crime Branch Jammu as SDPO Vijaypur; Imtiaz Ahmad Rather, DySP IR-17th Bn as

DySP DAR Shopian; Shah Umar, DySP IT PHQ as SDPO Bijbehara; Baljit Singh, DySP CID SB Kishwar as DYSP Traffic Doda/Kishtwar; Syed Javed Ahmad, DySP CID SB Jammu as DySP

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Northern Army commander reviews op preparedness of 16 Corps



Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi interacting with officers.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Northern Army Commander Lieutenant

General Upendra Dwivedi on Friday visited the 16 Corps

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Ceasefire lifts pall of terror from border hamlets along LoC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMWAN (PALLANWALA LOC): Once heavily shelled by Pakistan, Samwan, a hamlet located on the LoC in the strategic Chammb sector, is enjoying a life of "peace, progress and prosperity" as guns from both sides continue to observe silence.

This peace, however fragile, is due to the year-long Indo-Pak border ceasefire.

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Shaheena promoted as Sr Pvt Secy

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Friday promoted member of the Jammu and Kashmir Private Secretaries to Head of Departments (Gazetted) Service as Senior Private Secretary.

"Sanction is accorded to the promotion of Shaheena Akhter, member of the Jammu and Kashmir Private Secretaries to Head of Departments (Gazetted) Service, as Senior

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 35.0°C Min: 25.8°C

Humidity
Max : 85 Min : 66

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 31.8°C Min: 16.6°C

Humidity
Max : 74 Min: 36

Sunset : 18:52 Hours
Sunrise : 06:10 Hours

CCS likely to meet again today amid Ukraine war

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) is likely to meet again on Saturday amid the Russian offensive against Ukraine, sources in the government said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had chaired a meeting of the CCS on Thursday night after Russia launched its attack on Ukraine. He also spoke with Russian President Vladimir Putin and called for an immediate cessation of violence while stressing that India attaches the highest priority to the safe exit and return of its citizens from Ukraine.

The proposed meet of the key cabinet panel comes amid

SC invites applications for conferring 'senior advocate' designation

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court Friday invited applications seeking conferment of designation of 'senior advocate' from retired Chief Justices, Judges of High Courts and Advocates-on-Record and advocates as per the guidelines.

The applications in the prescribed format, addressed to the Chief Justice, have to be submitted in the Secretariat of the Committee for the designation of senior advocates latest by 4.30 pm on March 21, 2022.

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Russia ready to hold talks 'any moment' once Ukrainian Army lays down arms: FM

MOSCOW: Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on Friday said that Moscow is ready for talks at "any moment" with Ukraine once the Ukrainian military responds positively to President Vladimir Putin's call, end their resistance and lay down their arms.

Lavrov made the remarks following talks with Deputy Foreign Minister of the Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) Sergey Peresada and Foreign Minister of the Lugansk People's Republic (LPR) Vladislav Deinego, the state-run TASS news agency reported.

Russian President Vladimir Putin signed treaties with leaders of DPR and LPR on February 21, recognising the two regions of Ukraine as independent.

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New Delhi's efforts to evacuate Indian citizens from the battle zone. Besides the prime minister, the defence minister, the home minister, the exter-

nal affairs minister and the finance minister are part of the CCS. Top officials of the security apparatus are also called to attend CCS meet.

DB directs for making common law for all charitable, religious institutions

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation filed by a practicing advocate Ajay Kumar Sharma hailing from Kishwar for constitution of Shrine Board at Machial Mata besides constituting a Special Investigation Team (SIT) who will look into financial irregularities and assets of Sarv Shakti Sevaks Sanstha, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Rajnesh Oswal after hearing Adv

Aditya Sharma appearing for PIL whereas Advocate General D C Raina appearing for UT, while disposing of PIL observed that it is also important to note that enactment of statutes separately for each shrine in Union Territory as a

whole may not be an appropriate and feasible exercise. Therefore, to have a consolidated and a uniform legislation for all charitable and religious institutions and endowments within the Union territory, we feel that it would be more appropriate and better if the government identifies all such institutions in the State/UT as a whole and endeavours to make a common law for all of them if necessary, the Court observed.

The Division Bench after hearing both sides observed that on foundation of facts and circumstances of case, the Court dispose of petition finally leaving it open to Advocate General or the public spirited persons having some interest in temple to get a scheme of management prepared with

Govt assigns additional charge to Deputy Registrars

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Friday assigned additional charge to Deputy Registrars.

"Consequent upon the approval conveyed by the Administrative Department vide above referred communication, it is ordered that the addition charge of Deputy Registrar, Cooperative Societies Kishwar has been assigned to Deputy Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Doda till Maheer Thakur, Deputy Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Kishwar resumes his duties," reads an order issued by Shafqat Iqbal, Registrar, Cooperative Societies, J&K, Jammu.

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the intervention of the court under section 92 of CPC and at the same time directed the Government to explore possibility of a legislation in consonance with Acts enacted for management and governance of similar shrines in the Union Territory or country elsewhere. The Court expected the Government to take a positive call in this regard without any delay in right earnest as early as possible and come up with an appropriate legislation and till such time, any arrangement as aforesaid should be made and enforced. DB directed the Government to entrust entire management of the Shrine in question to one of the Shrine Boards existing in the Union Territory in context with the other temples/shrines.

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