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J&K becomes first UT to be integrated with national single window system

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir has become the first Union Territory to be integrated with the national single window system as Lt Governor Manoj Sinha launched the J&K singlewindow portal, integrating it with the national single-window system.

While 130 industrial services have been made online on a single-window system, over 160 more services would be integrated this year, the Lt Governor said.

In a series of tweets, the Lt Governor said his administration is linking Jammu and Kashmir into a web of partnerships with the domestic and foreign companies and ensuring global best practices in our regulatory institutions and system.

In the last one year since the launch of the new Industrial development scheme, our policies have evolved to make Jammu and



tries and service enterprises, Sinha said. In January last year, the

Jammu and Kashmir administration announced a new industrial developmental scheme (IDS) with a total outlay of Rs 28,400 crore to encourage new investment and to take industrial development to the block level.

After years of poor performance in industrialisation, Jammu- Kashmir is at a new stage in its develop-Kashmir more competitive ment trajectory. We are committed to strengthening the industrial ecosystem in a manner that the benefits percolate to all sections of our society in Jammu-Kashmir, he said.

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The Lt Governor said J&K is the first UT to be integrated with the National Single Window System.

We are ensuring 'Ease of Doing Business' and 'Ease of Living' through minimum regulatory compliance bur-

We are linking Jammu

and foreign companies and ensuring global best practices in our regulatory institutions and systems, Sinha

We are also giving focused attention to the growth of dynamic sectors including real estate, horticulture and tourism to create large employment opportunities, he said.

Expressing gratitude to Prime Minister and Home Minister for bringing industrial reforms in J&K, the Lt Governor said that in the last one year, since the launch of the new Industrial development scheme, our policies have evolved to make Jammu & Kashmir more competitive and lucrative for industries and service enterprises.

"These reforms have helped us receive investment proposals worth Rs.70,000 Crore in different sectors within a year," he added. After years of poor performance

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JKPSC: Prosecuting Officer Mains exam from Feb 14

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: After a comprehensive review of current situation prevailing due to COVID-19 pandemic, Jammu and Kashmir Public Commission Service (JKPSC) has decided to conduct Prosecuting Officer mains examination as per notified schedule i.e. from 14th to 24th February, 2022.

As per a communiqué received here on Monday in this regard, the Commission has established four examination centres (venues) two each at Jammu and The Srinagar. venue Supervisors have been provided the guidelines of the Commission for conduct of examination in these times of pandemic. These guidelines mainly pertained to personal hygiene of candidates, examination functionaries, maintenance of social distancing and wearing of masks by the candidates and examination functionaries all the time. Besides, provision of sanitiz-

ers at convenient places ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Congress has become 'leader of Tukde-Tukde gang': Modi

NEW DELHI: Minister Narendra Modi on Monday launched a no-holdsbarred attack on the saying Congress, Britishers have gone but the party has made the "divide and rule" policy its character and has become the "leader of the tukde-tukde gang".

Replying to the debate in Lok Sabha on Motion of Thanks to President Ram Nath Kovind's address to the Parliament, Modi said the Congress' "arrogance" has not gone away despite multiple electoral defeats and its "misdeeds" seem to indicate that it has made up its mind not to come to power for the next 100 years.

The Prime Minister said the Congress "crossed all limits" during the COVID pan-

During the first wave, when people were following lockdowns and COVID norms. the Congress was standing at Mumbai Station and scaring

innocent labourers into fleeing to their native states, he said. "You have committed a big sin," he added.

During his nearly 100minute speech, he also accused the opposition party of indulging in "blind opposition" and strengthening sep-It is true that criticism is

the ornament of a vibrant democracy, but "blind opposition" is an "insult to democracy", he said.

The Prime Minister noted that if the BJP loses one on it for months slammed the Congress, saying that after so many defeats, "neither your arrogance goes away, nor your ecosystem allows your arrogance to go away"

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Modi said it would have been good if the Opposition would have accepted and welcomed with an open heart whatever the country has achieved by 'Sabka prayas'.

Hitting out at the Modi said. Congress. "Sometimes a thought comes to my mind, with their

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Terrorist killed in Awantipora encounter



STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: An unidentified terrorist was killed in an encounter with security forces in the Pulwama district on Monday, police said.

The encounter broke out between terrorists and security forces at Nambal in the

Parts of Kashmir

receive fresh snowfall

SRINAGAR: Most parts of

received fresh snowfall, while

Srinagar city was lashed by

rains, resulting in slight

changes in night tempera-

Parts of the valley except

Srinagar received light snow-

fall. Gulmarg, Kupwara and

Pahalgam received moderate

According to the officials.

the weather is likely to

remain wet over the next two

Srinagar, the summer cani-

tal of Jammu and Kashmir.

recorded a low of 2.2 degrees

Celsius on Sunday night.

This was slightly lower than

the previous night's 2.8

degrees Celsius, the officials

The famous ski resort of

Gulmarg in north Kashmir

recorded a low of minus 5

degrees Celsius, up from

minus 7.5 degrees Celsius

night.

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previous

Pahalgam tourist resort

ture, officials said.

snowfall, they said.

Monday

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Awantipora area of the district this evening, a police spokesperson said.

He said an unidentified terrorist was killed in the exchange of firing between the two sides. Further details of the incident are awaited, he added.

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Jammu and

Kashmir on Monday reported 686 new Covid, dipping below the 1000-mark in the last four weeks and taking the tally of infected people to 4,47,334, officials said. The union territory also

reported six deaths due to the virus in the past 24 hours, they added.

Out of the fresh cases, 312 were reported from the Jammu division and 374 from Kashmir, the officials said This was for the first time

since January 10 this year that the daily fresh COVID was fell below the four-digit figure, they said.

Tribunal to hear on Feb 17 plea to make whistleblower

party in case of Nirmal Singh's bungalow



At 686, number of COVID cases in J&K exhibits dipping trend

The officials said Jammu district recorded the highest of 137 cases followed by 119

in the Srinagar district. There are 14,924 active cases in the union territory at

Gupkar alliance to meet on

cured patients was 4,24,521, the officials said. The death toll in the union

present while the number of

territory due to the pandemic rose to 4,721 after six fresh deaths were reported in the past 24 hours. The officials said, the num-

ber of confirmed cases of Mucormycosis (black fungus) stayed put at 51 in the UT as no fresh case was reported since last evening. Meanwhile, Ladakh has

reported 121 more corona cases, taking the overall caseload in the Union Territory to 26.942, while the active cases have gone down to 987, officials said. Ladakh

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Police to soon file charge-sheet against three in Srinagar acid attack case allegedly threw acid on a 24-SRINAGAR: The Jammu

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and Kashmir Police will soon file a charge sheet against three persons, including a juvenile, in the recent Srinagar acid attack case to ensure exemplary punishment for them and to create deterrence among those having such "barbaric" tendencies, a top police officer said on Monday.

General Inspector (Kashmir range) Vijay Kumar also appealed to girls and their parents to inform police in time if anyone is stalking or harassing them. On February 1, a man

accompanied by a juvenile

year-old woman after she rejected his marriage proposal, an incident that shook entire Srinagar and drew widespread condemnation from across society.

The victim was sent to a Chennai eye hospital for specialised treatment on Monday. She had recorded her statement, an important piece of documentation that would help police in filing the charge sheet, before a magistrate on Saturday.

Kumar told PTI that the investigation is nearly complete and "we would soon complete the process by

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Aadhaar card not mandatory on CoWIN portal

for COVID-19 vaccination, Centre tells SC

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Centre Monday told the Supreme Court that Aadhaar card is not mandatory for registration on CoWIN portal for COVID-19 vaccination.

A bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and Surya Kant was informed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare that one of the nine identity documents including passport, Driving Licence, PAN card, Voter's Card, Ration card can be produced for vaccination.

The apex court took note of the submission and disposed a plea filed

Siddharthshankar Sharma who claimed that Aadhaar card was being mandatorily insisted upon for administering COVID-19 vaccination on the CoWIN portal.

The apex court had on October 1, 2021 issued notice to the Centre on the

"Pursuant to this court's order dated October 1, 2021. the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has filed an affidavit which records that Aadhaar card is not mandatory for registration on CoWIN portal and one of the nine identity documents can be produced... It is also

recorded in the affidavit that a provision has been made for other category of persons who may not have identity cards in their possession like prison inmates, inmates at mental health institutions etc." the bench said.

"Counsel for Union submits that about 87 lakh people without ID cards have been vaccinated. The grievance of the petitioner that he was denied vaccination for non production of Aadhaar card has also been dealt in the affidavit. The Health ministry addressed a letter to Principal Secretary,

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make him a party in the case of alleged illegal construction of senior BJP leader Nirmal Singh's palatial bungalow

on February 17 a whistleblower's plea impleading to

near Army's ammunition

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JAMMU: A special tribunal

on Monday said it will hear

sub-depot here. Member (Judicial) Rajesh Sekhri of the J-K Special

Tribunal, Jammu issued directions to list the of case of Mamta Singh, wife of the former deputy chief minister, for hearing arguments in the impleadment application advocate

J&K scores 75 pc under NeSDA; 2nd among UTs

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir has scored 75 per cent in most of the 7 sectors, Finance, Labour & Employment, Education, Social Welfare, Local government, Environment and Tourism, thereby achieving the distinction of being second among the Union Territories by performing exceedingly well.

This was stated at a meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Monday to review the progress under NeSDA.

Among others, the meeting was attended by V Srinivas, Secretary DARPG: DG IMPARD Saurabh Bhagat; Secretaries DARPG, NBS Rajput,

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Muzzaffar Ali Shah, who exposed the alleged unauthorised construction through an RTI application last year. In December last year, the

Development Authority (JDA) had said the house of the senior BJP leader falls in "major violation" as it was constructed without proper permission. contending the owner's claim that they had raised the structure much before the area came under its jurisdic-

The JDA made the observation when the much publicised appeal filed by Mamta Singh came up for hearing at

the special tribunal which, however, extended the stay against the demolition notice served to the politician on November 8. The JDA has served a

notice to the BJP leader asking him to demolish his bungalow in Ban village of Nagrota. The tribunal had earlier ordered that the impugned order dated November 8, 2021 shall remain in abeyance and parties were directed to maintain status one on the spot.

As the case came up for virtual hearing before the bench headed by Sekhri,

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Feb 23 to discuss Delimitation Commission draft report ■ STATE TIMES NEŴS SRINAGAR: The People's

Alliance $_{
m for}$ Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) - a conglomerate of five mainstream political parties in Jammu and Kashmir - will meet on February 23 to discuss the situation in the wake of the draft report of Delimitation Commission, PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said on

Monday. The meeting was earlier scheduled for February 13. "We are not surprised at the draft recommendation of Delimitation Commission.

The PDP has from the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Sinha lays foundation stone for Jhelum riverfront development

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday laid the foundation stone for Jhelum Riverfront development to be developed on the lines of Sabarmati riverfront.

Costing Rs 75 Crores, the riverfront project is being implemented by Jal Shakti Department under the Srinagar Smart City project. The phase-1 is envisaged with modern public utilities and state-of-the-art green space.

The Lt Governor also laid foundation stone for redevelopment of Polo View Road as pedestrian walkway at a cost of Rs 5.3 Crores to provide better ambience and shopping experience to the cit-

The Lt Governor said that a systematic effort to improve our cities in J&K UT has been long overdue.

We are working on this much-awaited transformation by improving urban services, creation of urban infrastructure and improved system of urban governance to make the cities ecologically

sustainable, economically productive and socially equitable, added the Lt

"I believe through physical and economic regeneration of our cities & its infrastructure we can provide citizens an attractive environment to live & work and fulfill the needs of businesses", the Lt Governor observed.

It is equally important that residents should proactively participate in the urban rejuvenation programs to improve the quality of life, said the Lt Governor.

Smart City is a people's movement to make the cities sustainable, efficient to provide improved services to the citizens. We need to come together and realize the dream of Smart City by working in cohesion, he further added.

Today we are facing many challenges due to rapid global change but they can be successfully tackled through better services, better planning, implementation and good governance. We are also making dedicated efforts to create an eco-system so that urban and rural economy would complement each other instead of being dependent on each

other, said the Lt Governor. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said that - "Every city has a unique culture and their development also takes place traditionally and it is necessary to save that cultural heritage while developing the cities", observed the Lt

We are developing our cities with the same spirit. We are keeping the spirit of cities alive and culture intact. We are making efforts to increase per capita income by providing opportunities to the people and improving the standard of living, said the Lt Governor.

The enlistment of Srinagar city in the UNESCO world creative cities network under the Craft & Folk Arts category is a proud moment for all. It is the collective responsibility of all the stakeholders associated with crafts and art to strengthen it and also revive the traditional handloom ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Dr Jitendra led 9-member panel constituted under Sansad Khel Spardha

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Monday constituted Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh's led nine-member Steering Committee at Constituency level under Sansad Khel Spardha.

"For implementation of Sansad Khel Spardha, the Steering Committee Constituency Level is hereby constituted with Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) Chairperson Ministry Science & Technology and Earth Sciences; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office; Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances Pensions; Department of Energy Department of Space, Government of India as its Chairperson," reads an order issued by Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul

As per order, Chairperson of the District Development Council concerned, District Magistrate/ Deputy Commissioner concerned, Sr. Superintendent Police/Superintendent of Police concerned and District Youth Services & Sports Officer concerned will be its Members while Mithun Manhas (Mobile No-99101-65561), Prem Nath Dogra (Mobile No-94196-09090), Dr. Sanjogita Sudan, Officer, Jammu Health Municipal Corporation (JMC) and Sports Medicine expert (Mobile No 94191-99070) and Sanjeev Sharma (Mobile No-99060-01273) will be its nominated Members

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