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Reforms in urban governance to improve infra, urban services: LG

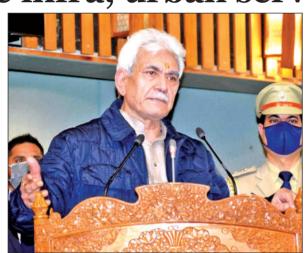
STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said that the reforms in urban governance will improve urban infrastructure, urban services to poor and help the cities to build on their inherent capac-

"Transparent and participatory processes in urban governance are important for tapping the vast potential, vitality of cities and higher economic growth", the Lieutenant Governor said after Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) singed Memoranda

Understanding with Praja Foundation and Azim Premji Foundation for making Urban Governance more effective and transforming primary school education in Srinagar city.

In the presence of the Lieutenant Governor, the MoUs were signed by Athar Aamir Khan, Commissioner,



LG Manoj Sinha speaking during signing of MoUs between SMC, Pooja Foundation & Azim Premji Foundation.

Srinagar Commissioner; Shankar Das Leader North Eastern States and Jammu & Kashmir at Azim Premji University and Milind Mhaske, Director Praja Foundation.

The Lt Governor said that the MoU between SMC and Praja foundation aims to empower citizen participation through enhanced e-Governance system in Srinagar and capacity building programmes for municipal councilors and adminis-

Relentless efforts for good

ther strengthened with cooperation of Praja Foundation, observed the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor underlined the need to create smart solutions, smart platforms to form a link between the public and policies to make the process of rapid change a reflection of the needs and aspirations of the people and develop a new self-understanding.

Reforms introduced by the government in urban governance aim to provide muchneeded human and financial resources for improving basic services like drinking water, health care, sanitation, housing and better quality of living in the cities, the Lt Governor said.

There is going to be a massive urban transformation in the cities in the coming future, which will improve the standard of living and will also attract new

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J&K Bank Q3 net profit jumps up 164 pc YoY to Rs 173.95 Cr STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: J&K Bank Net Profit has witnessed steep rise of 164%YoY in the December Quarter of FY 2021-22. The bank stated this after its Board of Directors reviewed and approved the numbers for third quarter and nine-

months ended December 31,

2021in a meeting held today

at Bank's Zonal Office in

Gurgaon, New Delhi. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

JKAS officer relieved

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Tuesday relieved Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) officer with the direction to join at their new place of posting imme-"Umesh Shan, JKAS, Assistant Director, Tourism, NH, Batote, under orders of transfer as Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Reasi, in terms of Government Order No. 93-JK(GAD) of 2022

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Splendid! The world's highest Railway Bridge over Chenab in district Reasi standing above the clouds!

COVID: 771 new cases, 7 more deaths in J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday recorded 771 fresh Covid cases that took the infection tally to 4,48,105, while seven more fatalities pushed the death toll to 4,728, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, 408 were from the Jammu division and 363 from the Kashmir division, they said.

Jammu district recorded the highest 238 cases followed by 172 cases in Srinagar district.

There are 12,358 active cases in the Union Territory, they said, adding that the overall recoveries has reached 4,31,019.

The death toll reached 4,728 after seven new fatalities were reported in the past

24 hours, officials said.

Chowk, National Highway-1A, Jammu

9TH FEBRUARY 2022 Dr. Parampreet Sing MBBS, MS(Orthopaedics) **Senior Resident-Orthopaedics** FOR APPOINTMENT CALL

There were 51 confirmed cases of Mucormycosis (black fungus) in the Union Territory. No fresh case was reported since last evening. officials added.

Meanwhile, Ladakh has reported 50 fresh coronavirus cases that took its infection tally to 26,992,

Navneet posted as Addl CEO SMVDSB,

Bali ACR (JMC) posted as SDM Katra;

3 JKAS officers reshuffled

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Two terror modules busted, 3 hybrid terrorists among 11 held

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: J&K Police on Tuesday busted two terror modules of proscribed terror outfit JeM in Anantnag by arresting 11 accused, including three hybrid terrorists and recovered arms and ammunition from their possession, officials said on Tuesday.

Police said that based on credible inputs that proscribed terror outfit JeM is planning to carry out attacks on police/security forces in Srigufwara/Bijbehara areas of Anantnag, multiple Nakas/checkpoints were established at various locations. During checking at

Journalists acting in manner prejudicial to security will lose accreditation, says new policy ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Journalists acting in a manner prejudicial to the country's "security, sovereignty and integrity" as well as "public order, decency or morality" will lose their government accreditation. the Ministry of Information Broadcasting has said in its new guidelines.

The Central Media Accreditation Guidelines-2022, announced Monday, also lays down guidelines for the accreditation of journalists working for online news platforms. News aggregators are not being considered for accreditation, the government said.

According to the new policy, accreditation is liable to be withdrawn or suspended if a journalist acts in a manner prejudicial to the country's security, sovereignty and integrity, friendly relations with foreign States, public order, decency

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Min: 70



Sunset: 18:11 Hours

Sunrise: 07:20 Hours

Max: 79

one checkpoint at Sakhras

crossing Srigufwara, a bike, with a rider with two pillionriders, was intercepted who tried to flee but were apprehended by alert police. On search, two pistols (Chinese) along with magazine and ammunition was recovered from their possession.

Police said that during preliminary questioning, they revealed their identity as Abbas Khan, resident of Liver; Zahoor Gowgujri, resident of Vidday and Hidayatullah Kutay, resident of Liver Pahalgam. "They also disclosed that they are associates of proscribed

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Union Tribal Ministry approves major projects for J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt of India on Tuesday convened the Project Approval Committee (PAC) meeting for Jammu & Kashmir to consider and approval various Research and Development projects submitted by the Tribal Research Institute, J&K.

Union Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), Anil Kumar Jha chaired the meeting which was attended by Jt Secretary MoTA, Dr Navaljeet Kapoor, Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department J&K and Director, Tribal Research Institute Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Director TAD, Mushir Ahmed Mirza, OSD Dr Abdul Khabir, Asstt Director Sushil Kumar Gupta, Under Secretary Mukhtar Ahmed and senior officers from Govt of India and NITI Ayog. Secretary, MoTA, Anil

Kumar Jha complemented the Jammu and Kashmir Government for establishing a very vibrant Tribal Research Institute and record number of initiatives related to research, publications, cultural heritage, fellowships, awards, workshops and capacity building programmes organised in recent months. He assured every help to Tribal Research Institute J&K under various schemes.

The PAC approved several proposals submitted by J&K Government including establishment of Centre for Research in Tribal Health (CRTH) in coordination with Medical College. Srinagar, establishment of Centre for Research and Advance Planning for Tribals (CRAPT) in Jammu and up gradation of Tribal Research Institute including accommodation of staff, scholars and faculty. Project related to Healthcare screening of Transhumant population migratory tribal population and capacity building of tribal youth was also approved. Other projects and initiatives approved by the PAC

Earlier, Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department,

approved in the meeting.

ects. Infrastructure for TRI

headquarters was also

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include Integrated tribal Village Development plan-■ STATE TIMES NEWS ning, impact assessment pro-JAMMU: The government gramme for SCA to TSS and on Tuesday transferred of other Centrally Sponsored five officers in the civil Schemes, mapping of highadministration. According to the order land pastures, development of portal for migratory popuissued by Manoj Kumar lation, training and capacity Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, building programmes, tribal General festivals, awards for out-Department, Navneet Singh, IFS, DFO, Doda has been standing performers, museum management, exposure visits for tribal students, seminars, workshops and seminars among other proj-

transferred and posted as Additional Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board; Naresh Kumar, JKAS, Divisional Magistrate, Bhawan, Katra has been transferred and posted as Joint Director in the Directorate of Information,

Administration

J&K, vice Irshad Ahmad, JKAS, who shall report to the General Administration Department, for further posting.

Sudhir Bali, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner Revenue in the Jammu Municipal Corporation has been transferred and posted Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Bhawan, Katra; Chander Parkash, JKAS, Deputy Director (Audio Visual) in the Directorate of Information, J&K, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno

Devi Shrine Board;

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Over 50 unemployed youths detained during protest in Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Over 50 youths were detained Tuesday after they blocked the vital Tawi bridge in the heart of the city, demanding the early conduct of written examination for the posts of Jammu and Kashmir Police Border Battalion advertised in 2019, officials said.

The protesters were also angry over the recent readvertisement of the posts by the police recruitment board and demanded its withdrawal, they said.

Hundreds of aspirants including women seeking recruitment in police border



Police detaining protesting Border Battalion aspirants at Bikram Chowk on Tuesday. (Pic by Shilpa Thakur)

battalion appeared at Dogra chowk and later blocked the Tawi bridge on Jammu-Airport road for nearly two

hours, causing massive traffic jam in the city, the offi-

J&K BOSE results: Girls top in all streams as 75 pc students clear Class 12 exam **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Girls swept the

According to the gazzettte in Science,

Arusa Parvaiz, a student of Kashmir Harvard School in Srinagar, bagged the first

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top positions in all streams as 75 per cent of the 72,000 candidates passed the 12th class examination conducted by Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (BOSE) in Kashmir valley last November.

notification issued by the BOSE, girls took the first position Commerce and Home Science streams.

CS launches integrated tourism portal



Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta launching web portal.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday launched the integrated web portal of the Tourism Department which shall provide a one stop solution for tourists and visitors. The web portal will provide all the information

related to tourism in Jammu and Kashmir including its allied agencies like Tourism Development Authorities, J & K Cable Car Corporation, J & K Tourism Development Corporation, Golf Courses etc and shall be available to the users under a single window. The web portal will have

provision for online bookings and operator registration for tourists.

While launching the web portal, the Chief Secretary said that providing best services to the people should be the focus of the department. He said the primary aim

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Congress in grip of urban Naxals: PM

If Cong was not there; Sikh massacre, KPs exodus from Kashmir won't have happened

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Dynastic parties are the biggest threat to India's democracy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday as he launched an all-out attack on the Congress and held it responsible for a host of issues, including the Emergency, the anti-Sikh riots, caste politics and the exodus of Pandits from Kashmir.

Replying to the debate on the motion of thanks to the president's address in the Rajya Sabha, the prime minister, who highlighted his government's achievements in various sectors, said the Congress is creating hurdles in the country's development as an opposition party too.

Modi said urban Naxals are

controlling Congress' thought and ideology. "The Congress in a way is in the grip of urban Naxals. That

is why its thought has become nega-The Rajya Sabha adopted the motion thanks after negating

all amendments moved by opposition

The Congress staged a walkout from the House during the prime minister's address, prompting Modi to say that one needs to listen too in a democracy and alleging that the party was used to only preaching to others till now Modi suggested that the

opposition party change its name from Indian National Congress to 'Federation Congress'

and urged it to not impose its frustration and despair on the people of

the country as loss and victory happen in politics. "The biggest threat to our democracy is dynastic parties. When one family gets

too prevalent in a political party, then talent is the first casualty. I suggest all political parties should establish democracy in their own parties and the Congress being the oldest party of the country has more responsibility to do so," he said in the House.

"Some members asked, if there was no Congress, what would happen...I would like to say, if there was no Congress there would be no Emergency, there would be no caste politics, Sikhs would never have been massacred, the problems of Kashmiri Pandits would not have happened." Modi added.

Whenever someone within the Congress has spoken against a particular family, the results have been there

for all to see, the prime minister said, naming the late leader Sitaram Kesri.

Kesri,who spoke against the Gandhi family, was removed as party presi-He also took on the

Congress for preaching about freedom of expression and cited the example of Lata Mangeshkar's musician Hridaynath Mangeshkar who was sacked from All India Radio for presenting a poetry on Veer Savarkar. Lyricist Majrooh Sultanpuri was jailed criticising Jawaharlal Nehru.

The prime minister noted that India is known as the 'mother of democracy', and democracy and debate

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No registered body by name of Kashmir Press Club: Govt

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: There is no registered body by the name of 'Kashmir Press Club' in Jammu and Kashmir as it has failed to register itself Registration Act, 1860, the

government said. Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai also said in the Lok Sabha the Estates Department of the UT administration has taken over the government building where the Kashmir Press Club was operated, on January 17, in presence of the Srinagar executive magistrate and the government building has deployment of static guard for its protec-

"Presently, there is no registered body by the name of

Kashmir Press Club or its elected managing body since the Kashmir Press Club, as a registered body, has ceased to exist and has failed to register itself under the Societies Registration Act, 1860," he said replying to a written question.

The Kashmir Press Club has "ceased to exist", the J&K administration said on January 17 as it took back the premises allotted to the largest journalists' body in the valley following "dissensions" between two factions, one of which had tacit support from the government.

Rai said the government is committed to ensure the right to freedom of speech and expression enshrined under the Article 19 of

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