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Brazilian S&T Minister compliments Dr Jitendra for successful Amazonia launch by ISRO

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LG calls for outcome-based education to bridge gap between available human capital & industry requirements



Two juveniles among three lifters

UL arrested, 11 stolen vehicles recovered

LG Manoj Sinha at 1st convocation of Islamic University of Science and Technology.

family members.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday emphasized on imparting outcome-based education in educational institutions to bridge the gap between available human capital and industry requirements.

The Lt Governor was speaking during the 1st Convocation of Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) Awantipora, held here at

During the convocation, as many as 7000 meritorious students, including 163 Gold medalists were awarded degrees. In addition to this, 14 scholars were also awarded Doctorate and M.Phil Degrees.

The Lt Governor, who is also the Chancellor of the University, congratulated the graduating students and gold medalists for their academic perform-

ance, and faculty members for shaping the young minds. He also extended his best wishes to the proud parents and

The Lt Governor said that the government is according high priority to the Education sector. He observed that the students of Jammu and Kashmir have high potential which is evident from the large number of students entering higher education institutions. He called upon the student community to dedicate towards building themselves AatmaNirbhar Jammu & Kashmir.

He stressed on the need to encourage innovation at the University level through Outcome-based Education, so that the network of science and management firms, research institutes, technology firms, technical services would also be added to it in future.

Emphasizing on strengthening of

Skill Gap, enhancing Industry Exposure and project-based experience while studying, the Lt Governor underlined the importance of developing the capabilities and skills of the youth to prepare them for the modern global market

Competition can be fought only through innovation in every field. Education does not just mean information and learning. It is important for all of us to understand that education means invention. To become the most powerful country in the world, we have to engage the new generation into creative work, the Lt Governor maintained.

Referring to importance of imparting moral values, the Lt Governor observed that along with science and technology, our traditional sacrament values also needed to be promoted in educational

New Education Policy stresses on making Education process holistic. Education is not about a race to come first but it is about achieving the highest peak of values in life, added the Lt

The Lt Governor also laid emphasis on developing a Student Centered Instruction Model to measure the performance of students and improving the quality and efficiency of graduating students as per the modern day industry requirements. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

### **JeM associate** held in Pulwama

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Security forces on Monday arrested a terrorist associate of proscribed outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad from Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir, police

"Based on specific information regarding the presence of terrorists of JeM in Larow Jagir village in Tral area (of Pulwama), police along with 42 Rashtriya Rifles and 180 Bn CRPF launched a search operation there. During the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

### LPG price hiked again by Rs 25; ATF price up 6.5 pc STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Cooking gas LPG price was on Monday hiked by Rs 25 per cylinder across all categories, including subsidised fuel and those availed by Ujjwala scheme beneficiaries - the fourth increase in rates in a month's

LPG prices have gone up by Rs 125 per 14.2-kg cylinder since the beginning of February, price data from state-owned oil marketing companies showed. Also, jet fuel prices were hiked by a steep 6.5 per cent on

# PM takes first dose of COVID-19 vaccine; appeals to all eligible to get inoculated

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### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday took his first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at AIIMS here and appealed to all those who are eligible to get inoculated.

Setting the pace for the second phase of the COVID-19 vaccination drive, the prime minister reached the All India Institute of Medical Sciences here early this morning and was administered Bharat Biotech's COV-AXIN by nurse P Niveda, who hails from Puducherry. Another nurse Rosamma Anil from Kerala also assisted in the process.

"Took my first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at AIIMS. Remarkable how our doctors and scientists have worked in quick time to strengthen the global fight against COVID-19," Modi tweeted after taking the vac-

"I appeal to all those who are eligible to take the vaccine. Together, let us make India COVID-19 free!" he

India expanded its COVIDvaccine coverage on

> **Rahul Pandey** assumes Dir

**Information's charge** 

JAMMU: Rahul Pandey

Director, Information &

Public Relations here on

Immediately after assum-

ing the charge, he convened a

meeting of officers in which

he highlighted the need for

further strengthening the

activities and core compe-

tence of the Department.

Pandey underscored the

need for involving modern

and new media platforms to

Government activities and

its welfare programmes.

the charge of

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

assumed

Monday.

## 'gamocha' and getting inoculated with a smile on his face. Nurses

inoculated.

Niveda Rosmma Anil can be seen in the picture posted by Modi. Niveda later told reporters

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The NIA on

Monday arrested four drug

traffickers in Kashmir for

their alleged involvement in

smuggling heroin in huge

quantities from Pakistan and

supplying it in Jammu and

Kashmir and other parts of

the country, an official said.

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Ganderbal, Showkat Ahmad

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Shopian and Amin Allaie of

Anantnag have been arrested

They have been arrested in

connection with the case per-

Girls outshine boys in class 10

from Srinagar, he said

of Bandipora,

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Monday by including every-

one over 60 and those aged

between 45-59 who have co-

morbidities in the net. In the

first phase of the vaccination

drive, healthcare personnel

and frontline workers were

The prime minister also

posted a picture of himself

taking the first dose of the

vaccine in which he is seen

that the prime minister, after being administered the vaccine shot, remarked "Laga bhi diya, pata bhi nahin chala (Already done? I didn't even feel it).

Prime Minister, Narendra Modi taking his first dose of the

COVID-19 vaccine at AIIMS New Delhi on Monday.

NIA arrests 4 drug traffickers

in narco-terrorism case

Chowk, National Highway-1A, Jammu ORTHOPAEDIC OPD Team Dr. Avtar Singh D.Ortho, MS, MCh Ortho, Chief Orthopaedic Surgeon Bone & Joint Replacement Specialis

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The prime minister went to AIIMS without any route restrictions and chose early morning hours to ensure there was no inconvenience to people, the sources said.

Prime Minister Modi also used humour to put at ease the medical staff during the inoculation and asked the nurses administering the COVID-19 vaccine

kg heroin and

Kashmir.

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members of a drug syndicate

operating in Jammu and

The case was registered in

During the checking of

Momin Peer's

vehicles in Kupwara, accused

Hyundai Creta was inter-

cepted by the police. During

a search of the vehicle, Rs 20

lakh and two kg heroin were

After the NIA took over the

charge sheet against the six

nvestigation.

June last year in Kupwara.

# CICSE announces board exams: Class 10 exams from May 5, class 12 papers from Apr 8

and Secretary.

"The results will be issued

through the convenors to the

heads of schools by July. The

results will not be available

from office of council in New

Delhi and no queries will be

entertained from candidates,

parents or guardians," he

The board said the class 12

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

SRINAGAR: Giving a major

push towards transforming

Srinagar into more vibrant

and modern City, Lieutenant

Governor, Manoj Sinha on

Monday inaugurated and

laid foundation stones for

scores of public utilities and

developmental projects worth

Rs 26.6 crore being carried

out under prestigious

Srinagar Smart City Project.

apparatus of the Srinagar

To upgrade the fire services

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CICSE) will conduct board exams for classes 10 and 12 from May 5 and April 8 respectively. officials announced on Monday.

"The Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE), which is class 10 exam, will be conducted from May 5 to June 7. The Indian Certificate Examination (ISC), which is class 12 exams, will be conducted from April 8 to June 16," said Gerry Arathoon, CICSE's Chief Executive

### **Strong local bodies** must for development: J&K BJP chief STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party president Ravinder Raina said on Monday that strong and empowered local bodies were a must for undertaking the "best development" at the grassroots level in the union territory.

Addressing a meeting of

BJP urban local body cells led by its convenor and Jammu Municipal Corporation councillor Sanjay Kumar Baru, Raina asked the public representatives to strengthen their local bodies so that they can efficiently work and take up the benefits to the targeted population.

Raina hailed the public representatives for their dedicated efforts in reaching up to the common people during the coronavirus lockdown and prompted them to

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# Fake Aadhar, PAN, Passports recovered

## Police swoops Rohingya habitations in Jammu; two arrested

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Trikuta Nagar police on Monday carried out raids at several localities inhabited by illegally settled Rohingyas to find out various documents like Aadhars, PAN cards and passports managed by them through fraudulent means.

projects under Srinagar Smart City

exams will begin on April 8 with Computer Science Two Rohingyas were arrest-(Practical)-Planning ed on Monday, said police offi-Session, which will be a 90cials, identifying them as minutes paper, instead of Maulvi Abdul Ghafur, son of three hours scheduled for Abdul other subjects starting April presently staying at Rahim 9. Usually, the CICSE Nagar and Aashiq ur Rehman, presently residing in CONTD ON PAGE 9

Bathindi. Fake cards have been recovered from their possession, police said.

Soon after their arrest, Trikuta Nagar police has started investigations to unearth the nexus operating to manage fake cards for these Rohingyas.

Sources revealed that police has seized some mobile phones also and scrutinising their contacts to dig out the nexus. Information is being gathered about the people who helped them in managing these

LG inaugurates, lays foundation for Rs 26.6 Cr

Rohingyas living in Jammu. The government has repeatedly insisted that the Rohingyas are illegal immigrants, even those registered with the UN refugee agency, and would be deported. However, nothing has been done to vacate the lands illegally occupied by them in various localities of Jammu.

"We are conducting raids to unearth the nexus," police said, adding, "few suspects questioning." An FIR has been registered at Trikuta Nagar police station.

### With 63 fresh COVID cases, J&K's tally rises to 1.26,504

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Monday recorded 63 new COVID-19 infections which took the union territory's caseload to 1,26,504 while one more fatality pushed the death toll to 1,958, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, nine were reported from the Jammu division and 54 from the Kashmir division, they

Srinagar district recorded the highest number of CONTD ON PAGE 9

### Jammu Winter Zone results **STATE TIMES NEWS STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) on Monday declared the Class Annual Regular Examination results of Session, 2020 of Winter Zone areas of Jammu Province in which a total of 66.56%students

> declared successful. A total 24842 candidates. including 11385 girls and 13457 boys were enrolled for the examination, spread

327 Examination Centres, out of which 16536 students qualified the exam. The pass percentage of the boys was recorded as

64.52%, while girls outshined with pass 68.98 %. A total 396 students secured A1 Grade, 2025 A2 Grade, 3359 B1 Grade, 4278 B2 Grade 4191 C1 Grade, 2227C2 Grade and 101 students were able to secure D Grade. performance Government Schools has shown a steep rise from

46.19 % (last year) to 63.38

#### Prof. Veena Chairperson, expressed her gratitude to the Administration of the UT of J&K, School Department, Education divisional and district level administrative machinery

and whole team of the offi-

cers and officials of

JKBOSE Jammu Division

for exemplary support and

performance despite CONTD ON PAGE 9

## city, the Lt Governor inaugu-Response System costing Rs Kashmir situation peaceful as people want, not because of COVID impact: Army

fire stations, three fire

LG Manoj Sinha laying foundation of various

developmental projects under Srinagar Smart City.

rated the strengthening of 6.5 crore including two new

## STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The past year has been one of the most peaceful in Kashmir with all parameters of violence on a decline as people want it to be so, a top army officer said on Monday, rejecting suggestions that the COVID-19 pandemic has led to the 'quiet" situation.

Officer General Commanding (GoC) of the Srinagar-based XV Corps, Lt Gen B S Raju also said the ceasefire agreement on the Line of Control (LoC) with Pakistan is a conscious call by both the countries and the task at hand is to make it successful.

The year 2020 has been one of the most peaceful times. The situation in the valley

remains fairly normal. All the parameters of violence -be it stone-pelting, agitations or bandhs -- have shown a dip, Lt Gen Raju told reporters here.

Fire safety and Emergency

Raju, who will take charge as the new Director General Military Operations (DGMO), said while many people would want to believe that the situation in the valley was "quiet" due to the COVID pandemic, it is not

(the case). It is quiet because people want it to be quiet. If something good is happening, it is because the people want it to be, he said, adding, We have lots of hopes from the year

Acknowledging that there have been isolated incidents.



the GoC said there were elements who want to generate violence. They get directions from

within and across (the LoC) to attack. There was this Krishna Dhaba attack recently. It was only done to convey a message to the arriving EU delegation that the situation is not peaceful and that things are not normal. It was terrorism in a classic manner, he said.

The Army officer was referring to the February 17 attack on Akash Mehra son of the owner of 'Krishna Dhaba' which is a popular eatery in the high-security Durganag area. The attack took place on the day a 24member delegation of envoys had arrived on a two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir.

Mehra succumbed to injuries at a hospital here on Sunday.

Lt Gen Raju welcomed the reiteration of the ceasefire agreement between India and Pakistan, terming it a positive step and a conscious call by the two nations.

The ceasefire agreement is a positive step and a con-

scious call by both the countries. The task at hand is to make it successful, he said. He, however, said that infil-

tration by militants from across the LoC was still a challenge. Infiltration is still a challenge, but we are up to it. We

will try to keep things under control and keep the population safe. We hope the situation along the borders remains calm, he said.

The GoC of the strategicallv located XV Corps added that the ceasefire helps to check infiltration.

Our ability to check and control infiltration improves when there is a ceasefire, he said. Asked as to how the Indian Army would

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# Schools in Kashmir reopen for classes 9 to 12 after a year



Health check-up of students going on in a Govt school of Kashmir on Monday.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Thousands of

students returned to classrooms on Monday as schools in Kashmir reopened for classes 9 to 12 after remaining closed for almost a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The students attended

school for the first time since March 9 last year. Over 60 per cent attendance was recorded in most government schools but the exact figures would be known after all the records have been tallied, an official of the School Education Department

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