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counterparts to lift U-19 Volleyball title

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### J&K records 26 new COVID cases, Ladakh 15

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday recorded 26 new Covid cases-- 10 from the Jammu division and 16 from the Kashmir Valley, thus taking the total of positive cases to 453448 in the Union Territory.

Officials said that one Covid death has been reported from the Jammu division. According to the daily Media Bulletin, out

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**Martyrdom of CRPF personnel** in Shopian; 2 held 4 terrorist associates arrested in Pulwama

#### STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Within hours of

**| 5** 'The Kashmir Files' truly

**UU** masterpiece movie: Tarun Chugh

the martydom of a CRPF personnel in Shopian district, police arrested the assailant and recovered the weapon of offence on Sunday. Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar, said an over ground worker (OGW) or a terrorist associate has also been arrested in connection with the case.

Terrorists martyred off- ${\rm duty} \quad {\rm CRPF} \quad {\rm personnel} \quad$ Mukhtar Ahmad at his home in the Check Chotipora area of Shopian in south Kashmir on Saturday evening.

"We have arrested #killer of CRPF personnel. #Weapon of #offence (pistol) recovered on his disclosure. 01 OGW who accompanied him during #terror crime also arrested," the IGP said in a tweet.

He said the crime was committed on the directions of

were imposed due to COVID-

19, be lifted," Scindia said on

the sidelines of an event here.

services would be fully

restored from March 27 as

they were before the out-

break of the coronavirus pan-

The minister also said that

demic," he added.

"The international flight



In a solemn wreath laying ceremony, led by DIG CRPF P.K Mehra, rich tributes were paid to braveheart Mukhtar Ahmad Doie who was martyred in Shopian.

Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander Abid Ramzan Sheikh.

In a statement later, a police spokesperson identified the alleged assailant as Rukhsar Sadiq Thoker, a resident of Rangmarg-Sedow and an active terrorist.

The weapon of offence -- a pistol -- was also seized from his possession.

"During the course of inves-

closed the identity of another terrorist associate, who facilitated him in the commission of the crime. He (the terrorist associate) has been identified as Amir Ahmad Dewan, a resident of Bohrihallan in Shopian, who too was arrested and on his disclosure, a motorcycle used in the com-

recovered," the spokesperson During further question-

mission of the crime was

ing, Thoker confessed that he is a close associate of Sheikh, the self-styled commander of the LeT and a hybrid terrorist of the said organisation.

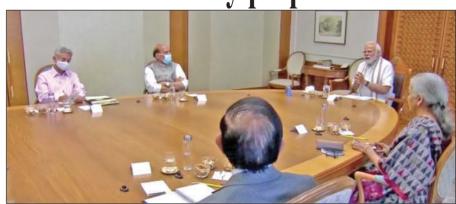
"Furthermore, he revealed that he, along with his associate, had committed the crime on Sheikh's directions in order to create an atmosphere of terror in the area. the spokesperson said.

Investigation in the case is going on and further leads are expected, he added.

Moreover, Police Pulwama have arrested four terrorist associates affiliated with proscribed terror outfit JeM. During the investigation of case FIR No. 50 and 51 of 2022 of Police Station Pulwama, it was established that four youth were actively associated with proscribed terror outfit JeM and providing logistic support, transportation and other facilities for commission of

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# Modi chairs CCS meeting, reviews India's security preparedness



"The prime minister was

also briefed on the latest

developments in Ukraine,

including the details of

Operation Ganga to evacuate

Indian nationals, along with

some citizens of neighbour-

ing countries, from Ukraine,"

Modi directed that all pos-

sible efforts should be made

to bring back the mortal

Shekharappa, who died in

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

Prime NEW DELHI: Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday chaired a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security to review India's security preparedness and the prevailing global scenario in the context of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

An official statement said that Modi was briefed on latest developments and different aspects of India's security preparedness in the border areas as well as in the maritime and air domain

Shekharappa, an Indian student studying in Ukraine,

remains of

it said.

Kharkiv.

died in shelling following the Russian invasion of the coun-

Chowk, National Highway-1A, Jammu ORTHOPAEDIC OPD **Team Dr Avtar Singh** 

**Dr Rajeev Bhagat** 

India has been able to evacuate most of its citizens, a large chunk of them students, from the war-hit coun-

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar were among those who attended the meeting. NSA Ajit Doval and other senior officials also attended the meeting.

#### flights from March 27: Scindia **STATE TIMES NEWS** international flights, which

India to resume regular international

Union Civil INDORE: Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Sunday said that regular international flights will resume from March 27 as the coronavirus situation in

India has improved now.

Due to the outbreak of COVID -19, scheduled international flight services were suspended on March 23, 2020. However, special international flights have been operating between India and about 35 other countries since July 2020 under air

"I have already given a direction that restrictions on Three SHOs among six

officials transferred

STATE TIMES NEWS

#### FM Sitharaman to table J&K budget in Parliament today STATE TIMES NEWS January 29 with President With the COVID-19 situa-

NEW DELHI: The second part of the Parliament's Budget session begins on Monday with the Opposition set to corner the government on a range of issues, including rising unemployment, a reduction in the interest rate on employees' provident fund and the evacuation of Indians stranded in war-hit

the Modi government held talks with the heads of Top on the government's agenda would be getting neighbouring Ukraine's Parliament's approval to the countries, like Romania, Moldova, Slovakia and budgetary proposals and Poland, and set up a corridor presentation of the budget for the Union Territory of for the evacuation of 18,000 Indian students from the Jammu and Kashmir. war-hit country under Finance Minister Nirmala

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dream. In present era of 21st

century, it is really shocking

that we are still talking about

installation of CCTV cam-

Slathia Chowk blast has

acted as an eye-opener for

administration, as now, need

has been felt to equip all vital

Chowks of town with CCTV

cameras. It is pertinent to

mention here that former

Member

Sabha

eras in Udhampur.



the budget for Jammu and Kashmir in the Lok Sabha on Monday and it is expected to be taken up for discussion in the post-lunch sitting of the House.

The government has also listed the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill for consideration and passing in the

tion easing out considerably, both the Lok Sabha and the

Rajya Sabha will have simultaneous sittings from 11 am, instead of the two separate shifts during the first part of the Budget session from January 29 to February 11. The session convenes days after the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) registered victories in the Assembly polls in four states

UttarPradesh, Uttarakhand, Goa and Manipur -- while the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) stormed to power in Punjab. The first part of the Budget

session had begun on

#### Ram Nath Kovind's address to a joint sitting of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha in the Central Hall of Parliament, which was followed by the presentation of the Economic Survey. Sitharaman presented the Union Budget on February 1, which was followed by discussions on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address and the Union Budget, Congress president Sonia Gandhi chaired a meeting of the party's Parliament Strategy Group at her residence and decided to work in coordination with like-minded

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### EC announces RS poll schedule for 5 seats in Punjab Officer S Karuna Raju on

Naveen

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

CHANDIGARH: As the term of five Rajya Sabha members elected from Punjab is going to expire in April,  $_{
m the}$ Election Commission (EC) has announced the schedule for the biennial election to the Upper House of Parliament from the state.

The term of office of Rajya Sabha members Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa (Shiromani Akali Dal), Partap Singh Bajwa (Congress), Shwait Malik (BJP), Naresh Gujral (SAD) and Shamsher Singh Dullo (Congress) is due to expire on April 9.

Punjab's Chief Electoral

Sunday said according to the schedule, the notification for the biennial election will be issued on Monday (March

The last date for filing nominations is March 21, while a scrutiny of the nominations will be carried out on March 22, according to an official release.

The last date for withdrawal of candidature has been fixed on March 24.

Polling will be held from 9 am to 4 pm on March 31 and the counting of votes will be taken up at 5 pm on the same day. The poll process

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# **Udhampur Blast:** Installation of CCTV cameras hampered due to lack of 'will' not 'funds'

Sitharaman is set to present

In 2018, funds meant for installation of cameras lapsed PARDEEP BAKSHI

### JAMMU:

Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jammu, Chandan UDHAMPUR: 'Where there Kohli transferred four is a will, there is way is a Inspectors and two Assistant true saying. But when there is lack of coordination, devel-Sub Inspectors (ASIs). According to the order. opment can never take place Inspector Rajesh Khajuria and remain as a distant

has been transferred from Police Station (P/S)Nowabad and posted as House Officer Station (SHO) Police Station Gharota; Inspector Vijay Kumar Sharma has been transferred from Police Station City and posted as SHO Nowabad; Inspector Rakesh Sharma has been transferred from DPL Jammu and posted as SHO Police Station City while Inspector Khyatiman Khajuria has been transferred from Police Station Gharota and posted to  $\mathrm{DPL}$ Jammu

ASI Lek Raj has been transferred from Police Post Mandir Bahu Fort and posted as Incharge Border

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started for detailed probe.

During the course of investigations, an excavator (JK20B 6727), and two



Shamsher Singh Manhas, on request of local people, had sanctioned funds amounting to Rs 10 Lakh to install much-needed CCTV cameras in Udhampur city in 2018 but it is really shocking that even available funds, after swinging on from one department to another including

PWD, Police and Municipality failed to meet the desired purpose as none of the departments prepared even a DPR to proper utilization of funds to install CCTV cameras in city and at last, the funds lapsed without

utilization. It shows that it was not deficiency of funds because was lack of will in administration that cameras were not installed. Moreover, local leadership, who invariably expressed inadequate understanding and poor

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#### **Shoba Rani becomes** highest bidder in **Excise auction STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Shoba Rani, resident of 33-A/D Gandhi



when she bidded Rs 5 Crore for Hatli Morh liquor vend.

All the bidders have congratulated her for successful bidding of Rs 5 Crore for Hatli Morh vend in Kathua District for the year 2022-

CWC meet: Sonia Gandhi to remain President till party polls, to take immediate corrective steps **STATE TIMES NEWS** NEW DELHI: Days after its election debacle in five states, the Congress' top decision-making body on Sunday unanimously decided that party president Sonia Gandhi will continue as interim chief till the organisational polls are held and

During the nearly fivehour-long meeting of the Working Congress Committee, party chief Sonia Gandhi said she was ready to make "any and every sacrifice" that the party workers

urged her to effect immediate

corrective changes to meet

the political challenges.

and the CWC wish, after which the CWC reposed full faith in her, according to some party leaders who participated in the deliberations.

Congress' chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said every Congress worker wants Rahul Gandhi to lead the party, but as the process of the organisational polls is underway, the next president will be decided through that

Amid calls for large-scale reforms to revive the party's dwindling electoral fortunes, AICC general secretary KC Venugopal, at a press conference after the CWC meeting.

said the party president will immediately take up corrective measures to revamp and re-strengthen the organisa-

The Congress will hold a 'Chintan Shivir (brainstorming session)' after the Budget Session of Parliament and the CWC will meet again before that, Venugopal said. The session is scheduled to end on April 8.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot suggested that the 'Chintan Shivir be held in his state.

Sonia Gandhi listened to all leaders at the CWC meet

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### <u>CRACKDOWN ON ILLEGAL MINING IN REASI</u>

# 27 vehicles including 9 excavators seized; 9 FIRs registered, 18 arrested excavators without num-

mining mafia in Reasi, police on Sunday arrested 18 persons involved in extraction of minor minerals and seized 27 vehicles including 9 excavators from various areas in the district. According to SSP Reasi Amit Gupta, nine FIRs have been registered and investigations have

Of nine FIRs, three FIRs 62/22, 63/22 and 64/22 under sections 379 of IPC and 3/4 of Damage to Public Property Act have been registered at Reasi police station.

four dumpers (JK19A 0175), (JK02CH 0450), (JK20A 4797) and (JK02BJ 1410) have been seized from Anji Khadd. arrested accused

identified as Vijay Kumar, son of Shanker Singh, resident of Sewna Chenani Udhaipur, Suram Chand, son of Girdhari Lal, resident of Bhagga Seela , Arif Khan son of Mohd Iqbal, resident of Kalakot, Rajouri and Mir Hussain, son of Qasam Din, resident of Talwara, Jugal Kumar, son of Diwan Chand, resident of Khinyari and Govind, son of Krishan Lal, resident of Khanyari Tehsil Pouni.

In another act of illegal

Mining machinery seized from various areas in Reasi District on Sunday. mining at Hemna, FIR No 65 has been registered at Police Station Reasi and investigation initiated. Two Excavators (JK02BJ

3881) and one without

number, four Dumpers

(JK11A 0533), (JK14C

7526),(JK11C 3224) and

were

(JK02CS 9810)

The seized. arrested accused included Purab Singh, son of Kartar Singh, resident of Sanghad Tehsil Pouni, Raj Kumar, son of Chaman Lal. resident of Bhamla, Ajit Singh, son of Dharam Singh, resident of Ransoo and Mohd Arif, son of Mohd Amir Khan, resi-

dent of Azmabad Tehsil Mandi, district Poonch.

At Kanthan block, FIR (66/22) was registered at Police Station Reasi. Two Excavators (Earth Movers) and two dumpers (JK20B 5464), (JK20 5169) have been seized while owner and drivers of vehicles

### **G&M** Deptt intensifies crackdown on illegal mining in Rajouri

RAJOURI: Intensifying its efforts to crack the whip on illegal mining in the district, the Geology and Mining Department seized two JCBs, one load carrier and one trollev loaded with minor minerals in the last 24 hours.

In line with zero tolerance against illegal mining, the special teams of the Geology and Mining department constituted on the directions of the District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal conducted raids at different locations

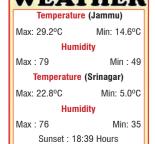
to curb illegal mining practices in the district. The teams, under the supervision of DMO, Mohammad Naseeb Bajran, conducted seized two JCBs, a load carrier and a trolley involved in illegal mining.

The District Administration Rajouri is taking effective measures to ensure that only legal mining is done in the minor mineral blocks and check illegal **CONTD ON PAGE 9** 

namely Kashmir Singh, son of Mohan Singh, resident of Sunderbani, Kayam Din, son of Mohd Sharief resident of Latti

Udhampur and Karpal Singh, son of Janak Singh, resident of Bantlab have

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Sunrise: 06:44 Hours