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**J&K reports 31 COVID cases, Ladakh 2**

**Jammu Div reports 1 fresh case from Udhampur**

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday reported that 31 new Covid cases, one from Jammu division and 30 from the Valley, , thus taking the total number of positive cases in the Union Territory to 453626.

According to the daily Media Bulletin, out of 453626 positive cases, 134 are Active Positive (34 in Jammu Division and 100

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**Murder of KPs: Curative petition filed in SC to reconsider order rejecting plea for probe**

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: A curative petition was filed in the Supreme Court on Thursday seeking reconsideration of its 2017 order dismissing a plea which had sought investigation into the alleged mass murder of Kashmiri Pandits in the valley in 1989-1990.

The curative petition, filed by an organisation of Kashmiri Pandits, Roots in Kashmir', said the apex court was not justified in dismissing the writ petition at the admission stage in 2017 merely on presumption that the instances referred to in it pertained to 1989-1990 and no fruitful purpose would emerge as evidence is unlike-

ly to be available at this late juncture.

This really amounts to failure of justice or gross miscarriage justice caused to the petitioner in view of the fact that the petitioner has stated in the writ petition as well as in review petition that this court has not only entertained the writ petition and also passed necessary direction for trial etc. in cases where the incident pertains to even more than 30-32 years, the petition said.

A curative petition is the last legal recourse in the apex court and is generally heard in-chamber unless a prima facie case is made out

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**Over 182.51 Cr COVID vaccine doses administered in India: Govt**

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

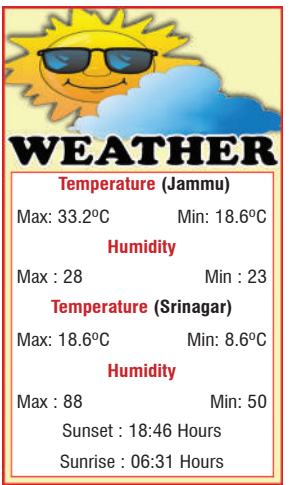
NEW DELHI: The total number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the country crossed 182.51 crore on Thursday, the Union health ministry said.

More than 88 lakh (88,13,578) vaccine doses have so far been administered to beneficiaries in the age group of 12 to 14 years, it added.

Over 26 lakh (26,50,337) vaccine doses were administered till 7 pm on Thursday, the ministry said, adding that the daily vaccination tally is expected to go up with the compilation of the final reports by late night.

More than 2.22 crore (2,22,56,496) precaution doses have been administered to healthcare workers (HCWs), frontline workers (FLWs) and those aged above 60 years.

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## LG unveils NABARD's Rs 34,829 Cr Potential Linked Credit Plan for J&K



LG Manoj Sinha addressing gathering after unveiling Potential Linked Credit Plan of NABARD for J&K UT.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Thursday unveiled Rs. 34,830 crore Potential Linked Credit Plan of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for Jammu and Kashmir, which focuses on meeting the aspirations of rural population, bridging gaps in rural infrastructure and strengthening the co-operative credit systems to transform the

agricultural economy.

The credit plan was announced at the 'UT Credit and Development Seminar' organized by NABARD in Jammu for presenting the 'UT Focus Paper 2022-23' for J&K, covering physical and financial potential under Agriculture & Allied activities and other priority sectors including the off-farm sector activities in the UT.

During the seminar, potential linked credit estimates for various sub-sectors of pri-

ority sector were presented, which include Rs. 19456.64 crore for agriculture (Rs. 17795.53 crore in Farm credit, Rs. 493.11 crore for Agriculture infrastructure, Rs. 706.15 crore for Food and agro processing etc.) and Rs.10977.21 crore for MSME segment etc. for year 2022-23.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor underlined the need to focus on the development of rural

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**India's position on Ukraine conflict steadfast, consistent: Jaishankar**

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: India's position on the Ukraine conflict has been "steadfast and consistent" as it has been seeking immediate cessation of violence and calling for ending the crisis through talks, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Thursday.

In the context of the unfolding developments in Ukraine, India has been emphasising that the

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**Adityanath to take oath as UP CM today**

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

LUCKNOW: Hours after being unanimously elected the BJP legislature party leader in Uttar Pradesh on Thursday, Yogi Adityanath met Governor Anandiben Patel to stake claim to form government in the state.

After dropping Union Home Minister Amit Shah at the local airport, Adityanath went to the Raj Bhawan to meet the Governor. Before him, BJP's central observer

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## Properties of those providing shelter to terrorists to be attached Number of terrorists decreasing, but violence won't end till there are guns, grenades: DGP

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday warned that properties of people providing shelter to militants or their associates will be attached under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

Process has started for attachment of some immovable properties which have been used for purpose of terrorism as per section 2(g) & 25 of ULP (UAPA) Act, Srinagar Police wrote on its Twitter handle.

The police said properties will be attached as per the law apart from legal action in

such cases.

Don't give shelter or harbour terrorists/ terror associates. Legal action will be supplemented by property attachments as per law, it said.

Meanwhile, Director General Police Dilbagh Singh this afternoon said while the number of terrorists is decreasing in the Union Territory, violence will not end till youngsters possess guns and grenades.

He appealed to the youngsters who have joined terror ranks to shun the path of violence and join the country's mainstream.

"The number of terrorists is decreasing but till the time there are guns or grenades, violence will continue. A person carrying guns or grenades has the capacity to injure and kill people. Their number is decreasing every year, terror-related events are also decreasing, but killings still take place," Singh told reporters on the sidelines of a function here.

He said the killings by terrorists are condemnable and such acts need to be stopped. "That is why preventive action is taken by us. Wherever there are OGWS (overground workers of ter-

ror outfits) or their support system, which helps them keep terrorism alive, we are taking action and such actions will continue," the director general of police (DGP) said.

He said Jammu and Kashmir has seen violence and destruction for the last 30 years and thousands of lives have been lost.

"Youngsters, children, older people, women, security forces and police personnel have sacrificed their lives. There is a need to shun the path of violence and destruction and tread the path

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**J&K Mission Youth: Govt forms Task Force to generate employment avenues**

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The government in Thursday constituted a 15-member Task Force for generating employment opportunities in the new and upcoming destinations identified by the Mission Youth, J&K.

"Sanction is accorded to the constitution of a Task Force for looking into the areas of possible convergence and measures for creating employment opportunities in the new and upcoming 225 destinations, identified by the Mission Youth, J&K," reads a government order issued by Principal Secretary, GAD,

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## J&K Arms License Case: ED raids IAS officer Rajeev Ranjan's residence, 10 other locations in Jammu

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday conducted search operations at 11-different locations across Union Territory of J&K in the Arms license case under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 which include residential premises of **Rajeev Ranjan, IAS** (former DC Kupwara), **Itrat Hussain, KAS** (former DC Kupwara), **Ravinder Kumar Bhatt, KAS** (former ADC Kupwara), **Tariq Ather and Gajan Singh, both former Judicial Clerks, who had worked at Arms Section at DC Office Kupwara.**



ED's raid going-on in a house at Jammu on Thursday.

**Further residential premises of 6- arms dealers of J&K viz-a-viz Amarnath Bhargava (owner of Varun Armoury), his brother Bhargava (Bhargava Gun House),**

**Balwant Singh (Dashmesh Armoury), Mohinder Kotwal (Mohinder Kotwal Arms and Ammunition), Manohar Singh (Swaran Arms and ammunition) and Devi**

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## Centre mulling to constitute FFC to probe 1990 KPs exodus from Kashmir

NEW DELHI: The BJP led National Democratic Alliance Government at the Centre is mulling to set-up a Fact Finding Commission (FFC) to go into the circumstances leading to exodus of Kashmiri Hindus from the Valley, beginning late 1989 and taking full circle on January 19, 1990, in wake of terrorism unleashed by Pakistan sponsored Jihadis.

Sources privy to the corridors of power in the national capital said the Commission would not be like the one-Truth and Reconciliation Commission- as is being suggested by the Kashmir mainstream led by former Chief Minister Dr Farooq Abdullah.

The Centre's likely move comes in the midst of nation-wide anguish over the manner the Kashmiri Hindus were subjected to atrocities like cold blooded killings, abductions and rapes at many places as objectively portrayed in Vivek Agnihotri's The Kashmir Files, which is hugely crashing the box office.

The terms of reference of the Commission are likely to be, inter-alia, ascertaining the role of the National Conference-Congress coalition government led by Dr

Abdullah in allowing the situation to go out of hands, thus leaving no option for the Kashmiri Hindus to flee to Jammu and other cities across the country. It will also verify the allegations on Governor Jagmohan being instrumental in the KPs exodus. Dr Abdullah is on record having stated that the 'file of Jagmohan should also be opened'.

During the controversial 1987 elections to the Legislative Assembly, the NC-Congress alliance had won 66 seats: NC winning 40 seats of 45 contested, and Congress winning 26 out of 31 (5 out of 6 contested seats in the Valley).

The 1990 exodus of Kashmiri Pandits has created countrywide rage with people cutting across the regional boundaries demanding thorough probe to unveil the actors responsible for over three lakh Hindus becoming refugees in their own country. A revelation has also been made by former Director General of Police S. P Vaid, a middle rung IPS officer

in late eighties, that 70 terrorists were released during the tenure of Dr Abdullah.

The former Chief Minister has been blaming former Governor Jagmohan for 'exodus' of the Kashmiri Pandits, adding that the V. P Singh led government at the Centre was being supported by the BJP from outside then. He has been suggesting that he was not holding the reins of the government on January 19, 1990 when the exodus began on a mass scale. Dr Abdullah had resigned on January 18, 1990, a day ahead of Jagmohan taking oath as Governor in Jammu. The new Governor, however, could not reach Srinagar the next day in view of weather conditions.

January 19, 1990 night witnessed massive sloganeering from all over the mosques in an organised manner, asking 'infidels' to leave Kashmir--'Kafiroon ae Zalimo Chor Do Kashmir Ko'. Certain other objectionable slogans were also raised by the violent mobs in every street and lane across the Valley continuously for days.

The blame game, holding Governor Jagmohan responsible for the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits, came to sharp criticism with mainstream media referring to the sub para (e) of the para 2 of Jammu and Kashmir Migrant Immovable Property Preservation Act, 1997 (Act No XXV Dated 5th of November 1997)... "Migrant means any person who has migrated from Kashmir Valley after Ist November, 1989 and is registered as such with the Relief Commissioner and includes a person who has not been so registered on the ground of his being in service of the Govt, if any moving office or having left the Valley in pursuit of occupation or vocation or otherwise, and is possessed of immovable property in the Valley, but is unable to ordinarily reside there due to the disturbed conditions". This is being seen as an admission by the then government that the exodus had actually started on November 1, 1989. The BJP has been describing the proviso as an admission of the National Conference government about migration having taken place 78 days before Dr Farooq Abdullah resigned.



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