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Petrol, diesel prices hiked by 80 paise a litre

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Petrol and

diesel prices were hiked by 80 paise a litre each on Friday, the third increase in four days as oil firms recoup losses from holding rates during the period prior to the recently-concluded assembly

Petrol in Delhi will now cost Rs 97.81 per litre as against Rs 97.01 previously while diesel rates have

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J&K budget growth-oriented, futuristic: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS

Narcotics smuggling bid foiled; 4 arrested

U with 4 Kg heroin, Rs 1 lakh cash

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday termed the Rs 1.12 lakh crore annual budget as "futuristic one" and said that the Union Territory has got almost two-fold increase in the budget compared to that of erstwhile state of J&K few years ago.

He said that a growth-oriented budget is aimed at ensuring developments of all sectors with focus on economic growth and fulfill the aspiration of the people.

"The picture is clear. The budget has almost doubled for this union territory as compared to Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh, when it was not a union territory (a few years ago). This needs to be understood", Sinha told reporters here.

Sinha elaborated his point by quoting the budgetary figures of the past few years.

He said the is primarily a "Growth-Oriented and is in

LG Manoj Sinha addressing press conference on Budget 2022-23 in Jammu on Friday.

the UT Government to double its economy of Jammu and Kashmir in the next few

"The immediate goal is to accelerate the pace of economic development in the UT of J&K and make it multi-dimensional", said the Lt Governor, adding that the futuristic budget reflects the needs and aspirations of the mitment of Administration for peace, progress and prosperity.

On behalf of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, the LG expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for the historic Rs. 1,12,950 crore budget for the year 2022-23.

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Police busts hideout in Kishtwar

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Ten explosive devices and a pistol were seized from Kishtwar district on Friday, officials said.

On specific information, police along with the army launched a cordon and search operation in the general area of Tillar forest of Marwah, they said.

During the operation, the team busted a hideout and recovered a huge cache of

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Army Commander briefs LG about security scenario **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C) Northern Command, Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi on Friday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan.

During the meeting, the Lt Governor and Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi discussed matters regarding security scenario and the overall security management

Peace in border areas must for normal ties: India to China

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India on Friday clearly told China to complete the disengagement process in the remaining friction points in eastern Ladakh quickly, asserting that bilateral ties cannot return to normal if the situation in the border areas is "abnormal".

In his nearly three-hour "candid" talks with visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar conveved that restoration of normalcy in ties will require restoration of peace and tranquillity in the border

"If we are both committed to improving our ties then this commitment must find full expression in the ongoing disengagement Jaishankar said at a media briefing shortly after the

Describing the current situation as a "work in progress", he also said that

China have been "disturbed" as a result of the Chinese actions in April 2020. Wang flew into Delhi from

relations between India and

Kabul on Thursday evening in an unannounced trip in the first highest-level visit to



India by a Chinese leader after the border standoff in eastern Ladakh erupted nearly two years ago.

Referring to a series of military and diplomatic talks between the two sides, the external affairs minister said progress has been achieved on several friction points from the disengagement perspectives and this process

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needs to be taken forward "I would describe our cur-

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rent situation as a work in progress, obviously at a slower pace than desirable and my discussions with Foreign Minister Wang Yi today were aimed at expediting that process." Jaishankar said. To a question, Jaishankar

referred to the presence of a large number of troops in the border region in contravention of laid down norms and agreements. If you ask me if our rela-

tionship is normal today, my answer to you is no, it is not. It cannot be normal if the situation in border areas is abnormal," Jaishankar said.

"Foreign Minister Wang spoke about China's desire to return to normalcy (in the relationship) while also referring to the larger significance of our ties. I was equally forthcoming that India wants a stable and predictable relationship but restoration of normalcy

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CBI granted consent to probe bribe allegations by Malik: Sinha

STATE TIMES NEWS

Jammu and JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said that the CBI has been given consent to probe allegations made by former J&K governor Satya Pal Malik of being offered bribe to clear two files when he was

He said that the probe will "everything crystal make

Malik had in October last year claimed that he was offered Rs 300 crore in bribe to clear a file each belonging to "Ambani" and an "RSS-

Srinagar airport to get advanced system to operate flights in lower visibility STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: To overcome the problem of frequent cancellation of flights due to low visibility at the Srinagar airport here, authorities on Friday said the process to install Category II instrument landing system (ILS) will commence next month.

The system will bring the visibility threshold down to 500 metres from the current 1,000 metres and it will be ready for commissioning

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J&K records 11 fresh COVID cases, Ladakh 2

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Friday recorded 11 fresh COVID-19 cases that took its tally to 4,53,637, while no death was reported, officials said.

The death toll stood at 4,750, they said.

Out of the fresh cases, two were from the Jammu division and nine from the Kashmir division of ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9



Sunrise: 06:30 Hours

affiliated man" during his

At present the Meghalaya governor, Malik said that he cancelled the deals, and praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for supporting his decision by saying there is no need to compromise on corruption.

"If someone sitting on such a high post has said anything, then it needs to be probed. We have sent our consent to CBI to probe both allegations, Sinha told reporters at a press confer-

STATE TIMES NEWS

Kashmiri girl, pur-

suing MBBS from a

Bangladesh, whose

financial assistance

was stopped as she

took admission in

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DELHI:

Supreme Court on Friday

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No Judicial Officer shall leave station without prior permission: Chief Justice

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court Pankai Mithal directed that no judicial officer shall leave the station without obtaining prior permission of the competent authority. Any failure or departure from it or noncompliance of directives shall be viewed seriously so as to entail departmental inquiry on ground of misconduct.

In a circular issued by Sanjeev Gupta, Registrar General, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court it

We need to promote J&K youth

by educating them: SC

against the high court order

directing release of financial

assistance to the girl

Mubashir Ashraf Bhat

was stated that, "Rules governing the service conditions and the Circulars No. 3, 10, 106 issued on 11.05.1998, 05.02.1999 and 09.08.2002respectively provide that no Judicial Officer shall leave the station without obtaining permission Competent Authority."

Pertinent to mention here that Circular No. 36 dated June 3, 2009 provides that Presiding Officers of Magisterial Courts shall not leave the station without seeking and receiving proper permission from Principal

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District & Sessions Judge. under whose jurisdiction they are working. The Officers of the District Judge cadre are equally obliged to seek permission from the High Court before leaving the station. In this regard, repeated reminders have been issued by the High Court in shape of Circulars 29 & 26 dated 03.03.2016 and 10.12.2020 respectively but even then it has been noticed by the Chief Justice that Judicial Officers

including Principal ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court, Srinagar Wing comprising Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey and Justice Mohan Lal upheld detention under PSA of one Nazir Ahmad Wani, who is active in antinational activities and an active Over Ground Worker (OGW) of terrorist organisa-

tion Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT). While dismissing appeal filed by detenue against judgment of Single Judge whereby Single Judge upheld detention order No.08-DMK/PSA of 2020 dated September 21, 2020, passed District by

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DB upholds PSA of LeT

over ground worker **STATE TIMES NEWS**

Magistrate, Kupwara,

27 employees found absent in Govt offices at Shopian

STATE TIMES NEWS

SHOPIAN: The District Magistrate (DM), Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Friday during a surprise inspection in Government offices found 07 employees of Municipal Committee Shopian and 20 employees of R&B division Shopian including one senior officer absent from their duties.

Taking serious note of their unauthorized absence, the DM said that stern action shall be initiated against the absentees under rules. The DM also called for

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Adityanath takes oath as UP CM Adityanath on Friday took oath as the Uttar Pradesh chief minister for a second term at a ceremony where 52 others were sworn in as ministers, as PM Narendra Modi watched the proceedings marking the BJP's tri-

the state. Keshav Prasad Maurya, who failed to win his seat in the assembly polls, is a deputy CM again. Brajesh Pathak too is a deputy chief minister, replacing Dinesh Sharma in the outgoing Adityanath cabinet.

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The ceremony at a Lucknow stadium that can hold 50,000 people was

designed to be a mega event,

attended by top Union minis-

ters, chief ministers ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

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J&K ranks 3rd among UTs in 2nd edition of **Export Preparedness Index 2021 by Niti Aayog STATE TIMES NEWS** due to which J&K has per-

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Kashmir." The bench

age-group administered **COVID** vaccine first dose

and Surya Kant dismissed

the appeal of the Jammu and

Over 1 Cr children of 12-14 yrs

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Over one crore children in the age group of 12-14 years have been administered the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, taking the cumulative doses given in the country to over 182.83 crore, according to the Union health ministry.

More than 25 lakh (25,81,126) vaccine doses have been administered till 7 pm, it said. The vaccination for the 12-

14 years age group started on March 16 with Biological E's intramuscular vaccine Corbevax, two doses of which are to be administered 28 days apart.

As of March 1 last year. there were 4.7 crore children

aged 12 and 13 years in ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 It said, "The consequence

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Niti Aayog.

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By securing third place the

overall ranking of J&K has

jumped over from 36th to

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Industries and Commerce

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Kashmir Trade Promotion

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JAMMU: Jammu &Kashmir has emerged among top performers reaching 3rd position among UTs in second Export Preparedness Index 2021 by

plans under district as export 23rd rank with increase its hub.

The Export Preparedness

business environment, infraexport infrastructure, trade support, R&D infrastructure, export diversification and growth orientation. The EPI's primary goal is to instill competition among all and 'UTs/City-States') to bring about favourable export-promotion policies, work to prompt sub national export promotion, create the necessary infrastructure for exports and assist in identifytions for improving export

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formed exceptionally well on the policy pillar front.

JKTPO has provided various market connects to exporters through BSM, capacity building workshops, trade fairs and exhibitions besides finalization of ODOP products, district export

Index is a data-driven endeavor to identify the fundamental areas critical for sub national export promotion. The EPI ranks states and UTs on 4 main pillars including policy, business ecosystem, export ecosystem and export performance besides 11 sub-pillars including export promotion policy,

structure, transport connectivity, access to finance, Indian states ('Coastal', 'Landlocked', 'Himalayan' ease the regulatory frameing strategic recommenda competitiveness. It

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