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FOR APPOINTMENT CALL

<mark>[]]</mark> Kansal releases 'Save Devika' compendium of GDC Chenani

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Alok Kumar declares open 16th J&K UT Wushu Championship

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Sinha visits Vaishno Devi

Shrine, reviews arrangements

for uncoming Chaitra Navratri ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and

Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha

visited the Vaishno Devi

shrine atop the Trikuta hills

in Reasi district on Tuesday

and reviewed the arrange-

ments for the upcoming

"Chaitra Navratri", officials

Sinha paid obeisance at the

shrine and also prayed for

Jammu and Kashmir's development and the well-

being of its citizens, they

The hill shrine witnesses a

huge rush of devotees during

the Chaitra Navratri, a nine-

day festival to mark the first

month of the Hindu calendar

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Sitharaman on Tuesday said

the Budget for the next fiscal

will attract private invest-

ment, and ensure a pre-

dictable economic recovery in

Replying to a debate on

appropriation and finance

bills in the Rajya Sabha, she

also defended the handling of

inflation but acknowledged

the ongoing war in Russia

NEW DELHI:

the years to come.

Minister

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Finance

Nirmala

which is likely to

Lieutenant

Kashmir

said.

added

Addresses 20,000 PRI members

Efforts on to realise vision of 'Gram Swaraj': LG



LG Manoj Sinha addressing PRI members during virtual PRI Conference in Jammu.

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JAMMU: Lt Governor Sinha addressed Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members on Tuesday and said by strengthening the PRIs, his administration is empowering a more effective system to truly realize the vision of 'Gram Swaraj' in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Lt Governor addressed the PRI members from across the Union Territory during a virtual PRI Conference, organized by the department of rural development and panchayati Raj in collaboration with Institute of Management, Public administration and Rural Development (IMPARD), J&K at the civil secretariat here, an official spokesman

He said a 100-point programme was finalized for Gram Swaraj Month' which will mainly focus on rural infrastructure, good governance, livelihood generation, financial inclusion, youth

protection and empowerment.

Terming the PRIs as the foundation of rural construction and development programmes, Sinha said in governance, from policy to service delivery, PRIs act as the living cell of the system.

"By strengthening the PRIs, we are empowering a more effective system to truly realize the vision of Gram Swaraj." Expressing gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for

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Petrol hits Rs 100 as prices up 80 paise, diesel sees 70 paise hike ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Petrol prices in the national capital as well as most state capitals crossed Rs 100 a litre mark as its rates on Tuesday were hiked by 80 paise a litre and that of diesel by 70 paise, taking the total increase since last week to Rs 4.80 per litre.

Petrol in Delhi will now cost Rs 100.21 per litre against Rs 99.41 previously, while diesel rates have gone up from Rs 90.77 per litre to Rs 91.47, according to a price notification of state fuel retailers. Rates have been increased across

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RSS Chief to address Kashmiri Pandits on April 3

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat will virtually address members of the Kashmiri Pandit community on April 3. the last day of the three-day Navreh celebrations to be organised here, the BJP said on Tuesday. According to Jammu and Kashmir BJP spokesperson and former legislator G L Raina, this is the first time that Bhagwat will be addressing the Kashmiri Pandits. "On April 3, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat will address the displaced community across the world through an online interaction. Last year, he was unable to address the community," Raina said.



will be organised by the RSSbacked Sanjeevani Sharda Kendra (SSK). Functionaries of the Jammu-based SSK said the entire Kashmiri Hindu community across the world will take an oath on Navreh (New Year) on April 1 to come back to their roots --Kashmir Valley.

The three-day celebrations

Admission Scam: Bail denied to Chairman, **Principal of Nursing Institute**

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: City Judge Jammu Manjeet Rai has rejected bail applications of Amardeep Singh Sasan, Chairman Vinayak Institute of Nursing and Para-Medical Sciences and Ruchi Kumari, Principal in an admission

As per case, Police Station Gangyal registered FIR No 29/2022 under sections 420. 467, 468, 471 of IPC on a complaint filed by complainants namely Sonia Khajuria, daughter of Joginder Paul, resident of Dhamyal, Tehsil- Hiranagar, District Kathua & others

stating that they had taken admission in year 2019 as lateral entry in GNM course at Vinavak Institute of Nursing and Para-Medical Sciences. They further alleged that as per prospectus, they paid fees of 2 years and requested Institute Management several times for conducting exams, but nothing was done by management. After a long passage of time, the management was requested to refund fee if exam were not conducted, as the Chairman of institute Amandeep Singh

hatched by one Shakeel Ahmed, Agent had cheated them and looted their hard

earned money. Court after hearing APP Arvind Rathore for police observed that accused persons are allegedly involved in the offences under sections 420/467/468/471 of IPC and offences under sections 420/467/468 of IPC are nonbailable and serious in nature. As such, accused persons cannot claim bail as a matter of right. Moreover, it would be premature to comment, on evidence collected

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Plea in SC by Kashmir residents challenging constitution of delimitation commission for J&K

Sasan and Principal Ruchi

Kumari with a conspiracy

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: A plea has been moved in the Supreme Court by two Kashmir resichallenging the Centre's decision to constitute the delimitation commission for redrawing the assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies in Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The plea filed by Srinagar residents Haji Abdul Gani Khan and Dr. Mohammad Avub Mattoo sought declaration that the increase of number of seats from 107 to 114 (including 24 seats in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir) in Jammu & Kashmir is vires the Constitutional Provisions such as Articles 81, 82, 170,

330 and 332 and Statutory Provisions particularly under Section 63 of the Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019.

The plea said that if August 5, 2019 was to unite the Jammu and Kashmir State with India, then the delimitation process defeats new order of One Nation One Constitution in the country.

It said that while Article 170 of the Constitution of India provides that the next delimitation in the country will be taken up after 2026 then why has the UT of Jammu and Kashmir been singled out?

The plea said that the last Delimitation Commission was set up on July 12, 2002, in exercise of powers con-

ferred by Section 3 of the Delimitation Act, 2002, after the 2001 Census to carry out the exercise throughout the country and the commission had issued guidelines and methodology for the Delimitation of Assembly Parliamentary Constituencies vide letter dated July 5, 2004, along with the Constitutional and Legal Provisions

It clearly stated that the total number of existing seats in the Legislative Assemblies of all states, including UTs of the National Capital Region and Pondicherry, as fixed based on the 1971 census shall remain unaltered till the first census to be taken after

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Army Chief to review India's security preparedness today

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

Ramban Police's biggest operation against bovine smugglers; 828 cattle

rescued, 46 vehicles seized in a day

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Army Chief Gen MM Naravane will carry out a comprehensive review of India's military preparedness along the borders with China and Pakistan as well as possible implications of the ongoing geopolitical turmoil for national security at a high-level meeting on Wednesday.

Senior commanders of the three services will attend the meeting being held at the headquarters of the Army's command central Lucknow, official sources

The conflict in Ukraine and the situation in Afghanistan are expected to be discussed

Parliament passes Budget: FM says will

ensure predictable recovery

and Ukraine has posed fresh

challenges, including higher

oil prices, and disruptions in

The Upper House later

returned the two bills with-

out any changes, other than

those proposed by the gov-

ernment, completing the

nearly two months long par-

liamentary process for approval of the Union

Budget for the fiscal begin-

"...newer challenges are

supply chains.

ning April 1.

in the context of their possible long-term implications for India as well as the region, they said.

The sources said extensive deliberations will be held on ensuring smooth transitioning of the troops from winter to summer posturing in sensitive locations, especially

before us, (in the) Budget

presentation I had not taken

into account the Omicron

and now we are also facing

the situation of a full-blown

war in Ukraine which is not

some war in some corner of

the world. But it is seemed to

be having an impact on all

countries like the way the

pandemic had," the minister

said. She said the war has

affected the value chains,

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and the world markets

along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China.

"The Army Chief is scheduled to review the deployment of Indian Army formations deployed in Western and Northern borders while they are transitioning from winter to summer posturing, said a source.

The deliberations on various aspects of the national security challenges began at the central command on Tuesday.

"Senior Army, Navy and Air force officers are attending a series of discussions focused on reviewing the current international and regional environment

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4.3-magnitude quake hits Ladakh, J&K

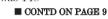
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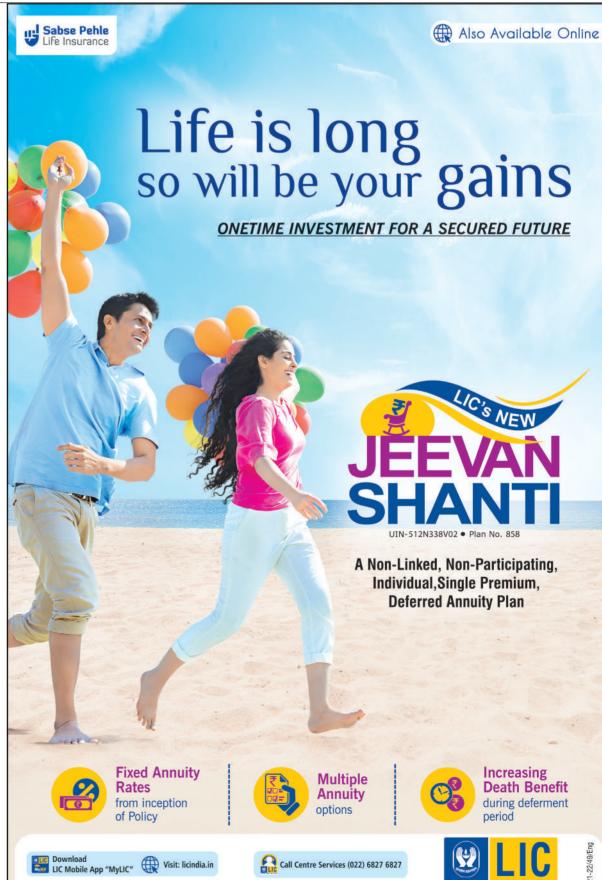
LEH: A 4.3-magnitude earthquake jolted Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, the National for Seismology Centre (NCS) said.

There was no report of any loss of life or damage to property, officials said.

The earthquake struck at 7.29 am and lasted for a few seconds, the NCS said The depth of the earth-

quake was 148





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STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government has received 4,226 investment proposals worth Rs 47,441 crore for land allotment to set up industrial units in the Union Territory The Jammu and Kashmir

administration in January last year announced a new industrial developmental scheme with an outlay of Rs 28,400 crore to encourage new investment and take industrial development to the block level.

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34 people from outside bought properties in J&K after Article 370 abrogation STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: As many as 34 people from outside Jammu and Kashmir have bought properties in the Union Territory after abrogation of Article 370, Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said in Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

The Article 370, which gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir and also barred people from outside to acquire properties, was abrogated on August 5, 2019 and the erstwhile state was bifurcated into two Union Territories Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

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Brig Sanjeev Kumar takes over as DDG of NCC Directorate J&K, Ladakh ■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Brigadier Sanjeev

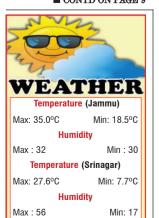
Kumar h a s taken over as deputy director general (DDG)

(NCC) Directorate Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh, a defence spokesperson said here on Tuesday One of the senior most Army officers hailing from

Katra in Reasi district, Brig Kumar is an alumnus of Sainik School, Nagrota and Indian Military Academy, he said. "Commissioned into the

Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (EME) in December 1988, the officer has had an

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Sunset: 18:49 Hours

Sunrise: 06:25 Hours