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COVID: 36 new cases in J&K, 29 in Ladakh

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 36 new Covid cases on Wednesday that took the infection tally to 4,53,088, officials said.

No Covid-related fatality was reported in the past 24 hours, they said, adding that the death toll stands at 4,748.

Of the fresh cases, 18 were from the Jammu division and the rest from

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Relatives of students stuck in Ukraine stage protest in Jammu

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Carrying 'save our children' placards, scores of parents of those stuck in war-torn Ukraine's Kharkiv

"2 more #Jammu residents have safely #returned back from #Ukraine while 25 others are in Transit. District Control Room constantly monitoring the situation and is in touch with the all the concerned families," DC Jammu, Anshul Garg wrote on his twitter handle.

city staged a protest here on Wednesday and appealed to the Centre to immediately evacuate the students.

They also asked the people of the country to offer special prayers for the safe return of the trapped students. According to official sources, evacuation flights have

25 JKAS officers transferred

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The government on Wednesday transferred 26 officers, 25 of them JKAS.

According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department, Vikar Ahmad Giri, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Udhampur has been transferred and posted as Sub-Divisional

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Two Pvt Secys transferred

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The government on Wednesday transferred two Private Secretaries.

According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department, Ajaz Ahmad Qureshi, Private Secretary with Commissioner, Food

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 24.6°C Min: 11.1°C

Humidity
Max: 75 Min: 53

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 13.1°C Min: 4.8°C

Humidity
Max: 92 Min: 61

Sunset : 18:30 Hours
Sunrise : 06:58 Hours

Won't spare any effort to bring home Indians from Ukraine: Modi

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

S O N B H A D R A / GHAZIPUR (UP): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said India has been able to evacuate its citizens from war-hit Ukraine because of its rising power and assured the country that his government will leave no stone unturned for the safe return of all Indians stranded there.

Addressing election rallies in Uttar Pradesh's Sonbhadra and Ghazipur districts, Modi spoke of the government's rescue efforts in the wake of the Russian military offensive against Ukraine and also underlined the need for India to become self-reliant.

"The dynasts question our vaccine, they question our armed forces and make fun of 'Make in India'. Such people have shamed the country and its people. They can't make India strong," he said. Asserting that the country has made it a priority to re-

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Holds high-level meet on crisis

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a high-level meeting on Wednesday night on the Ukraine crisis as India stepped up its efforts to evacuate its citizens, mostly students, from the country under attack from Russia.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Cabinet colleague Piyush Goyal besides senior officials attended the meeting.

Modi has held a series of meetings since Sunday to spearhead India's efforts to safely bring back its nationals, asserting that this is his government's top priority.

Earlier in the day, the Indian embassy in Ukraine asked all Indian nationals to leave Kharkiv immediately to safe zones or further westwards.

The external affairs ministry has assured that every Indian citizen will be brought back from Ukraine.

cue all Indians stuck in Ukraine, Modi said. "It is due to India's rising strength that we are able to bring back stranded Indians from Ukraine. Operation Ganga has been launched and I have sent four ministers to oversee the evacuation.

"Our army and air force have also been deployed to rescue Indians in distress faster. Today I also assure the people of the country that the Government of India will leave no stone unturned for the safe return of its

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Terrorists kill Panchayat member in Kulgam

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Terrorists shot dead a panchayat member in Kulgam district on Wednesday, officials said here.

Mohammad Yaqub Dar, a panch, was shot at and critically injured by the ultras at his residence in Srandoo area, they said.

Dar was shifted to a hospital where he succumbed to injuries, the officials said.

Police has registered a

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J&K RC, New Delhi establishes help desk for Ukraine evacuees

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The Resident Commission (RC), J&K New Delhi has established a help desk at the New Delhi Airport to provide assistance to the evacuees from Ukraine.

The students of J&K arriving in New Delhi from Ukraine were received today at the Airport by the officers of Resident Commission. The staff of Resident

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Lackadaisical response mars RTI Act in J&K

Govt Deptts befool information seekers under RTI Act in J&K



SPECIAL REPORT

J A M M U : Right To Information (RTI)-the concept is not bad but the implementation is, especially in a Union Territory like Jammu and Kashmir. Like the many other components of governance, the RTI movement too is facing road-blocks and obstacles, mostly created by the officials. Those supposed to see the RTI Act yielding desired results are mostly lackadaisical. The casual and non-seri-

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ous attitude of officials is causing slow but certain death. They don't want to let go any chance to hasten this process.

The information seeker under the RTI Act undergoes nightmare while being tossed from one section to the other. Normally, every organisation designates officers as 'Public Information Officers' to deal with the job of providing information but generally the mechanism doesn't work as no serious effort is made to get the query resolved at certain levels in the respective organisation. This is

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ACB nabs Govt employee red-handed while accepting bribe

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has nabbed one Rafiq Ahmad Sheikh, working as a Computer Operator in Public Works Department (R&B), Ganderbal for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 4,000 for issuance of a Contractor card on Wednesday.

As per an official spokesperson, the ACB received a complaint wherein it was alleged that in order to release Contractor Card-D in favour of complainant, Rafiq Ahmad Sheikh, Computer Operator of Public Works Department (R&B),

Ganderbal was demanding an amount of Rs 8000 as bribe. After negotiations, the matter was settled at Rs 4000. "On receiving complaint, prima facie offence under section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 was found made out. Accordingly FIR No. 07/2022 was registered at Police Station ACB Srinagar and investigation taken up," the official said. He further told that during investigation, a trap team was constituted which laid a successful trap and caught Rafiq Ahmad Sheikh, Computer Operator of Public Works Department

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Govt re-constitutes Establishment-cum-Selection Committee

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The government on Wednesday reconstituted the seven-member Establishment-cum-Selection Committee to be headed by the Chief Secretary.

"Sanction for reconstitution has been accorded in partial modification of earlier government order number 761-JK(GAD) of 2021, dated August 20, 2021," reads an order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department.

As per the order, the reconstituted committee

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AIIMS Jammu-a medical town in making

3,700 workers on 24X7 job to complete Rs 1,661 Cr AIIMS Jammu on 226 acres

1st Phase: 750-bedded Speciality and Super Speciality hospital; 46-bedded trauma care centre; 193 ICU Beds; 20 Operation Theatres (OTs)

■ **VIVEK SHARMA**

JAMMU: At the sanctioned cost of Rs 1661 Cr, the 750-bedded AIIMS Jammu in first phase will be completed next year before the scheduled deadline on total plinth area of 226.84 acre near Vijaypur on Jammu-Pathankot National Highway.

"Day and night work is on and we are making all efforts to complete the state-of-the-art medical centre in Jammu," said CEO and Director of AIIMS Jammu Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta.

Dr Gupta, who has earlier served at AIIMS New Delhi said, "We have tried to bring all facilities for the patients and medical staff to extend the better medical care."

Beautification of the campus is the utmost priority. More than 5 lakh small trees will be planted while over 16,500 big trees are being planted to make the campus environment-friendly, he added.



The North Campus is measuring 96.90 acres while the South Campus is 129.95 acres. In the sanctioned cost of Rs. 1661

Cr, Rs 1404 Cr is meant for Medical College and other infrastructure while Rs. 257 Cr is for medical equipment and furni-

ture, informed Dr Gupta.

The north block will have Speciality and Super Speciality hospital with 750 beds, trauma care with 46 Beds, 193 ICU Beds, 20 Operation Theatres (OTs), medical college, 30-bedded AYUSH Block, 256-bedded Night Shelter accommodation for attendants, teaching block, Admn block, academic building including Medical College for 125 students, Auditorium (1,000 Capacity), nursing College and related facilities for 60 students per year. The south block will be residential hostels for PG/UG boys and girls, Nursing Hostel, Guest House,



Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta,
CEO & Director
AIIMS Jammu

Provisions for Sports Club, Cricket Stadium, Basketball Court, Lawn Tennis Court, Swimming Pool etc. Besides this, there will be Director's residence, a shopping centre, fire station, multipurpose gym, Sub-Station and other buildings for maintenance along with a security post. The total parking space will be for around 3300 vehicles with three dedicated helipads, said Dr Shakti Kumar Gupta.

The AIIMS Jammu will have 43 departments with 20 Superspeciality Departments including Burn and plastic Surgery, Cardiology, Cardiothoracic Vascular Surgery (CTVS), Endocrinology & Metabolism, Gastroenterology, Surgical gastroenterology, Kidney Transplantation, Urology & Dialysis, Medicine Oncology, Surgical Oncology, Neurology, Neuro surgery, Nuclear Medicine and PET Scan, Pediatric Surgery, Neonatology, Physical Medicine &

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