

## 05 Modi Govt changed face of Udhampur: Dr Jitendra

## 09 LG addresses Leadership Engagement programme attended by Heads of Premier Institutions

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# AC approves amendments in J&K Reservation Rules, 2005

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Administrative Council which met here under Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha approved the proposal of Social Welfare Department to amend the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Rules, 2005 in light of Jammu & Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Act, 2023 dated December 15, 2023, Constitution (Jammu & Kashmir) Scheduled Castes Order (Amendment) Act, 2024, Constitution (Jammu & Kashmir) Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Act, 2024 and recommendations of Jammu and Kashmir Socially and Educationally Backward Classes Commission constituted vide Government Order No. 2030-JK (LD) of 2020 dated March 19, 2020.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor; Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary, J&K; Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting. In light of addition of four new tribes i.e. Pahari Ethnic Group, Paddari Tribe, Kolis and Gadda Brahmins, to the Scheduled Tribes Order as applicable to the J&K by the Parliament, the Administrative Council approved 10 percent reservation in favour of newly added tribes taking the overall reservation for STs to 20 percent. In order to ensure that both already notified and now newly added tribes get benefits of reservation equally and separately, the AC approved an equal and separate percentage of reservation for them i.e. 10 percent each. The AC also approved the addition of 15 new castes in OBCs and enhancement of reservation in favour of OBCs to 8 percent, which will meet the long pending demand of the OBC category in the UT. It also approved change in nomenclature and synonymy of some castes as

recommended by the SEBC Commission. Approval was also accorded to replace the term physically challenged persons or handicapped wherever appearing in the rules with the term Persons with Disabilities in conformity with the provisions of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. The said amendments shall fulfill the long pending demands of these communities regarding their right to adequate representation in government jobs and professional courses, which they stood hitherto deprived of, due to their social, educational and economical backwardness.

Dr Minu Mahajan appointed Chairperson JKBOPEE

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Government on Friday appointed Dr Minu Mahajan (Retd Principal) as Chairperson, Jammu and Kashmir Board of Professional Entrance Examination (JKBOPEE). In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 4 read with Section 6 of the Jammu and Kashmir Board of Professional Entrance Examination Act, 2002, the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is pleased to appoint Dr Minu Mahajan (Retd. Principal), as Chairperson, Jammu and Kashmir Board of Professional Entrance Examination for a period of two years or until she attains the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier," reads an

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**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Election Commission will announce the schedule for the Lok Sabha polls on Saturday. In a post on X, the poll panel said a press conference to announce the schedule for Lok Sabha elections and some state assemblies will be held at 3 pm on Saturday. The term of the present Lok Sabha ends on June 16 and a new House has to be constituted before that. The term of the assemblies in Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh and Odisha is coming to an end on various dates in June. Last time the Lok Sabha polls were announced on March 10 and held in seven phases beginning April 11. Votes were counted on May

# Lok Sabha poll schedule to be announced today

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NDA will break previous records: Modi

PATHANAMTHITTA (KERALA): On the eve of the Parliament poll dates announcement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday asserted that the "lotus is going to bloom" in Kerala, and the BJP-led NDA would secure power at the Centre by surpassing records in the upcoming polls. He urged Kerala voters to convert their "substantial support" into votes so that the B-JP wins seats in the double digits in the state. "We are going to witness a grand festival of democracy soon. I have a firm belief that this time Kerala's love for the B-JP will translate into a huge support."

23. In 2014 also, the EC had sent invites for its poll schedule press conference a day in advance. The invite was sent in the evening for the presser to be held early next day.

## SIA carries out searches in terror conspiracy case at 7 locations in Jammu region



SIA team carrying out search of a house in Jammu on Friday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The State Investigation Agency (SIA) on Friday raided seven loca-

tions in different districts of the Jammu province as part of its probe into a Pakistan-

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## Three JKAS officers gets addl charge, one transferred

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The government on Friday assigned additional charge to three JKAS officers. "Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, JKAS, Managing Director, J&K Agro Industries Development Corporation, shall hold the charge of the post of Director General, Floriculture, Kashmir, in addition to his own duties, till further orders," reads an order issued by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department. "The officer shall take over the charge of the post from April 1, 2024 upon superannuation of Farooq Ahmad Rather, JKAS," it added. "Dr. Ravi Shanker Sharma, JKAS, Special Secretary, Higher Education Department, shall

# Govt teacher dismissed for anti-national activities

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Government on Friday dismissed an employee namely Manzoor Ahmed Laway, Teacher in Education Department, son of Mohammad Yaqoob Laway, resident of Manzgam, DH Pora, District Kulgam under Article 311 of the Constitution of India for his involvement in anti-national activities. Article 311 of the Constitution of India provides for dismissal of a person employed in civil capacities

under Union or a State. The activities of the employee had come to the adverse notice of law enforcement and intelligence agencies, as they found him involved in activities prejudicial to the interests of the State, such as involvement in terror related activities. Manzoor Ahmed Laway is involved in two FIRs registered at Police Station DH Pora, Kulgam and was one of the instigator who along with his associates instigated a mob on July 9, 2016 to cause



hamare hain, wahan ke Hindus bhi Hamare hain (both Muslims and Hindus of POK are part of India)," Shah said. Shah expressed his regret over the sectarian division

## 348 stranded passengers airlifted between J&K and Ladakh

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Indian Air Force (IAF) carried 348 passengers in its aircraft between Ladakh and the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir in view of the closure of the Srinagar-Leh national highway owing to heavy snowfall, an official said. The IAF's AN-32 aircraft, also known as Kargil Courier, was operated to airlift 171 passengers between Jammu and Kargil and 177 more between Srinagar

## India progressing under visionary leadership of PM Modi: Chugh

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: BJP National General Secretary and Prabhari Jammu and Kashmir, Tarun Chugh on Friday said that the entire country is progressing under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the wave of development and social welfare is visible in every area. "If we talk about Jammu and Kashmir, then 10 years ago, there was only terrorism, the youth were given

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addressing a massive public meeting at Udhampur. He said: "In Lal Chowk Srinagar, people were afraid to stand even for few seconds as there was uncertainty and fear of terrorist attacks. The previous governments used Article 370 for their own benefits and when the BJP government came to power at the Center under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the draconian Articles

stones instead of books and only nepotism prevailed in the political parties, which never allowed J&K to progress", Chugh said while

## CS urges H&UDD to make cities more amenable as per modern standards of urban Dev



Chief Secretary, Atul Dulloo charing a meeting in Jammu.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a significant step towards addressing the burgeoning issues of Housing and Urban Development Department (H&UDD) in the UT, a high-level meeting was on Friday chaired by Chief Secretary, Atul Dulloo and attended by the Commissioner Secretary,

H&UDD; Commissioner Secretary, Tourism besides other HoDs of the Housing and Rural Development Departments here. While speaking in this meeting the Chief Secretary remarked that the city infrastructure is the hallmark of development process

# Arms License Scam: DB expresses displeasure, anguish over non-representation of UT ADM/IOI

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A Division Bench of High Court of J&K & Ladakh (Jammu Wing) comprising the Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Justice M.A. Chowdhary while hearing a much publicized Public Interest Litigation highlighting Infamous Arms Licenses Scam and Non-Grant of Prosecution Sanction against IAS/IPS/IFS Officers allegedly involved in corruption cases in J&K) expressed its deep anguish and displeasure over the non-representation of U.T. Administration and Union of India as their Counsels

were not present when this high profile PIL was taken up for hearing by the Division Bench. The Division Bench in view of the non-serious attitude of the U.T. Administration/ Union of India observed, "Neither the U.T Government is represented by any Counsel nor there is any representation on behalf of the Union of India when the matter is taken up because of which this court is unable to pass any order." Advocate Rahul Raina appearing for the petitioners submitted that this PIL is of wide public importance and

the U.T Administration is shielding the IAS Officers allegedly involved in arms Licenses Scam are being shielded without any lawful justification when Prosecution Sanction has been granted in similar case of JKAS Officers. Advocate Rahul further submitted that petitioners in December, 2023 filed a fresh application seeking impleadment of CBI which is investigating both the FIRs pertaining to Arms Licenses Scam i.e. FIR No. RCCHG051201850006 & FIR No. RCCHG051201850007 but no response has been filed either by the U.T.

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Administration or by the Union of India. At this stage the Division Bench headed by the Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh in the open court observed that this Court is unable to pass any order in absence of the Counsel for UT Administration/U.O.I. Advocate Ahtsham Bhat was present on behalf of Food Corporation of India. While parting with this order, the Division Bench directed the Registry that copy of this order be sent to the concerned Ministries of the Union of India and also to the UT Administration for necessary action.

**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 26.6°C Min: 10.5°C

Humidity  
Max: 71 Min: 33

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 17.4°C Min: 1.7°C

Humidity  
Max: 73 Min: 36

Sunset : 18:38 Hours  
Sunrise : 06:40 Hours