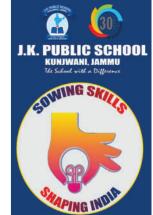
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construction of International Cricket Stadium

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LG inaugurates 10-bedded Palliative, Geriatric Care Wards in all districts of J&K

140 projects costing Rs 881 Cr completed to strengthen basic health facilities



LG Manoj Sinha addressing after inaugurating Palliative, Geriatric Care Wards in all districts of J&K UT on Thursday

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In yet another step towards revolutionizing the healthcare ecosystem in the UT, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday inaugurated 10-bed state-of-Palliative cum Geriatric Care Wards in all districts of Jammu & Kashmir.

While congratulating the Health department for creating the much-needed facility, the Lt Governor said the landmark step bridges a decades-old void in our healthcare system by offering dedicated facilities to elderly and critically-ill ageing

nity and quality of life.

The Lt Governor observed that the need for accessible, effective geriatrics and palliative care has grown over the past several decades, but remained unaddressed in

"The Palliative/Geriatric Care, which I had the pleasure to inaugurate today. demonstrates another social dimension. It places the care of the elderly as a top priority of the entire healthcare ecosystem in our quest towards building a strong, prosperous, and caring UT", said the Lt Governor.

Speaking on the transfor-

Commission's recent recom-

mendation of granting politi-

cal reservation for the

Paharis as well, leaders of

the community have come

together to make a fresh

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push for the same.

prehensive and long-term national vision under the guidance of Prime Minister and even the far-flung areas now have adequate, affordable, and reliable healthcare facilities", said the Lt Governor. New infrastructure has health sector of J&K, the Lt

impressive.

addressed the health infra-

structure issue with a com-

been built at a cost of Rs 7177 crore; 140 projects have been completed by spending Rs 881 crore to strengthen basic health facilities in all the districts. Moreover, Rs 7873 crore has been allocated for the health sector in this year's budget, which will create unprecedented health facilities in the UT, added the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor expressed gratitude to the Doctors, paramedics. healthcare workers for their tireless contribution towards making J&K a leading UT in Covid management and vaccination in the country. 'To serve the one in need is our culture.

Sarpanch's husband arrested in bribery case

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Husband of a Sarpanch was arrested in a bribery case by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) in Ganderbal district on Thursday.

As per officials, ACB received a written complaint, alleging therein Hassan Halqa Sarpanch of Anderwan in Kangan area of district, had demanded an amount of Rs 9,000 as bribe for release of payment under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana, after which FIR No. 13/2022 under sections 7 of PC Act 1988 was registered at Police Station ACB, Srinagar and investigation started.

During course of investigation, a team of ACB caught Liyaqat Ali, husband of Hassan Jan, while accepting an amount of Rs 9,000 as bribe from the complainant, the officials said.

The bribe money was recovered from his possession in presence of independent witnesses, they said, adding that further investigations were under-

NIA announces Rs 10 lakh reward each on 4 wanted terrorists in J&K Grenade thrower woman arrested; terror

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

groups using female OGWs to carry out attacks

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday announced a cash reward of Rs 10 lakh each on four wanted terrorists of The Resistance Front (TRF), a front organisation of the proscribed Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), operating in Jammu and Kashmir.

The four terrorists, including two Pakistani nationals, are wanted by the NIA in connection with a case registered last year in connection with a conspiracy hatched for radicalising, motivating and recruiting youths of Jammu & Kashmir to effect violent activities in the Union territory and rest of India, a spokesperson of the agency said.

The case was registered under various sections of Indian Penal Code and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

The cash reward was declared against Pakistani nationals Saleem Rehmani alias 'Abu Saad' of Nawab Shah, Sindh and Saifullah

Sajid Jatt of Shangamanga in Kasur and their local associates Sajjad Gul of Srinagar and Basit Ahmad Dar of Redwani Payeen in south Kashmir's Kulgam district.

Sharing their pictures, the NIA said, "the identity of the informer (leading to the arrest of the wanted terrorists) shall be kept secret."

Meanwhile, the petrol bomb attack by a burqa-clad woman on a security force bunker in Sopore town has highlighted the desperation of terror groups in seeking services of women over out subversive activities in the valley, officials said.

According to the officials. the woman, identified as Hasina Akhtar from Baramulla area of north Kashmir, allegedly came in contact with pro-Pakistan separatist Asiya Andrabi, already in jail for terror funding case registered by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), during 2008.

The woman, covered in a burqa, was captured in CCTV footage hurling the petrol bomb at the security bunker in Sopore on

patients, ensuring their dighealth sector have been mation taking place in the ground workers for carrying ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 J&K records significant hike of 25.38 pc in DCC member, BDC Chairperson Hawala money meant for subversive **Encounter breaks**

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: A District Development Member and a Block Council Development Chairperson were among several activists who quit the Congress in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday protesting its "anti-Pahari community stance" over the demand of Scheduled Tribe

The Pahari community has seeking Scheduled Tribe status for 30 years, ever since the Gujjars and Bakarwals in Jammu and Kashmir got the status in 1991 helping them get a reservation in jobs and

17 new COVID-19

cases in J&K

SRINAGAR: Jammu and

Kashmir on Thursday

logged 17 new COVID-19

cases, taking the infection

tally to 4.53.737, while no

death due to the viral disease

was reported, officials said.

4,750, they said. Of the

The death toll stood at

2,100 people availed

'Kargil Courier' services

this winter: Officials

SRINAGAR: Over 2,100

people availed the AN-32

'Kargil Courier' service oper-

ated by the Indian Air Force

between Kargil and the twin

capital cities of Jammu and

Kashmir during this winter, officials said here on

"While 275 passengers

Thursday.

Max: 50

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activities seized in Jammu, one arrested; quit Congress in Rajouri **Ex-Minister Babu Singh absconds** admission to educational ■ STATE TIMES NEWS Anantnag, from Gandhi institutes. Following the Delimitation

Governor said that the gov-

ernment is introducing new

reforms for developing a bal-

anced healthcare ecosystem

that promotes social equality,

besides ensuring easily acces-

sible quality health facilities

This important stride in the

healthcare sector truly sym-

bolizes PM Narendra Modi's

vision of self-reliance, achiev-

ing excellence in modern

health facilities for remote

locations, and reducing the

urban-rural divide to deliver

services at people's doorstep,

"Our efforts to reform the

added the Lt Governor.

for all

JAMMU: Hawala money meant for subversive activities in Jammu district has been seized and one person was arrested while Ex -Minister Babu Singh has gone underground.

On the basis of a specific "We have resigned from the input that some unknown Congress in protest against people are going to receive their anti-Pahari community Hawala money at Jammu, stance over the grant of ST Several checking points were status to them. I along with established by police in the chairperson Thanamandi and party

On suspicion, police party arrested one person namely Mohammad Shareef Shah (64), resident of Syed Pora, Nagar area and recovered Rs 6. 90 lakh from his posses-

On questioning Shareef Shah disclosed that he was tasked by ex-minister Jatinder Singh alias Babu Singh, resident of Kathua (Chairman of Nature -Mankind Friendly Global Party) to collect money from one Omar, resident of

After receiving money from Omar, Shareef came to Jammu and was caught.

On questioning, Shareef disclosed names of his local

Associates, Javed and Khatib both residents of PoK and Farooq Khan of Torronto.

The accused Mohd Shareef is also admin of a secret Whatsapp group having members from many countries not limited Pakistanis and Saudis.

Three persons Gurdev Singh, resident of Jammu, Sidhant Sharma, resident of Kathua and Mohd Shrief Sartaj, resident of Jammu have also been detained for questioning regarding the H tion. FIR has been registered and further investigation is under progress.

Petrol, diesel prices hiked

diesel prices were on

Rates have been increased across the country and vary from state to state dependlocal taxation.

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out in Shopian

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: An encounter

broke out between security forces and terrorists in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, police said.

The security forces had launched a cordon-andsearch operation Turkwangam village Shopian after receiving inputs about the presence of terrorists in the area, a police spokesperson said. He said the search operation turned into encounter when the terrorists opened fire on the security personnel

There were no reports of any casualties in the opera-

tax revenue collection during 2021-22 ■ STATE TIMES NEWS Goods & Services Tax was

JAMMU: The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has recorded a significant hike of 25.38 per cent in tax revenue collection during 2021-22 (ending March, 2022) against the collections made during the last fiscal.

spokesperson, the total collections of indirect taxes like GST, excise duty, stamps and tax on motor spirits have been made to the tune of Rs. 15,179.42 crore against Rs. 12.105.95 crore collected during the previous financial year 2020-21. Besides, the

Rs. 11,163.95 crore against Rs. 9,020.00 crore collected during the previous financial vear thereby recording a robust growth of 23.77 per

The tax collected on sale of motor spirits during 2021-22 was to the tune of Rs. 1,829.73 crore against Rs. 1,459.92 crore collected during the previous financial year thereby registering a growth of 25.33 per cent. The buoyant growth in collections in this sector has been achieved despite of recent reduction of tax rate

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Govt sanctions release of 50 pc District Capex budget to all DDCs

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: To ensure timely execution of developmental works during the current financial year, Government has accorded sanction to the release of 50% budget under District Capex in favour of all District Development Commissioners (DDCs).

"The utilization of funds shall further be subject to the terms and conditions that Finance(s)/Director Planning(s)/Financial Advisor/ CAO(s)/ Joint Director(s) Planning of all Administrative Departments

shall be personally responsible for uploading of approved Works (projects/works/activities) on

BEAMS portal with the approval of competent authority by or before 10th April, 2022," reads govt order issued by Atal Dulloo, Financial Commissioner, Finance Department.

"All the District Development Commissioners shall furnish the District Plans (project/work/activity wise) in consultation with the PRIs. BDCs and DDCs of the concerned District, by or before 30th of April, 2022,"

In respect of District sector projects, CPO(s)/AO(s) of each District shall be responsible for furnishing the hard and soft copies of the Works Plan once the same is approved by the competent authority, as per B12 Statement within the stipulated time for subsequent uploading on BEAMS por-

"The main focus of the Department/DDCs must be on outcomes in terms of benefit to the public," it said adding Departments/DDCs

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Govt asks telcos to withdraw COVID pre-call announcements, caller tunes STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Department of Telecom has asked telecom operators to withdraw all COVID pre-call announcements and caller

telecom service providers have been playing the pre-call announcements and caller tunes related to coronavirus to spread awareness among citizens and to tell them about the precautions and vaccination to be

taken during the pandemic. In a circular dated March 29. DoT referred to the instructions that were issued

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6 killed, 7 injured as car falls into gorge in Poonch **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Six people were killed and seven others injured when a car skidded off the road and rolled down into a gorge in Poonch district on Thursday, officials A Tata Sumo, which was on

its way from Surankote's Marha village towards Bufliyaz, skidded-off the road and rolled down into the gorge at Tarran Wali, they Six people have died and

seven others are injured, a police officer said. The deceased have been

identified as Ghulam



Rawani; Mushtaq

Ghulam Slani and Mohd

Eight doctors repatriated, 7

deputed to Ladakh UT

The injured have been shifted to a hospital. The vehicle was carrying wedding guests, they said.

Over 20 houses damaged in two fire incidents at **Srinagar: Officials**

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Over 20 houses

A fire broke out in one of the houses in a congested locality in the Noor Bagh area of the city in the early hours of Thursday, officials

spread to adjacent houses. they said, adding timely action by fire and emergency services personnel ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

performing their duties efficiently. administration The

the employees. for constituting of a review committee to

be working efficiently, honestly and with integri-

The decision was taken after the records of the employees of the housing and urban development department were scrutinised by the administration, an official said.

or attained age of 48 Nagshbandi (all under Officers It also empowers the

duct and inefficiency," a senior official said. The administration ensures timely promotions and suitable training for the employees of Jammu and Kashmir, but is also firm on weeding out inef-

The

for implementation of

were airlifted from Kargil ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Max: 36.0°C Max: 35 Temperature (Srinagar) Max: 25.6°C

Sunset: 18:51 Hours

Sunrise: 06:22 Hours

JAMMU: The government on Thursday ordered the

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repatriation of the eight doctors from the Union Territory of Ladakh to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and seven deputed to Union Territory of Ladakh.

"Eight doctors of the Jammu and Kashmir Health Family Welfare (Gazetted) Service and Jammu and Kashmir Indian System of Medicines (Gazetted) Service are repatriated from the Union Territory of Ladakh to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir" read an order

issued by As per order the eight doctors repatriated from the Union Territory of Ladakh include Dr Sheikh Rayees Jeelani (Medical Officer), Dr Sameena Khan (Dental Dr Khalid Surgeon), Khursheed (Medical Officer), Dr Syed Zameer Hussain (Medical Officer), Dr Bilal Ahmad Sheikh (Medical Officer), Dr Ali Jan (Medical Officer), Dr Wani Farooq Salman (Medical Officer) and Dr Shah Ayaz Mudasir Yaqoob

"The aforesaid doctors shall report in the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

(Medical Officer).

suffered extensive damage and property worth crores of rupees was destroyed in two fire incidents in Jammu and Kashmir's summer capital, officials said here on Thursday.

They said the fire quickly

by 80 paise; total increase now stands at Rs 6.40 STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Petrol and

Thursday hiked by 80 paise a litre each, taking the total increase in rates in the last 10 days to Rs 6.40 per litre. Petrol in Delhi will now cost Rs 101.81 per litre as against Rs 101.01 previously while diesel rates have gone up from Rs 92.27 per litre to Rs 93.07, according to a price notification of state fuel retailers.

ing upon the incidence of

J&K Admn sacks five employees in Kashmir

years.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir administration on Thursday ordered the compulsory retirement of five employees hailing from the valley for not

invoked powers vested in it under Article 226 (2) of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Service Regulations 1956 to order the retirement of Article 226(2) provides

decide the functioning of employees who have completed 22 years of service

government to retire any such employee at any time if he or she is found not to

Those retired include Executive Officer Mohammad Asharaf Senior Town Planner Hamid Wani, Divisional Town Planner Farzana

suspension), Executive Ghulam Mohammad Lone and Imtivaz Ahmad Dar. "In its resolve to make

administration efficient and transparent, the government is taking firm action against the employees found guilty of miscon-

ficient and corrupt employees, according to the official.