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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-the-art 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 patients, ensuring their dig-

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 J&K.

"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 transformation taking place in the

health sector of J&K, the Lt Governor said that the government is introducing new reforms for developing a balanced healthcare ecosystem that promotes social equality, besides ensuring easily accessible quality health facilities for all.

This important stride in the healthcare sector truly symbolizes PM Narendra Modi's vision of self-reliance, achieving excellence in modern health facilities for remote locations, and reducing the urban-rural divide to deliver services at people's doorstep, added the Lt Governor.

"Our efforts to reform the health sector have been

impressive. We have addressed the health infrastructure issue with a comprehensive 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 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.

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## Hawala money meant for subversive activities seized in Jammu, one arrested; Ex-Minister Babu Singh absconds

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

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 input that some unknown people are going to receive Hawala money at Jammu, Several checking points were established by police in the Jammu city.

On suspicion, police party arrested one person namely Mohammad Shareef Shah (64), resident of Syed Pora, Larnoo, Kokernag,

Anantnag, from Gandhi Nagar area and recovered Rs 6. 90 lakh from his possession.

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 Srinagar.

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

On questioning, Shareef disclosed names of his local associates and Foreign

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 that Hassan Jan, Sarpanch of Halqa 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 underway.

## NIA announces Rs 10 lakh reward each on 4 wanted terrorists in J&K

### Grenade thrower woman arrested; terror 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 ground workers for carrying

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

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## DCC member, BDC Chairperson quit Congress in Rajouri

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A District Development Council Member and a Block Development Council 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 status.

The Pahari community has been 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

admission to educational institutes.

Following the Delimitation Commission's recent recommendation of granting political reservation for the Paharis as well, leaders of the community have come together to make a fresh push for the same.

"We have resigned from the Congress in protest against their anti-Pahari community stance over the grant of ST status to them. I along with BDC chairperson Thanamandi and party workers have resigned," DDC member Abdul Qayoom Mir told reporters

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## 17 new COVID-19 cases in J&K

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

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.

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

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## 2,100 people availed 'Kargil Courier' services this winter: Officials

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Over 2,100 people availed the AN-32 'Kargil Courier' service operated by the Indian Air Force between Kargil and the twin capital cities of Jammu and Kashmir during this winter, officials said here on Thursday.

"While 275 passengers were airlifted from Kargil

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### WEATHER

**Temperature (Jammu)**

Max: 36.0°C Min: 19.0°C

**Humidity**

Max : 35 Min : 19

**Temperature (Srinagar)**

Max: 25.6°C Min: 8.8°C

**Humidity**

Max : 50 Min: 27

Sunset : 18:51 Hours

Sunrise : 06:22 Hours

## 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 said.

A Tata Sumo, which was on its way from Surankote's Marha village towards Bafliyaz, skidded-off the road and rolled down into the gorge at Tarran Wali, they said.

Six people have died and seven others are injured, a police officer said.

The deceased have been identified as Ghulam



Wreckage of ill-fated vehicle at accident spot.

Rawani; Mohd Fazal, Mushtaq Ahmed, Fazal, Ghulam Slani and Mohd Akbar.

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

## Eight doctors repatriated, 7 deputed to Ladakh UT

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Thursday ordered the 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 and 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 Surgeon), Dr Khalid Khurshed (Medical Officer), Dr Syed Zameer Hussain (Medical Officer), Dr Bilal Ahmad Sheikh (Medical Officer), Dr Ali Jan (Medical Officer), Dr Salman Farooq Wani (Medical Officer) and Dr Shah Ayaz Mudasar Yaqoob (Medical Officer).

"The aforesaid doctors shall report in the

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

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Over 20 houses 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.

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 said.

They said the fire quickly spread to adjacent houses, they said, adding timely action by fire and emergency services personnel

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## J&K Admn sacks five employees in Kashmir

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

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

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

Article 226(2) provides for constituting of a review committee to decide the functioning of employees who have completed 22 years of service

or attained age of 48 years.

It also empowers the government to retire any such employee at any time if he or she is found not to be working efficiently, honestly and with integrity.

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.

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

shall be personally responsible for uploading of approved Works

Plan (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," it stated.

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 portal.

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

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## Govt asks telcos to withdraw COVID pre-call announcements, caller tunes

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

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

The 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 for implementation of

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