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## COVID: 8 new cases in J&K

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported eight fresh Covid cases on Tuesday that took the infection tally to 4,53,897, officials said.

Of the new cases, one was reported from the Jammu division and rest from the Kashmir division, they said. Srinagar recorded five new cases followed by Baramulla district which registered two infections, officials said. Seventeen of the 20 districts in the Union

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## CBI arrests SHO Loran Poonch in bribery case

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The CBI on Tuesday arrested a Jammu and Kashmir Police inspector on the charge of taking bribe from a person to extend favour to him in a land dispute in Poonch district, officials said.

Station House Officer (SHO) of Loran police station Inspector Ved Prakash was caught red-handed while accepting Rs 10,000 bribe from the complainant.

The CBI had laid a trap based on a complaint that the SHO had demanded bribe to extend favour to

Jammu records season's hottest night; day temperature drops slightly

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

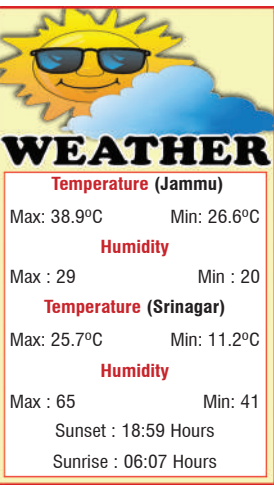
JAMMU: The Jammu city recorded the season's hottest night, while the day temperature marked a slight dip on Tuesday to settle at 38.9 degrees Celsius, an official of the meteorological department said.

From 22.9 degrees Celsius the previous night, the minimum temperature in the city jumped to 26.6 degrees which is 7.4 notches above normal, during this part of the season, the official here said.

The maximum temperature, however, dropped slightly to settle at 38.9 degrees Celsius against season's high of 39.6 degrees Celsius on Monday.

Most parts of Jammu and Kashmir have witnessed a sudden rise in the mercury, attributed by weatherman to 80 per cent deficient

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## Devotees thronging Vaishno Devi Shrine from India, abroad breaking records: LG

Facilities like skywalk, new Durga Bhawan, spiritual theme park being created



LG Manoj Sinha chairing meeting of newly constituted Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board on Tuesday.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday observed that the number of devotees visiting holy shrine from India and abroad is continuously breaking records.

"The new facilities and upgradation works will ensure that pilgrims from the world over have access to state-of-the-art amenities and connect between local economy and pilgrimage is further strengthened", added the Lt Governor while chairing the meeting of newly constituted Shri Mata Vaishno

Devi Shrine Board, here at Raj Bhawan.

The meeting was attended by all members of SMVDSB - Mahamandleshwar Swami Vishveshvaranand Giri Maharaaj; Baleshwar Rai; Dr Ashok Bhan; Kul Bhushan Ahuja; Dr Neelam Sareen; K K Sharma; Suresh Kumar Sharma (Retd. Judge) and Raghu K. Mehta.

The Lt Governor, who is also the Chairman of SMVDSB, while welcoming the members of the reconstituted board, complimented the efforts put-in by former members and lauded their

commitment and valuable contributions.

During the meeting, the Board discussed and approved various proposals related to facilities for the devotees to make their pilgrimage hassle-free.

The new members of the Shrine Board gave their valuable suggestions for developing and continually upgrading the pilgrim-centric facilities.

Efforts are being made to create modern facilities like skywalk, new Durga Bhawan, spiritual theme park and services such as RFID tag for devotees within a stipulated time-frame for the pleasant divine experience, said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor while reviewing the ongoing projects of the Shrine Board, directed for adhering to the timelines for the completion of ongoing projects including Durga Bhawan. With the aim of avoiding congestion

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## JK ex-Dy CM's bungalow: CIC directs CBI to apprise RTI applicant of current status of complaint

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Central Information Commission (CIC) has directed the CBI in Jammu to provide a revised reply within 15 days to an RTI applicant who had sought to know the status of his complaint seeking registration of an FIR against former Deputy Chief Minister Nirmal Singh and others over alleged illegal construction of a bungalow near an army ammunition depot here.

Disposing of the second appeal filed by advocate Sheikh Shakeel Ahmad, Information Commissioner

Saroj Punhani said the Chief Public Information Officer (CPIO), CBI had erroneously claimed exemption from providing information in the matter.

It noted that the CPIO had during the hearing stated that the complaint is to be closed at the CBI end as the high court was already seized of the matter and that this information could not be provided earlier as the RTI application was filed within one month of the filing of the complaint which was at various stages of processing.

Therefore, the CIC directed the CPIO and

## MHA asks all states to conduct safety audit of all ropeway projects

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: In the wake of the Deoghar ropeway accident, the Centre on Tuesday asked all states to carry out a safety audit of each ropeway project and put in place standard operating procedures to deal with such emergencies.

In a communication to all states and Union territories, Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla also said that for each ropeway project, a maintenance

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## Two JKAS officers transferred

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Government on Tuesday transferred two JKAS officers. According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department, Rachna Sharma, JKAS, Secretary in the Cooperatives Department has been transferred and posted as Mission Director, ICPS J&K vice Shabnam Kamili, JKAS, who has been posted as Secretary in the Department of Agriculture Production and Farmer's Welfare.

Superintendent of Police, CBI Anti-Corruption Branch, Jammu to provide a revised reply to the appellant explaining the current status and the action taken on his complaint.

In his complaint filed on September 21, 2020, Ahmad had sought registration of an FIR under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and the Indian Penal Code against Singh, a senior BJP leader, his wife Mamta Singh and officials of the J&K Government who allegedly facilitated the construction of the bungalow in contravention of Defence Act read

## Huge cache of arms, ammunition recovered in Anantnag

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: The police have recovered a huge cache of arms and ammunition from a vehicle abandoned by a person in Anantnag district, officials said here on Tuesday.

During a routine night domination near Mehmoodabad Bridge in Dooru on Monday, a vehicle was spotted which stopped after noticing the police party, raising suspicions, officials said.

"The police party challenged the driver of the vehicle by firing some aerial gunshots but he managed

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## Three 'hybrid terrorists' of LeT arrested in Sopore

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Security forces have arrested three "hybrid terrorists" of the Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) from Baramulla district, police said on Tuesday.

The term hybrid terrorist was coined by the Jammu and Kashmir Police for those who after carrying out a particular anti-national task given by their handlers, slipped back into normal life.

"Police along with security forces have arrested three hybrid terrorists of proscribed terror outfit LeT from Sopore on Monday night. Incriminating material, arms and ammunition and cash were seized from their possession," a police

spokesman said.

Acting on specific information regarding movement of terrorists, a special checkpoint was established by security forces near the Sunwani bridge, he said.

He said during checking, the joint party intercepted three persons coming from Wadoora Bala towards the bridge.

The arrested have been identified as Tufail Majid Mir, Owais Ahmed Mir and Shabir Ahmed Wagay, the spokesman said.

"Incriminating materials of proscribed terror outfit LeT, arms and ammunition including three pistols, three pistol magazines, 22 pistol rounds, one grenade and Rs

## Maintain vigil along LoC Army Commander to troops

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi on Tuesday asked the soldiers posted along the Line of Control to remain vigilant and maintain the sanctity of the ceasefire line, a defence spokesman said here. "Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, on the final day of his visit to Kashmir Valley, spent the morning hours interacting with soldiers at forward locations and reviewing the security situation along the Line of Control with the Formation Commanders," the spokesman said.

He said the Army Commander was accompanied by Lt Gen D P Pandey, GOC Chinar Corps during the visit. "The local Commanders briefed the Army Commander on the security situation on the Line of Control, operational preparedness and measures instituted to thwart the adversary's designs. Local Commanders also briefed about the development defence works being carried out at their respective locations," the spokesman said.



Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi during his visit to forward posts in Srinagar.

The Army Commander laid special emphasis on being vigilant and maintaining the sanctity of the Line of Control.

He was appreciative of the measures and standard operating procedures instituted by the units and formations to meet the challenges posed by the inimical elements.

The Army Commander appreciated the sharp vigil and alertness along the Line of Control and high morale

maintained by the troops.

Later in the day, the Army Commander visited Radio Chinar, the Community Radio Station at Mazbug and interacted with youth employed at the Radio Station.

He appreciated the wide variety of programmes being broadcast, while meeting the aspirations of listeners of all age groups. He urged them to include more programmes, which would essentially benefit the youth of the area.

## J&K Police to purchase over 20K bulletproof jackets, headgear

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir is all set to purchase over 20,000 bulletproof jackets and headgear as a security measure for their cops in the union territory.

Police headquarters have recently floated six e-tenders for the purchase of various items including bulletproof jackets, headgear (patkas), vehicles, glasses and podiums, officials said.

E-tenders have been floated to purchase 11,900 bulletproof headgear and 8,200 jackets to arm cops with protections, they said.

The bulletproof jackets are in three categories small,

medium and large, they said. Of the total 11,900 bulletproof headgear, 4,900 will be given to J&K Police and 7,000 to CRPF troops, they said.

Besides, J&K Police have also placed tenders for the purchase of 20 bulletproof podiums, 281 bulletproof glasses, 2 bulletproof Scorpio vehicles and 15 bulletproof marksman vehicles, they said.

The tenders have been from original manufacturers or their authorized dealers for the supply of these security items as per Assistant Inspector General, Provision and Transport, police headquarters.

## Jammu Admn starts distribution of Digital Land Passbooks

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: To strengthen the e-good governance system, the UT Administration has started many initiatives to provide services delivery to the public at their door steps.

As part of these initiatives and as a reform in the public service delivery of the Revenue Department, the District Administration Jammu has started to issue Land Passbooks to the legal owners of land.

The Deputy Commissioner Jammu Anshul Garg termed the initiative a historical step towards transparency and Good Governance. He

described the initiative as a milestone to improve Services delivery, enhance Transparency, Accountability in Revenue record system.

He said that this Land Passbook has been written in Urdu, English and Hindi languages as a measure to further improve service delivery to fill the information vacuum and promote people's ease of access to the revenue record.

He also observed that the Land Passbook will provide Revenue related information to the land owners in a very simple form, besides shall act as a valid paper to present

before financial and other institutions.

The Deputy Commissioner informed that over two lakh land owners would be provided the Land Passbooks in the district.

"Over 1.96 lakh land passbooks have been generated so far, out of which 4535 land passbooks have been generated through Ramteeh server" he added. He further informed that 93.3% land passbooks have been generated till date with Bahu topping the list with 100% saturation of the scheme followed by Marh with 99.71%

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## 43 AAOs transferred, two CAOs get addl charge

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Government on Tuesday transferred 43 Assistant Accounts Officers (AAOs) and given additional charge of two Chief Accounts Officers (CAOs).

According to the order issued by Atal Dulloo, Financial Commissioner, (Additional Chief Secretary), Finance Department, Ashok Kumar, FA/CAO Revenue Department shall hold the charge of FA/CAO Tribal Affairs Department, J&K and Showkat Ahmad Khan, I/C CAO, Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department Kashmir shall hold the charge of CAO, Chief Engineer PW(R&B)

Kashmir in addition to their own duties till further orders.

As per another order issued by Mahesh Dass, Director General, Accounts & Treasuries, Finance Department, Bashir Ahmad Qureshi, AAO, JK PCC Ltd. Kupwara has been posted as AAO, Assistant Treasury Officer, Langate, Kupwara vice Showkat Ali Larah, who has been posted as AAO, Block Development Office, Zaingir. He shall also hold the charge of Irrigation Division Sopore in addition to his own duties till further orders. Abdul Rashid Malik, AAO, PMGSY Division, Kupwara has been

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