

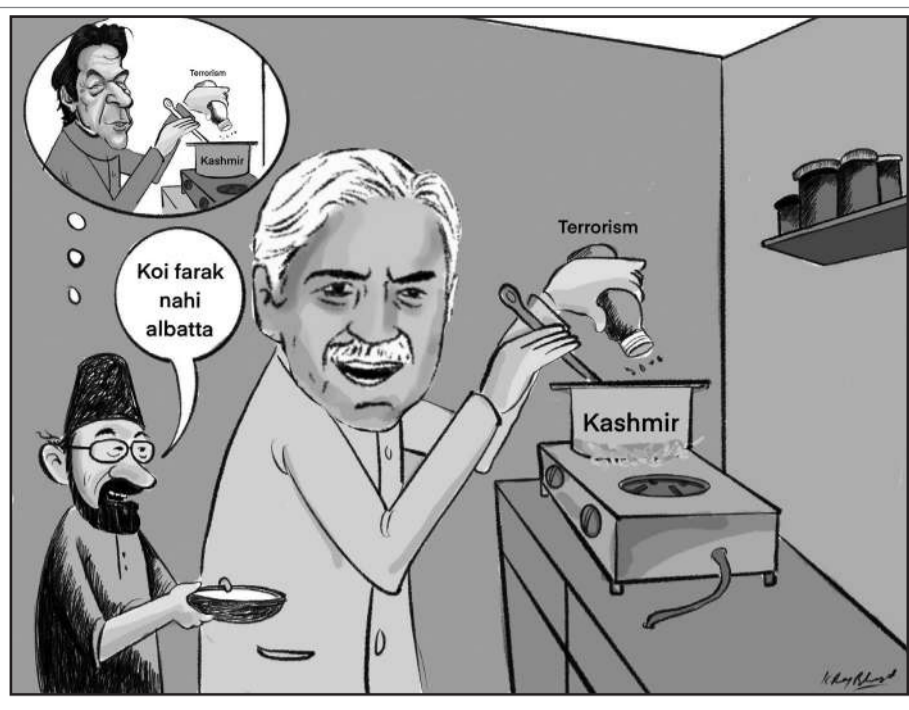
Rana meets LG, seeks development of Purmandal-Utterbehni

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Former Legislator and senior BJP leader, Devender Singh Rana called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at the Raj Bhavan here on Friday.
 Among various other issues of public importance, Rana discussed with the Lt Governor the development of Purmandal- Utterbehni-the Chotta Kashi area as prominent religious site of Jammu as it holds historical and religious importance, besides revival of the original route to the holy cave shrine at Trikuta Hills which he said will go a long way in seeking the spiritual bliss by the pilgrims and giving economic fillip to the areas enroute the track.
 While interacting with the former legislator, the Lt Governor



Prominent BJP Leader Devender Singh Rana calling on LG Manoj Sinha.

said that a pilgrimage tourism circuit connecting Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine, Purmandal-Utterbehni, Mansar-Surinsar, and Shiv Khori is coming up, besides dedicated focus is being laid on bringing unexplored religious places of Jammu on religious tourist map to attract more tourists.
 He further informed that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi rejuvenation of Purmandal and Uttarbehni has been included in the PRASAD scheme.
 The Lt Governor assured Rana that the genuine issues put forth by him would be looked into and urged him to continue his endeavours for promoting welfare of the people.



CJ formulates policy regarding permission to use Conference Hall at Lawyers Chamber

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JAMMU: Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has formulated a policy regarding permission to use the Conference Hall at Lawyers Chamber building, Jammu.
 According to the order issued by Registrar General Sanjeev Gupta, the lawyers' chambers building, including Conference Hall, canteen and other facilities provided in the premises are controlled, managed and supervised by High Court. The High Court, as such retains the right to permit user of all the facilities in the premises, prima-

riarily for the benefit and welfare of the Advocates registered with the Bar Council of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (Powers of which are presently vested in the High Court).
 The Advocates have been allotted chambers in premises which they are using as licensee on payment of a nominal license fee. Likewise, the Conference Hall for lawyers would also be permitted by the High Court to be used by the lawyers through J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu on license basis, however; there shall be no license fee payable for the same till it is used by the lawyers for

the purposes of the activities related to welfare, academic development or other activities related to their profession, the order reads. The lawyers shall be permitted to use the Conference Hall for organizing conferences, meetings, symposiums, lectures or cultural activities, which are beneficial for the lawyers' community. The Conference Hall shall, however;

not be permitted for holding the activities which are political, religious or personal in nature. Moreover; any activity which is prejudicial to the national interest, security of State morality or is against the interest of lawyers' community or the Members of Bar shall be prohibited. J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu shall be permitted to manage the affairs

of Conference Hall through a Committee that may be nominated by the Executive Body of the Bar Association. Term of the Committee shall be coterminous with the term of the Office of Bearers of the Bar Association.
 All the applications and requests regarding user of the Conference Hall shall be entertained through the Committee

and all decisions pertaining to permission for use of Conference Hall shall be considered by such Committee. The Committee shall, however; inform the High Court about the every such event permitted to be organized in the Conference Hall. The Committee as above shall ensure the safety, security, maintenance and cleanliness of

the Conference Hall at all times. The Committee shall also be authorized to suggest the ways and measures for improvement of the facilities or for any further development to be carried out in the Conference Hall. The Committee shall take every care to see that the Conference Hall is used only for the common interest of the lawyers'

community and not to serve the individual interests or interests of smaller segments in the Bar. The Committee shall maintain record of all the activities carried out in the Conference Hall and monthly return thereof shall be forwarded to the High Court under the signatures of President or Secretary of J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu.

First battalion of J&K Rifles celebrates its 150th anniversary

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JAMMU: The first battalion of Jammu and Kashmir Rifles, famous for taking part in the two world wars, celebrated the 150th anniversary of its raising day at Dalhousie Military Station, a defence official on Friday said.
 Raised by Maharaja Ranbir Singh on 13 April 1873 at Satwari Lines in Jammu, the battalion has earned the title of 'Saviours of Poonch' for its bravery in the battle of Poonch, and was awarded battle honour of Poonch and Theatre honour of Jammu and Kashmir. Northern army commander Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi along with many senior officers and veterans attended the events that lasted till Friday, he said. The battalion has the unique distinction of participating in both the world wars, both times under the leadership of Indian-origin officers, the spokesperson said. The battalion's gallant contribution in various wars around the world has been recognised with five battle honours. It won these honours during campaigns in Hunza and Nagar (1891-92), Megiddo (1914-18), Nablus (1914-18), Palestine (1914-18), and the Third Afghan War (1919-20), he said. During the 1971 Indo-Pak war; the battalion's gallant action in the battle of Syanganj' was pivotal in the liberation of Bangladesh. For it, the unit was recognised with the battle honour of Syanganj and theatre honour of East Pakistan. The battalion since has proved its mettle in various low-intensity conflict operations in J&K and North East, the spokesperson added.
 The sesquicentennial jubilee was celebrated with full military traditions and was begun with paying respects to the martyrs. The event was attended by over 600 guests comprising army personnel and their family. Dwivedi awarded Northern Army Commander Commendation cards to the soldiers for their exemplary contributions to the battalion.



No more fake reports in pathological labs; MBBS doctor must for authentication in every centre

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SRINAGAR: As per a fresh rule being implemented in UT, it has been made mandatory for every pathological laboratory, even those performing most basic tests, to have an MBBS doctor onboard. With the Clinical Establishments Rule Amendment 2020, and its applicability in J&K, every diagnostic laboratory is now required to have at least an MBBS doctor onboard to sign reports. It applies to all laboratories, across board, with no distinction based on scope of tests, as earlier; people with even diploma or degree in Lab Technology were capable to sign a report in J&K.
 It has been noticed since 2001 that, thousands of illegal Pathology laboratories are functioning across the country including Jammu & Kashmir by varied names viz, Pathology Laboratory, Clinical Laboratory, Medical laboratory and diagnostic labs etc. In these laboratories, samples of blood, urine, sputum, various other body fluids are collected by technicians and after carrying out tests, reports are prepared and certified by the technicians. Moreover, in these laboratories MMC/MCI registered pathologists are not appointed for supervision of process of testing and certifying reports. These Laboratory technicians don't have requisite qualification to run such laboratories independently without supervision of MMC/MCI registered pathologists, due to which patients get erroneous reports quite often, leading to wrong diagnosis and wrong or delayed treatment, thereby causing a major health hazard. Moreover, these laboratories are charging huge amounts from innocent patients and playing with their lives, which is nothing but a clear-cut violation of right of health services. Moreover, some registered medical practitioners refer their patients to these illegal laboratories for various investigations. The patients are unaware of the difference between legal and illegal laboratories. Though, the registered medical practitioners are aware of difference between legal and illegal laboratories, they prefer referring patients to illegal laboratories and are advising numerous unindicted investigations just for monetary gains. It has also been notice that some pathologists give signatures on blank letter-heads of laboratory so that reports are printed later; as recently a similar case was witnessed in Eidgah area of Srinagar. It is hoped that now, after implementing the order, many diagnostic laboratories that run on very small scales across villages, towns and cities of J&K, may have to close down if they fail to show the doctor. Kashmir Private Diagnostic Centres Association (KPDCA) has said that rule does not apply in all states. A representative of the association said that in many states, basic laboratories have been exempted from having dependence on an MBBS doctor. He said that Laboratories have been divided into categories and those, categorized as basic have been exempted. "We request the same norms be applied here as well," he said.
 The professionals and the Association have appealed the Health & Medical Education Department to re-establish the right of registration of their establishments under J&K Nursing Homes and Clinical Establishments Act, 1963. "Restore our right to authenticate medical lab reports as it is a global trend," he added.

SOCIAL SECURITY - INCLUSIVE GROWTH A GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO WELFARE OF UNORGANIZED WORKFORCE

- 29 Labour Laws simplified and replaced with **4 Labour Codes**; Social Security Fund for **38 crore** unorganised workers
- **27 crore** unorganised workers join the national database **e-SHRAM**; get a new identity
- **"One Nation One Ration Card"** ensures food security for migrant workers; now ration can be collected from any of the **5 lakh** Fair Price Shops across the country
- **Pradhan Mantri SVANidhi Yojana** provides easy micro-credit to street vendors; **Rs. 3.2 thousand crore** disbursed to **30 lakh** street vendors till now
- Workers' skill enhanced under **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana**; prior learning also given recognition
- Honour of Pension through **Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan** scheme; monthly assured pension of **Rs. 3000**; so far **46.5 lakh** unorganised workers join
- Relief reaches the workers during COVID pandemic, **4621 Shramik Special Trains**, **5 Kg** free ration made life easy



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 - Narendra Modi