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COVID: J&K records nine fresh cases

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday recorded nine fresh cases of coronavirus, taking the infected number of persons to 4,53,929 while no death due to the virus was reported in the past 24 hours, officials said.

There are 71 active cases in the union territory, while the number of recovered

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Ukraine war far from over as Russia renews strikes in Kyiv

■ AGENCY
KYIV: Russian forces accelerated scattered attacks on Kyiv, western Ukraine and beyond Saturday in an explosive reminder to Ukrainians and their Western supporters that the whole country remains under threat despite Russia's pivot toward mounting a new offensive in the east.

Stung by the loss of its Black Sea flagship and indignant over alleged Ukrainian aggression on Russian territory, Russia's military command had warned of renewed missile strikes on Ukraine's capital.

BRO to construct world's highest tunnel at Shinku La Pass to connect Himachal with Ladakh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
MANALI (HP): The Border Roads Organisation will construct the world's highest tunnel at Shinku La Pass at 16,580 feet to connect Himachal Pradesh to Ladakh, BRO Director General Lieutenant General Rajeev Chaudhary said here on Saturday.

He stated this while opening the strategically important Himachal to Zaskar Road at Shinku La Pass from where over half a dozen vehicles crossed the Shinku La Pass from Zaskar side towards Manali.

Lieutenant General Rajeev Chaudhary told PTI that the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) will start the construction of the tunnel connecting Himachal Pradesh to Zaskar Valley in Ladakh by July this year.

He said the Centre has already made 'Project Yojak' of BRO to execute this ambitious project. This tunnel, to be completed by 2025,

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 36.5°C Min: 20.8°C

Humidity

Max: 33 Min: 20

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 26.6°C Min: 8.9°C

Humidity

Max: 59 Min: 31

Sunset : 19:01 Hours

Sunrise : 06:00 Hours

India can't afford to remain stagnant at this juncture: Modi



Prime Minister Narendra Modi after unveiling of the 108 ft statue of Bhagwan Hanuman, in Morbi, Gujarat on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti via video conferencing in New Delhi.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
AHMEDABAD: India cannot afford to remain stagnant at this juncture and it has to become self-reliant, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday.

He was speaking after unveiling a 108-feet tall statue of Lord Hanuman in Gujarat's Morbi via video link on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti.

"India cannot afford to

remain stagnant today..We cannot continue to remain where we are. The global situation is such that the entire world is thinking on how to become 'aatmanirbhar'," Modi said.

"I would request the saints of the country to teach people to buy local products only. Vocal for local is the in thing. In our homes, we should only use things made by our people. Imagine, the

high number of people who will get employment due to this," he added.

Foreign-made things may make us feel good, but it won't have the feel of hard work of our people, the scent of our mother earth, he said.

"In the next 25 years, if we just use local products, there won't be unemployment for our people," the prime minister said.

Complaint lodged in Cyber Cell against blackmailer Mohd Sharif

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Complaint has been lodged with Superintendent of Police of Cyber Cell against anonymous black mailer using fake name as Mohd Shabir who keeps on lodging false and frivolous complaints in different departments, (ex-cise department in particular) to defame and black mail few persons for his vested interests.

The Superintendent of Police, Cyber Cell instructed his subordinate staff to locate and identify the anonymous black mailer at an earliest so that proper action be taken against him.

Rajneesh posted as Addl Secy I&FC Deptt

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government on Saturday transferred JKAS officer.

According to an order issued by GAD, Rajneesh Gupta, JKAS, Additional Secretary to the

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ACB nabs UEED Works Supervisor red handed while accepting bribe

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has nabbed a Works Supervisor of Urban Environmental Engineering Department (UEED), Srinagar, namely Imtiyaz Ahmad Ghulam red-handed, while demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 8,000 for allowing sub-contractor to execute works on behalf of contractor.

As per an official spokesperson, the sleuths of ACB received a written complaint alleging that a

Supervisor of Urban Environmental Engineering Department (UEED), Srinagar and investigation started. A trap team caught Supervisor UEED, red-handed while demanding and accepting bribe amount of Rs 8,000 from complainant.

He was arrested and bribe money was also recovered from his possession in presence of independent witnesses," said official, adding that further investigation is going on.

quently, FIR No. 16/2022 was registered at Police Station ACB, Srinagar and investigation started. A trap team caught Supervisor UEED, red-handed while demanding and accepting bribe amount of Rs 8,000 from complainant.

He was arrested and bribe money was also recovered from his possession in presence of independent witnesses," said official, adding that further investigation is going on.

Jammu: 100 IRP personnel granted in-situ promotion

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: DIG Indian Reserve Police Jammu granted in situ promotion to 100 police personnel including Head Constables and Selection Grade Constables of various battalions of IRP Jammu Zone. The personnel have been promoted upon completing a minimum of nine years of service with 'clean service record' according to terms of SRO 14 of 1996.

The Departmental Promotion Committee meeting held today under the chairmanship of DIG

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Political, social organisations condemn targeted killings in Kashmir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Different political and social organisations on Saturday came together to condemn the frequent incidents of targeted killings in Kashmir and urged the government to check such attacks.

They also sought fair delimitation, early assembly elections and restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was jointly convened under the banner of All Parties United Morcha and was chaired by former minister and president of Dogra Sadar Sabha Thakur

Gulchain Singh Charak, a press statement issued after the meeting said.

The meeting was among others attended by former Member Parliament Sheikh Abdul Rehman, National Conference provincial president Rattan Lal Gupta, chief spokesperson of Pradesh Congress Committee Ravinder Sharma and CPI(M) representative Hari Singh.

The statement said a threadbare discussion was held over the overall socio-political and the security situation in Jammu

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Clashes during Hanuman Jayanti procession in Delhi's Jahangirpuri, several policemen injured

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Clashes broke out between two communities during a Hanuman Jayanti procession in north-west Delhi's Jahangirpuri area on Saturday, leaving several police personnel injured.

Police said there was stone-pelting and some vehicles were also torched in the violence that occurred at around 6 pm. Additional police forces have been rushed to Jahangirpuri and other communally sensitive areas.

Delhi Police PRO Anyesh Roy told PTI that it was a traditional procession taken out on Hanuman Jayanti



A policeman clicking pictures of a burnt-down scooter after violent clashes broke out during a Hanuman Jayanti procession at Jahangirpuri in New Delhi on Saturday.

every year.

"When the procession reached Kushal Cinema, a clash broke out between two communities. Stones were

also pelted," Roy said.

"The police personnel deployed with the procession intervened and brought

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New district court complex coming up in Kargil

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KARGIL: The foundation stone of a district court complex, costing around Rs 60 crore, was on Saturday laid by Chief Justice of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh Pankaj Mithal, an official spokesman said.

The chief justice impressed upon the executing agency to expedite the construction work and complete it at the earliest so that the public at large can get maximum benefits, he said.

He said officers from the executing agency gave a detailed overview of the construction of the court building and informed that

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Court grants one-month judicial custody of ex-minister, other in Hawala trade

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Special Judge NIA Suneet Gupta on Saturday granted one month judicial custody of ex-Minister Jatinder Singh @ Babu Singh and Mohammad Shareef Shah in alleged Hawala trade and sent them to Kot-Bhalwal Jail.

The Court, while granting judicial remand of ex-Minister Jatinder Singh @ Babu Singh and Mohammad Shareef Shah observed that present application has been filed by IO of the case namely Sachit Sharma, DySP SDPO South Jammu before the

court through virtual mode. The remand application revealed that aforesaid accused was arrested on April 9, 2022 and March 31, 2022 by the IO in aforementioned case. As such on the basis of allegations, the accused was booked for the aforesaid offences. As per the request of IO, accused remained in police custody for a period of 7 days and no further police remand of accused is required by the IO and now, by way of present application, IO has sought judicial remand of accused for a period of 30 days.

Court after hearing IO

observed that the offences attributable to the aforesaid accused are heinous in nature and as per IO, the investigation of case is still going on, hence the prayer made by the IO is accepted and the aforesaid accused is remanded for judicial custody of accused for 30 days i.e. w.e.f., 16.04.2022 to 15.05.2022, during which they would be kept in Central Jail Kot Bhalwal Jammu. Superintendent Central Jail Kot Bhalwal Jammu was directed to produce accused before the court on May 15, 2022 on completion of the judicial remand.

ALLEGED DAUGHTER OF SUDHANSHU PANDEY, IAS SEEKS MAINTENANCE Wait till outcome of Paternity Suit: HC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a significant development, Justice Sanjay Dhar of High Court of J&K and Ladakh (Srinagar Wing) in a Criminal Revision filed by Raaisa (minor) through her mother Sumaira claiming to be a daughter of Syed Sudhanshu Pandey (Sudhanshu Pandey IAS) presently Union Secretary, Department of Food & Public Distribution, Government of India has upheld the order passed by the Judicial Magistrate Ist Class (2nd Additional Munsiff), Srinagar, deferring the proceedings filed by the alleged daughter of Syed Sudhanshu Pandey for seeking maintenance till the outcome of the Civil Suit in which the question of paternity of the minor Raaisa is issue.

The minor Raaisa, through her mother, had filed a petition under

Section 488 J&K CrPC against Sudhanshu Pandey claiming maintenance from him. In the petition, it has been alleged that in the year 2010, when Sudhanshu Pandey was holding the position of Finance Secretary in the Government of J&K, he developed relationship with mother of the petitioner. It is further alleged that in the month of May 2010, Sudhanshu Pandey converted to Islam, where after he entered into wedlock with mother of the petitioner on May 8, 2010 and out of the wedlock the petitioner Raaisa was born on April 12, 2011. It is further alleged that in the month of October 2012, Sudhanshu Pandey was deputed to Central Government and posted at New Delhi. The petitioner has further alleged that Sudhanshu Pandey shifted to New Delhi, leaving her

and mother in lurch. It is further alleged that on April 1, 2013 the petitioner (Raaisa) alongwith her mother visited the native place of Sudhanshu Pandey in Lucknow where they came to know that he was already a married man, having wife and two children and it was also found that Sudhanshu Pandey was practising Hindu faith, as a result where-of, the marriage between the petitioner's mother and Sudhanshu Pandey got automatically dissolved. Thereafter, the mother of the petitioner Sumaira filed a suit for declaration and injunction against Sudhanshu Pandey which is pending disposal before the Court of Ist Additional Munsiff, Srinagar wherein the declaration is sought that the petitioner Raaisa is

daughter of Sudhanshu Pandey.

The alleged minor daughter has further averred that though Sudhanshu Pandey did remit some maintenance amount in the bank account of the petitioner, yet the same is very meager and on these grounds minor Raaisa sought monthly maintenance of Rs 30,000 (Rupees Thirty Thousand only) from Sudhanshu Pandey.

On the other hand, Sudhanshu Pandey while contesting the 488 petition (Maintenance Proceedings) filed his reply and refuted all the allegations made in the petition and denied having entered into any wedlock with mother of the petitioner.

He also denied his relationship with minor Raaisa. He further

submitted that the allegations made in the petition are just a figment of imagination and a device to scandalize his reputation and image. He further claimed that the mother of the minor Raaisa is only trying to blackmail him and to tarnish his clean image as a distinguished public servant. He further averred that in the Civil Suit, mother of the petitioner has admitted that she had entered into wedlock with another person on 1st August, 2010 which ended in divorce in October 2010. He further averred that the birth certificate of the minor depicts her father's name as the person with whom the petitioner's mother had married. Sudhanshu Pandey further claimed that he is a happily married person with two grown up children and there is no way that he could have entered into a wed-

lock with the minor's mother. He further claimed that the petitioner's mother has been blackmailing him and trying to extort money from him by maligning his reputation.

During the pendency of the proceedings under Section 488 J&K CrPC, Sudhanshu Pandey made an application before the Trial Magistrate at Srinagar for deferment of proceedings till the disposal of Civil Suit filed by mother of the petitioner (Paternity Suit). The 2nd Additional Munsiff, Srinagar after hearing both the sides observed that pendency of two concurrent proceedings in which the issue as to the fact whether the petitioner's mother is legally wedded wife of Sudhanshu Pandey, is required to be determined and in the absence of any, prima facie,

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