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### Three DySPs adjusted, one transferred

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JAMMU: The PHQ has adjusted three Deputy Superintendents of Police (DySPs). Arun Kumar has been adjusted as DySP IR-11th Bn; Syed Sleet Shah as DySP PC Srinagar; and Mohd Anzer as DySP PC Chadoora. Further Zakir Shaheen Mirza, DySP, under orders of transfer to PC Chadoora, has been posted as DySP IR-2nd Battalion.

## Bus driven dangerously seized in Udhampur

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JAMMU: Authorities in Udhampur district have seized a bus after a video showing the vehicle being driven dangerously was widely circulated on social media, an official spokesperson said on Sunday.

In the video, the driver of the bus, plying on the Udhampur-Lander village route, was seen driving dangerously, the official said.

"The Motor Vehicle Department in Udhampur took swift action and seized the vehicle for dangerous driving and for putting

### J&K records 12 fresh COVID cases; no case in Ladakh

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 12 fresh Covid cases in a day taking the infection tally to 4,53,941 while no death due to the disease was reported, officials said on Sunday.

Of the fresh cases, three were from Jammu and nine from the Kashmir division of the Union territory, they said.

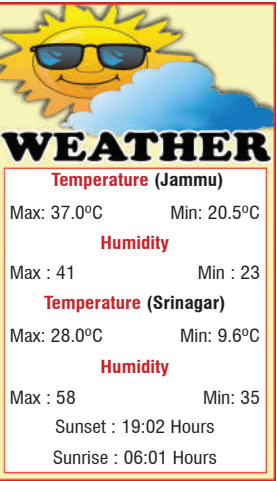
Eighteen of the total 20 districts in the Union territory did not report any fresh cases. Srinagar district recorded the highest of nine cases.

The Union territory currently has 75 active Covid cases while 4,49,115 people have so far recovered from the disease, the officials said.

The death toll in the union territory due to Covid stood at 4,751 with no new death reported in a day.

The officials said there were 51 confirmed cases of Mucormycosis (black

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# Promising future awaits J&K: LG

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JAMMU: Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said various new initiatives taken by the Jammu and Kashmir administration have given wings to common man's dream and promising future awaits the Union Territory.

Sinha called upon the people to play their important role and complement government's efforts toward building a developed and prosperous new Jammu and Kashmir.

Various new initiatives have given wings to a common man's dreams. A promising future awaits Jammu & Kashmir, the Lt Governor said at this month's episode of the Awaam ki Awaaz radio programme.

The programme was aired on all local and primary channels of All India Radio (AIR) in the UT and broadcast on DD Kashir.

We are committed to the welfare of the poor, the marginalized and the vulnerable sections of the society, he said, sharing the motivational and inspiring stories of the UT's change-makers, who are rendering selfless service to the society.

The Lt Governor also acknowledged and appreciated the invaluable suggestions and ideas received from the citizens and assured objective actions on the same.

Noting that the government is accord-



ing the highest priority to senior citizens' care and wellbeing, the Lt Governor said that the UT administration has ensured dedicated Geriatric and Palliative Care facilities in all the districts.

"Also specific instructions have been issued to the Social Welfare Department to achieve saturation of benefits under old-age pension schemes and other welfare programs for our elderly, he said.

The Lt Governor underlined the need to make continuous efforts towards

women empowerment.

"The government through its policy reforms and intuitive handholding schemes will usher in notable changes in the socio-economic and educational status of women in Jammu and Kashmir at a fast pace, he said.

He said his administration is determined to establish an egalitarian society where every citizen gets the benefits of the prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Lt Governor observed that the youths have been the focal point of UT's developmental agenda and Mission Youth and many new platforms of self-employment, empowerment are already helping youth to realize their true potential.

Sinha also mentioned about taking Centre for District Youth Training & Empowerment (C-DYTE) to the block level to extend facilities for exam preparation, availability of necessary books, mentors, sports and physical training at these centres to the students so that more and more youths can prepare for competitive examinations.

Similarly, Youth Clubs have been established in all 4,290 Panchayats, acting as nerve centres of information flow among the youth, he added.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also observed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is coming to

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## SIA cracks down on anti-national network, carries out searches across Valley

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: State Investigation Agency (SIA), assigned with the duty of investigation and prosecution of terror related cases in Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir has conducted searches at several locations in Srinagar on Sunday.

The searches were conducted in connection with FIR 01/2022 registered under sections 13, 18 of UA(P) Act read with sections 121, 124, 153-B and 120-B of IPC at Police Station JIC (SLA) Jammu, against the author of seditious article Abdul Aala

Fazili, Editor and other associates of monthly digital magazine 'The Kashmir Wala'.

The article titled 'The shackles of slavery will break' written by Abdul Aala Fazili and published in the Monthly Digital Magazine 'The Kashmir Wala' on the one hand is highly provocative, seditious and intended to create unrest in Jammu and Kashmir, written with the purpose of abetting the youth to take the path of violence by glorifying terrorism and on the other the write-up promoted and propagated the false narrative, which is

essential to sustain secessionist cum terrorist campaign aimed at breaking the territorial integrity of India.

The article has used prescriptive language with instructional intent, encouraging secessionist elements to carry out terror activities.

It is pertinent to mention that Abdul Aala fazili, BSc BPharma, MPharma (Pharmaceutics) is a PhD scholar in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Kashmir University. Government of India paid him Rs 30,000 per month for five years till March 2021 through UGC MANF

(Maulana Azad National Fellowship) so that he can sustain himself and complete his PhD which entitled him to earn Rs 30,000 per month.

The searches for collection of evidence, by the sleuths of SIA of J&K were conducted in the office of 'The Kashmir Wala' at Rajbagh, at residence of Abdul Aala Fazili at Main Chowk Humhama and at residence of Fahad Shah (Editor of the magazine) at Soura, Srinagar. The search teams also seized incriminating evidences, including computers, laptops and other digital equipments.

## Court cannot act as expert in field of education: SC

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: A court cannot act as an expert in the field of education and it should be left to the institutions to determine whether a candidate possesses requisite qualification or not, the Supreme Court has said.

A bench of Justices M R Shah and B V Nagarathna said there cannot be any deviation from the educational qualifications mentioned in an advertisement of job.

"In the field of education, the court of law cannot act as an expert normally, therefore, whether or not a student/candidate is possessing the requisite qualification should better be left to the

educational institutions, more particularly, when the Expert Committee considers



the matter," the bench said.

The observation came while dismissing a batch of appeals challenging the order of the Jharkhand High Court with regard to the selection

process for appointment to the post of postgraduate trained teachers in the high



school of Jharkhand for different subjects under different categories.

The top court said that as per the advertisement, a candidate must have postgradu-

ate/bachelor degree in history.

"We have gone through degrees/certificates in the case of respective writ petitioners. It appears that the respective writ petitioners have obtained postgraduate degrees/bachelor degrees, as the case may be, in one of the branches of history, namely, Indian Ancient History, Indian Ancient History and Culture, Medieval/Modern History, Indian Ancient History, Culture and Archaeology.

"In our view, obtaining the degree in one of the branches of history cannot be said to be obtaining the degree

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## Jahangirpuri clashes: 2 juveniles among 22 held; police meet peace panels to cool tempers

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Twenty-one people, including the "main conspirators", were arrested over the violence in north-west Delhi's Jahangirpuri, where an uneasy calm prevailed on Sunday as companies of anti-riot police patrolled the streets and people largely stayed indoors.

Two juveniles have also been apprehended in connection with the clashes, police said, adding that the case has been transferred to the Crime Branch for further investigation.

Political parties started the blame game over the matter, with BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra saying "ideology of appeasement" pursued over the last 70 years is responsible for the commu-

nal riots even as Delhi Congress chief Anil Kumar said the clashes happened due to intelligence failure of security agencies. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) alleged that the sequence of events explain that BJP is behind the violence.

Political leaders, including area MP Hans Raj Hans, Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta and Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, made a beeline for Jahangirpuri on Sunday and appealed people to maintain peace.

A delegation of Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) also met Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana on Sunday and demanded strict

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## Security reviewed in Kathua ahead of PM's Apr 24 visit

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JAMMU: Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to Jammu and Kashmir, the police authorities in Kathua district on Sunday reviewed the security situation and called for strengthening of the border and national highway security grid to rule out any subversive activities, officials said. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Kathua, R C Kotwal, chaired the meeting at district police lines Kathua, which was among others attended by additional Superintendent of police Suresh Kumar Chib, Deputy Superintendents of Police, all Sub-divisional police officers, Station House Officers and incharge police posts and border police posts, a police spokesman said.

The Prime Minister is sched-

uled to visit Pali village of nearby Samba district on National Panchayat Day on April 24 to address a public meeting which is likely to be attended by over 30,000 panchayat members from across the Union Territory. All the participants have been directed to strengthen the border security grid, National highway Grid and city Grid. Besides they were also advised to enhance patrolling and strengthen inter-state checking points, the spokesman said. He said the officers were also directed to enhance patrolling and area domination and intensify vehicle checking to rule out any subversive activities. The Kathua police chief also reviewed the crime position and urged for early disposal of pending cases, the spokesman said.

### PALLI VILLAGERS UPBEAT

JAMMU: The residents of Pali in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district are upbeat over the upcoming visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to their village, which is set to become the first carbon-free solar panchayat in the Union Territory.

From the macadamised roads to the recently launched electric bus service, the village located just 17 kms from the winter capital Jammu is witnessing a major transformation with an upgraded Panchayat Ghar, renovated government high school building, a new pond and improved playgrounds.

The work is going on at war-footing especially on the 500 KV solar plant which is being installed in a record time of nearly three weeks on a total area of 6,408 square metres to provide clean electricity to 340 houses in the model panchayat under the central government's Gram Urja Swaraj programme. A twenty-five member team is working round the clock to complete the Rs 2.75 crore project in the next couple of days before its formal inauguration by the prime minister during his visit to the village on April 24, chairman and managing director, Central Electronics Limited, Chetan Prakash Jain said.

He said the electricity generated will be distributed to the village, having a daily requirement of 2,000 units, through the local power grid station.

Deputy Commissioner, Samba, Anuradha Gupta has already distributed solar Chulhas (stoves) among the beneficiaries in the village which has over 450 houses. The rest of the houses will be covered in the next phase after the prime minister's visit.

On the National Panchayati Raj Day, the prime minister is scheduled to fly to Pali village from Jammu airport to address a gathering including over 30,000 Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members of Jammu and Kashmir besides around 700 panchayats across the country virtually.

This will be Modi's first visit to Jammu and Kashmir other than

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