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### Nine fresh COVID cases in J&K

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday reported nine fresh cases of COVID-19, taking the infection tally in the union territory to 4,53,955, officials said here.

While five cases were reported from Jammu district and four cases were from Kashmir, they said. Seventeen of the 20

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## HC formulates policy regarding posting of Sr Distt Judges, Civil Judges as PD&S Judges, CJsMs

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Full Court held under the chairmanship of Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal formulate a policy, which shall, as far as practicable, govern the posting of senior District Judges and senior Civil Judges (Sr Division) as Principal District & Sessions Judges and Chief Judicial Magistrates. According to an order issued by the Registrar General Sanjeev Gupta, District Judges cadre officers in Super Time Scale and Selection Grade shall in the first instance be posted as Principal District & Sessions Judges; and, if sufficient

**Sajjad Gul, responsible for killing journalist Shujaat Bukhari, designated as terrorist**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba's (LeT) member Sheikh Sajad alias Sajjad Gul, who was responsible for the killing of journalist Shujaat Bukhari in Srinagar in 2018, was designated as a terrorist by the Centre on Tuesday.

Gul is the sixth individual to have been designated as a terrorist by the Centre in the last fortnight.

The Union home ministry said Gul is absconding in a case pertaining to recovery of arms and ammunition in Jammu and Kashmir and has been actively radicalising, motivating and recruiting youngsters in Jammu and Kashmir to support the LeT. He has also been involved in terror funding, the ministry said.

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 39.4°C Min: 24.6°C

Humidity

Max : 35 Min : 22

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 21.8°C Min: 11.2°C

Humidity

Max : 62 Min: 59

Sunset : 19:04 Hours

Sunrise : 05:49 Hours

# Will not buy peace in J&K, but will establish it: LG

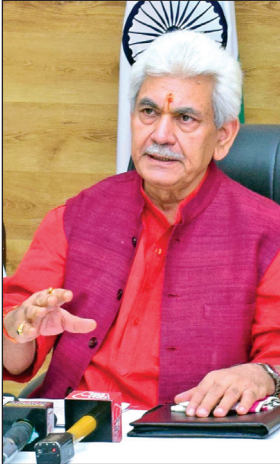
**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said the government is committed to establishing peace in Jammu and Kashmir instead of the "past practice of buying it".

He said the security forces have gained the upper hand in countering terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and are working to destroy the terror ecosystem in the Union Territory.

"We will not buy peace. We will establish peace (in Jammu and Kashmir)", Sinha told reporters at the Raj Bhawan.

Sinha, who was replying to a question about an environment of fear being created in Kashmir by selective killings by terrorists, said the "intention of our administration is very clear that not to buy peace but establish it".

"The era has gone when peace was being bought in Jammu and Kashmir. We will establish it. We want to



destroy ecosystem of terrorism from its roots", he added.

The LG further maintained that it may take time but the government will destroy the terror ecosystem.

"The security forces have the upper hand (over terrorists). This is an accepted fact. Our security forces have been able to break their (terrorists) backbone", he said.

Sinha said that terrorists are attacking soft targets out

of frustration, but it is being taken care of.

He cautioned that such incidents can occur in future as well.

According to an official spokesperson, the Lieutenant Governor, on behalf of the people of Jammu & Kashmir expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Giriraj Singh, for choosing the Union Territory to celebrate the National Panchayati Raj Day, 2022.

In an elaborate interaction with the media persons at the curtain raiser to Prime Minister's visit to Panchayat Palli in Samba district on 24th April, the Lt Governor said that the visit is historic and unprecedented, where PM will address the people of J&K along with all the Gram Sabhas across the country.

"On the occasion of the National Panchayati

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### DG Prosecution gets Addl charge

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Government on Tuesday assigned additional charge to an IPS officer.

"Deepak Kumar, IPS (AGMUT:93), Director General of Prosecution Department J&K and holding additional charge of the post of Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir Police Housing Corporation, shall also hold the charge of the post of Director Prosecution Kashmir, in addition to

**Terrorists fire on SFs in Shopian; arms, ammunition seized in Kupwara**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Terrorists on Tuesday opened fire on security forces guarding a minority village in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district, but there was no report of any damage, officials said here.

The ultras opened fire towards a bunker of the security forces guarding a village inhabited by members

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# J&K's security situation better than before: DGP



along with the police chief visited Palli panchayat, the venue of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit on National Panchayat Day on April 24, to oversee the arrangements.

Asked about the recent spurt in terror attacks, including the latest killing of a Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel in south Kashmir's Pulwama district and owing of the attack by two terror groups, he said, they are all basically Lashar-e-Taiba (LeT) affiliates who

are indulging in such activities on the directions from their handlers across the border.

It is like mushroom growth in the rainy season. Such types of groups have no existence on ground and one action is claimed by four groups. We are alive to the situation and those actually involved are being identified and we are hopeful neutralising them soon, he said.

The DGP said police had got solid clues with regard to Monday's attack on RPF personnel and those involved in the incident will be brought to justice soon.

He referred to the recent killing of two Pakistani terrorists involved in an attack on CRPF party in Srinagar and said, "When local stooges fail, they are replaced by Pakistani terrorists who are given fake Aadhar cards (to move freely). Both the terrorists were killed within seven days after

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# Launch pads active across LoC; Pak army uses ceasefire to strengthen its defence

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: About 60-80 terrorists, believed to be Afghan returned mercenaries, are getting trained at reactivated launch pads across the Line of Control (LoC) and are expected to push into Kashmir during the summer, officials here said.

The officials, however, feel that Pakistan will have to think several times before pushing them into the Indian side as Islamabad continues to be in the "grey list" of the Financial Action Task Force, and its sincerity could be gauged if it dismantles the

terror infrastructure.

The officials said that after the 2019 pounding by the Indian army, the Pakistani side steered clear of the launch pads till early months of last year when they briefly emerged for some weeks and later disappeared again.

However, from August last year around 60-80 terrorists are present at these re-activated launch pads across the LoC and according to intelligence inputs and monitoring by the field units, the terrorists seem to be Afghan war returnees who are mostly Pakistani mercenaries.

The LoC has been witness-

ing ceasefire since last February and officials said that the Pakistani army, after facing severe reverses in 2019, has used this time for fortification of its positions along the border with around 8,000 tonnes of defence material.

The Pakistani army has also moved in around 60 heavy caliber guns besides strengthening its air defence system, artillery and mortars while taking advantage of the ceasefire which has been holding good since last year, the officials said.

They said that while the Indian Army maintains

strategic advantage along the LoC, the time has also been used for further strengthening its position to ensure that designs of Pakistani army to push in terrorists during approaching summer is foiled.

The officials said that the anti-infiltration grid and surveillance along the LoC has been further beefed up to meet all kinds of challenges.

Following talks between the Directors General of Military Operations of India and Pakistan over hotline, a joint statement was issued on February 25, 2021 in

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# DG J&K Funds Org among 12 Directors Finance reshuffled

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Government on Tuesday transferred Director General (DG), J&K Funds Organization among 12 Finance Directors.

According to the order issued by Atal Dulloo, Financial Commissioner/ Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Parvez Sajad Sofi, Director General, J&K Funds Organization has been posted as Director General, Local Fund Audit & Pensions, J&K; Rajesh Talwar, Director Finance, SKUAST, Jammu as Director Finance, Law, Justice & Parliamentary

Affairs Department; Neeraj Gupta Bakshi, Director, Accounts & Treasuries, Jammu as Director Funds Organization, J&K; Shaheen Mohd Ashraf, Director, Accounts & Treasuries, Kashmir as Director Finance, ARI & Trainings Department; Rajesh Chander Kotwal, Director Finance, Industries & Commerce Department as Director, Accounts & Treasuries, Jammu; Suresh Kumar Koul, Director Finance, ARI & Trainings Department as Director Finance, Industries & Commerce Department;

Reyaz Ahmad Shah, Director Finance, General Administration Department as Director Finance, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj; Ashok Kumar, Director Finance, Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs Department as Director Finance, General Administration Department; Ab. Hamid Kumar, Director Finance, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj as Director, Accounts & Treasuries, Kashmir; Madan Lal, Director Finance,

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### Rare TMJ surgery done in Army dental unit in Jammu

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a first, a 15-year-old girl was operated for Temporomandibular joint (TMJ) ankylosis in an army dental unit here, a defence spokesman said on Tuesday.

The patient, daughter of a serving Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO), was operated by Dr V Gopalakrishnan and his team in an Army Dental Unit, under the leadership and guidance of Dr Kavita Makkar, the spokesman said.

He said this was the first such case which has been operated in a peripheral centre. The girl had a fall

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# Hawala Transaction: Ex-Sports Minister Babu Singh's bail plea dismissed



court observed.

On April 9, the police had arrested Babu Singh for his alleged role in Hawala case and subsequently shifted to Jammu for questioning.

On April 6, the police had issued a lookout notice against Singh after his name surfaced in the case on March 31 when the police arrested four people, reportedly part of a hawala racket.

Rs 7 lakh had been seized from Mohd Shareef Shah (64), who was arrested in Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. The money was reportedly meant to be handed over to Babu Singh. The police had claimed the money was meant for subversive and anti-national activities.

Mohd Shareef Shah had disclosed that he was tasked by Singh to collect money from a person named Omer in Srinagar. He revealed the names of his local and overseas associates - Javed and Khatib from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and

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# Dr Jitendra oversees trial run of solar plant in Samba village

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh on Tuesday oversaw the trial run of Solar Plant installed in Samba village of Panchayat Palli, which is the venue of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's programme to mark "Panchayati Raj Divas" on the 24th of this month.

The 500 Kilowatt Solar Plant has been completed and installed in a record time of 18 days by Central Electronics Limited (CEL), a PSE under the Union Ministry of Science & Technology, headed by Dr Jitendra Singh.

With this Solar Plant becoming operational, the village with about 348 households will become carbon-free.



The Minister was accompanied by Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament and Chetan Prakash Jain, CMD, Central Electronics Limited (CEL) in Union Ministry of Science & Technology which had taken the responsibility of installing a solar plant at a short notice on the eve of the Prime Minister's visit. A

team of around a dozen senior scientists and senior officers from the Union Ministry of Science & Technology were also present at the site during the Minister's visit.

Dr Jitendra added that the 500 Kilowatt Solar Plant installed on a total area of 6,408 square metres will provide clean electricity and light to

over 340 houses in the Panchayat. He said, a twenty-five member team had been working round the clock to complete the Rs 2.75 crore project. He said the electricity generated will be distributed to the village, having a daily requirement of about 2,000 units through the local grid power station.

It may be recalled that a series of meetings were held in New Delhi between Union Ministers Dr Jitendra and Giriraj Singh to fine-tune Exhibition themes for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Jammu event in the last fortnight.

Dr Jitendra said that senior officers from different participating Ministries and Departments of Government of India that took part in the meeting included Rural Development, Panchayati Raj and six science Departments of Science & Technology, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Biotechnology, Space, Atomic

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## Sitharaman for regulating crypto at global level to check money laundering, terror funding



**■ AGENCY**  
WASHINGTON: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday made a strong case for regulating cryptocurrencies at a global level to mitigate the risk of money laundering and terror funding.

Participating at a high-level panel discussion organised by the IMF, the Finance

Minister said that as long as the non-governmental activity of the crypto assets was through unhosted wallets, the regulation was going to be very difficult.

However, she said, cross border payments between countries will become very effective through Central Bank-driven digital currencies.

"The risk which worries me more on the non-governmental domain is essentially you're looking at unhosted wallets across the borders, across the globe... So, regulation cannot be done by a single country within its terrain through some effective method and for doing it across the borders, technology doesn't have a

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