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Govt constitutes committee for restructuring of JKEDI

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government on Thursday constituted committee for restructuring of the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI).

"Sanction is hereby accorded to the constitution of Committee, for restructuring of the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship

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Terrorism biggest form of human rights violation: Amit Shah



Home Minister, Amit Shah addressing at 13th Raising Day ceremony of NIA in New Delhi.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Terrorism is the biggest form of human rights violation and action

Two J&K BJP leaders arrested for demanding money for release of detainee

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Two BJP leaders, including a district president, were arrested on Thursday in Jammu and Kashmir's Baniptora on charges of extorting money from a woman for getting her brother released, officials said.

They have been identified as BJP's district president Baniptora Abdul Rehman Tikri and sarpanch Mushtaq Ahmad, the officials said.

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Zubair gets addl charge of Admin Secy Planning

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government on Friday assigned additional charge to JKAS officer. "Zubair Ahmad, JKAS, shall hold the charge of Administrative Secretary, Planning, Development and Monitoring Department, in addition to his own duties, till Sushma Chauhan, IAS resumes her duties or till further orders, whichever is

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 34.0°C Min: 25.0°C

Humidity

Max : 42 Min : 33

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 13.6°C Min: 10.0°C

Humidity

Max : 93 Min: 69

Sunset : 19:05 Hours

Sunrise : 05:56 Hours

Despite COVID, Rs 52,088 Cr investment proposals approved for J&K: LG

Says SFs succeeded in breaking backbone of terror eco-system; invites saints, devotees of Kashi for Amarnath Yatra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
VARANASI: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said that under the leadership of Prime Minister and Home Minister, "we have approved investment proposals of Rs 52,088 crore in just one year from March 2021 to April 15, 2022, despite Covid pandemic, creating immense employment opportunities for our youths."

"Our security forces have succeeded in breaking the backbone of the eco-system of terrorism and a record number of tourists from across the country are coming to J&K", Sinha said while launching a book titled 'Vastu Botany', authored by Dr. Kunwar Sawhney, founder of Kashi Academy for Holistic Innovation, at the Malaviya Mulya Anushilan Kendra, BHU, Varanasi, adding that in the last six months, 80 lakh tourists and pilgrims visited the UT, which in itself



LG Manoj Sinha addressing at the book launch ceremony at BHU Varanasi on Thursday.

Sinha launches night parking facility at Jammu & Srinagar Airports

JAMMU/ SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Thursday launched the Night Parking Facility at Jammu and Srinagar Airports which will ensure late night and early morning take-offs from the airports.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor said that the significant initiative will ease Air travelling for all with multiplier effect on the hospitality industry.

"I congratulate the Airport authorities, officials and the people of J&K for the operationalisation of new Night Parking facilities of Go First aircraft at Jammu

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Top LeT commander Yousuf Kantroo among three terrorists eliminated

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Top Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander Yousuf Kantroo, one of the longest surviving terrorists in the Valley, was among three terrorists killed in Baramulla district on Thursday, police said.

Kantroo was involved in the killings of several security forces personnel as well as civilians and was among the top 10 most wanted ultras in the Kashmir valley, they said. With Kantroo's killing, the security forces achieved a major success, a police



spokesman said. He said acting on specific information about the presence of terrorists in the

Five Dy Directors among 27 finance officers transferred

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Government on Thursday transferred five Deputy Directors among 27 officers of Finance Department

According to the order issued by Atal Dulloo, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Finance Department, Haroon Ahmad Bhat, Deputy Director, Audit & Inspections, Srinagar

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AI's Srinagar-Jammu flight delayed after rat sighted onboard; DGCA begins probe

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: A Srinagar-Jammu flight of the Tata group-run Air India was delayed by approximately two hours on Thursday after a rat was sighted onboard the aircraft, officials said.

Aviation regulator DGCA has begun a probe into the incident, officials said.

The flight departed from the Srinagar airport after the rat was removed

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Rajnath asks Army to prepare for every possible security challenge



by the defence ministry.

On the process to set up theatre commands, Singh said it is the need of the hour.

"The formalisation of integrated theatre command is the need of the hour and I am happy with the progress being made towards the same. I have full confidence in the senior military leadership," he said.

"The nation is proud of its Army and the government is committed to facilitating the Army in their forward movement, on the road to reforms

and capability modernisation," Singh said.

Referring to the situation along the Western borders, he complimented the Indian Army's response to cross border terrorism when the proxy war by the adversary continues.

The defence minister also complimented the Army Chief Gen MM Naravane for successfully leading the Army in the last two-and-half years of his tenure.

Singh also noted that the present complex world situation could affect everyone globally and that "unconventional and asymmetric warfare, including hybrid war will be part of the future conventional wars."

He said cyber, information, communication, trade and finance sectors have all become an inseparable part of future conflicts and such a scenario will require the Armed forces to keep all these facets in

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Formal order issued for 50 pc remission in stamp duty for first-time property buyers in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Thursday issued the formal order for 50 percent remission in stamp duty for first-time buyers of real estate in the housing sector in the union territory.

On February 25, the Administrative Council (AC), which had met under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, had approved the remission in stamp duty for first-time property buyers.

"In exercise of power conferred by stamps act, the

government hereby directs that there shall be remission of fifty percent (50) of duty chargeable under the said act for the first time buyers or lessees on purchase or lease of more than 20 years of immovable residential property or apartment or house or a residential plot from any agency of government, or development authority of from developer of project approved by RERA," said a notification issued by Additional Chief Secretary, Finance, Atal Dulloo. The Housing and

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Two killed, 28 injured as bus falls into gorge in Udhampur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR/JAMMU: Two persons were killed and twenty-eight others injured when a bus carrying a marriage party skidded off the road and rolled down into a deep gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district, officials said on Thursday.

The accident took place near Rang-Udak village late on Wednesday night, they said, adding the bus was on its way to Bland village.

Two persons were killed on the spot while twenty-eight others sustained injuries, the officials said.

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Adopt 'nation-first' approach to decision making: Modi to civil servants

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Emphasising a "nation-first" approach to decision-making, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said there cannot be any compromise on the unity and integrity of the country and even decisions at the local level should be made on this touchstone.

Addressing civil servants on the 15th Civil Services Day at Vigyan Bhawan here, he said every decision should be evaluated on the basis of its capacity to strengthen the country's unity and integrity. Modi said in the

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Anantnag bags PM's Award for Excellence in Public Administration



PM Narendra Modi conferring Award for Excellence in Public Admn to DC Anantnag Dr Piyush Singla. MoS PMO Dr. Jitendra Singh is also seen.

ANANTNAG: Prime Minister Narendra Modi conferred the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration on Thursday on the occasion of 15th Civil Services Day at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi to Dr Piyush Singla, Deputy Commissioner

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CBI raids IAS officer Navin Choudhary's 2 residences, 12 other locations; documents showing huge investments seized

■ VIVEK SHARMA

JAMMU/NEW DELHI: The Central Bureau of Investigations (CBI) on Thursday registered two FIRs in connection with corruption allegations levelled by former Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik in the awarding of contracts of a Group Medical Insurance scheme for government employees and another civil works worth Rs 2,200 crore related to Kiru Hydroelectric Power project in the erstwhile J&K State.

The CBI, after registering the FIRs, carried out searches on Thursday morning at 14 locations in Jammu, Srinagar, Delhi, Mumbai, Noida in Uttar Pradesh, Trivandrum in Kerala and Darbhanga in Bihar.

In Jammu, the CBI sleuths conducted raid at 18-A, Gandhi Nagar, the official residence of senior IAS officer Navin Kumar Choudhary,



CBI team at IAS officer Navin Choudhary's Jammu residence 18-A Gandhi Nagar on Thursday. (Pic by Shilpa Thakur)

former Chairman of Chenab Valley Power Projects (P) Ltd, presently posted as Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare. Simultaneously, a similar raid was also conducted at Choudhary's house at Darbanga in

Bihar. CBI sleuths informed that besides incriminating documents seized from Choudhary residence, the CBI team has seized a large number of papers related to investments made by the senior IAS officer. Number

CBI registers two FIRs related to graft allegations by former J&K Guv Satya Pal Malik

of electronic gadgets including iPads, laptops and Tabs have also been recovered. Initially, Choudhary reportedly misbehaved with the raiding team, however, the professional investigators of CBI handled the situation and professionally conducted the searches and seized many valuable documents.

Sources informed that the investments in insurance companies and mutual funds will only lead to another FIR related to the possession of assets disproportionate to his income. The entire seized record is being scrutinized by the experts, said CBI officials.

The CBI has named Reliance General Insurance and Trinity Re-Insurance Brokers Limited as accused in its FIR related to a con-

troversial health insurance scheme for Jammu and Kashmir government employees reportedly cleared by Malik in the state administrative council meeting on August 31, 2018.

"...unknown officials of Finance Department of Government of Jammu and Kashmir by abusing their official position in conspiracy and connivance with Trinity Reinsurance Brokers Ltd, Reliance General Insurance Company Ltd and other unknown public servants and private persons have committed the offences of criminal conspiracy and criminal misconduct to cause pecuniary advantage to themselves and caused wrongful loss to state exchequer during the period 2017

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Apni Party Women Wing VP detained for cheating; released

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu City police on Thursday evening detained Apni Party Women Wing Vice President Pavneet Kour for her alleged involvement in cheating and fraud cases.

FIR 20/2022 was registered against Pavneet Kour, wife of Harpreet Singh, resident of Rampura, Nai Basti, under section 420 of IPC at Residency Police Post under the jurisdiction of City Police Station. The complaint was lodged by one Deepa Kumari, wife of Rajkumar, resident of Residency Road, Jammu against Pavneet Kour.

According to FIR, Pavneet opened a computer coaching centre in area and allegedly after taking money

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