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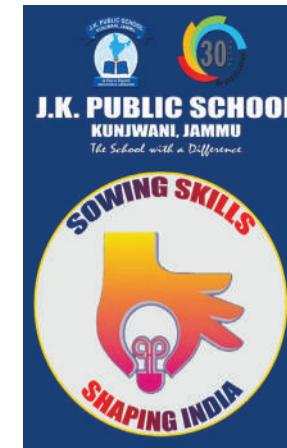
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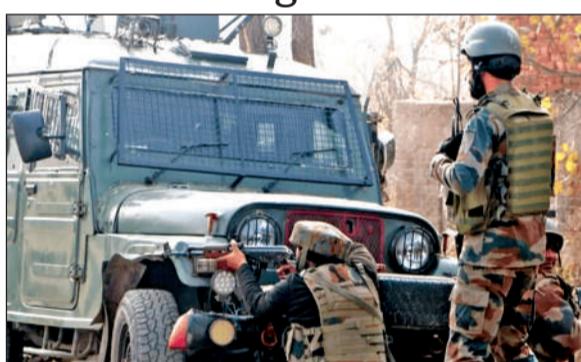
Railway Police ASI injured in terror attack dies

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: An assistant sub-inspector of the Railway Protection Force (RPF), who was injured in an attack by terrorists, died at a hospital here on Saturday, officials said.

Terrorists had opened fire on two RPF personnel at Kakpora in south Kashmir's Pulwama district on Monday, martyring one.

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Pakistani terrorist among 2 killed in Kulgam encounter



■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A Pakistani terrorist of the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit was among two ultras killed in an encounter with security forces in Kulgam district on Saturday, police said.

Security forces launched a

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7 Lombardars, 1 Chowkidar dismissed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
ANANTNAG: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag Dr Piyush Singh on Saturday ordered the immediate dismissal of seven Lombardars and one Chowkidar of Tehsils Anantnag and Bijbehara following their involvement in encroachment of State, Kahehara land.

Dr Singh said that there

had been reports regarding

land grabbing by lumber-

ders/ chowkidars and taking

cognizance of these reports

action in the matter has been

initiated.

Advocating a no non-

sense approach, he said that

persons who fail to deliver to

their assigned tasks and

whose actions are counter-

productive to public interest

will be taken to task as per

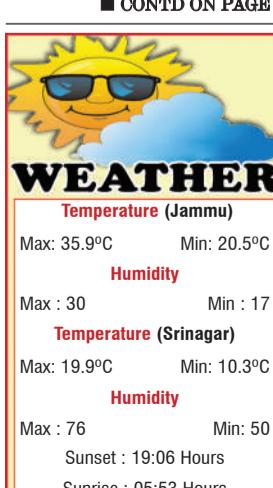
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Distt Capex Budget 2022-23

LG approves Rs 22,126.93 Cr for equitable development of J&K



LG Manoj Sinha chairing a meeting of District Capex Budget 2022-23 in Jammu.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In yet another historic decision, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday approved Rs. 22,126.93 Cr District Capex Budget 2022-23, more than 75% since last year, for the equitable development of Jammu and Kashmir.

The unprecedented District Capex Budget covers all 20 districts of the Union Territory.

Highlighting the key features of the District Capex

HIGHLIGHTS

- Budget 75 pc more than previous financial year
- Rs. 1000 Cr for Panchayats, Rs. 200 Cr for DDCs, Rs. 71.25 Cr for BDCs
- Massive allocation of Rs. 10914.08 Cr under JJM
- Rs. 3814.42 Cr earmarked under MGNREGA
- Rs. 1529.59 Cr under PMAY-G for rural housing
- Rs. 2001.12 Cr earmarked under PMGSY
- Rs. 47.53 Cr allocated under BADP

Budget, at a high level meeting here, the Lt Governor

observed that the Plan has been finalized by adopting a

Bottom-up approach with active involvement of Panchayats, BDCs, and DDCs. The key objective of District Plan is the empowerment of Panchayati Raj System and to strengthen grass root level democracy through participatory management, he added.

In order to strengthen PRIs, Rs. 1000 Cr has been allocated for Panchayats, Rs. 200 Cr for DDCs and Rs. 71.25 Cr for BDCs, the Lt Governor observed.

The Lt Governor further said that it was with the active participation of PRIs, we were able to achieve record-breaking milestone of completing 51,891 projects in the last FY. These achievements are unprecedented and would not have been possible without dedication and teamwork of the PRIs, officials and other stakeholders. Timely

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JAMMU: Two Kashmiri residents were nabbed in connection with the Sunjwan encounter that left two suicide bombers of the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) outfit dead, a senior police officer said on Saturday.

Addressing the media persons, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Mukesh Singh said with the killing of these two suicide bombers, another Pulwama-type attack has been averted.

These terrorists were planned to carry out fidayeen attacks in Jammu.

After the killing of two terrorists, the police was looking for two more conspirators involved in the planning and transportation of the two heavily-armed terrorists from Sapwal in Samba district to Jammu.

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FIR 115 registered under section 302/307/120-B, 121-A IPC, 7/27 Arms Act and 16/18/20 ULA of Police Station Bahu Fort Jammu, J&K Police, on the basis of technical analysis, succeeded in effecting the arrest

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PM to inaugurate, lay foundation stone of projects worth Rs 20k Cr in J&K today



Modi is scheduled to attend the Master Deenath Mangeshkar Awards Ceremony in Mumbai later in the evening where he will receive the first Lata Deenath Mangeshkar Award, the statement said.

The award has been instituted in the memory of Lata Mangeshkar and will be given every year to a person for exemplary contribution towards nation building, it noted.

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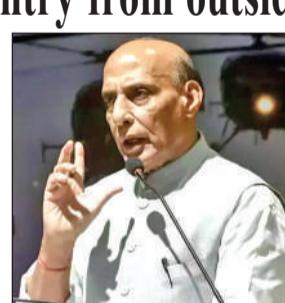
In the statement on Modi's visit to Jammu and Kashmir, the PMO said the government has been focussed on bringing about wide ranging reforms to substantially improve governance and enhance ease of living for the people of the region at an unprecedented pace following the "constitutional reforms" of August 2019, a reference to the abrogation of Article 370 and making the erstwhile state into a union territory.

The projects being inaugurated or whose foundation stones will be laid in this visit will go a long way in facilitating basic amenities, ensuring ease of mobility and development of infrastructure in the region, it said.

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India will not hesitate to cross border if terrorists target country from outside: Rajnath



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GUWAHATI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday asserted that India would not hesitate to act against terrorists who target the country from across the border.

Speaking at a programme, where Assam-based veterans of 1971 India-Pakistan War were felicitated, Singh said the government was working to wipe out terrorism from the country.

He said the search operation turned into an encounter

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the world can do anything to bow down the head of Bharat Mata' (Mother India)."

Taking a dig at a section of opposition leaders who had questioned the Army's role in the matter, Singh said such criticism demoralised soldiers and hurt the sentiments of people.

"I am regularly in contact with chiefs of our armed forces. I told them what I had to and they did what they had to. They have kept Bharat Mata's head held high," he added. Singh also said that the eastern

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J&K reports 3 fresh COVID cases

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday reported three fresh Covid cases-two from the Jammu division and one from the Valley, thus taking the total number of positive cases to 453978 in the Union Territory.

According to the daily Media Bulletin, out of 453978 positive cases, 50 are Active Positive (25 in Jammu Division and 25 in Kashmir Division), 449177 have recovered and 4751 have died; 2328 in Jammu division and 2423 in Kashmir division. The Bulletin

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Minimum wages of daily wagers, casual labourers hiked

Enhancement to Rs. 300 from Existing Rs. 225 an interim measure

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday approved hike in minimum wages of the daily wagers including the casual labourers, in all government departments from existing Rs. 225 per day to Rs. 300 per day as an interim measure till the minimum wage rates are revised by the Labour and Employment department.

The Labour and Employment department has intimated that the process shall be completed within 3 months.

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64 Start-Ups registered with CSIR-IIIM Jammu: Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh during an interactive meet with a group of Start-Ups registered with CSIR-IIIM, Jammu on Saturday.

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JAMMU: 64 Start-Ups have already registered with CSIR-IIIM Jammu and a fresh impetus has been given to promote StartUp as an alternative source of livelihood, with financial, technical and logistic support being provided by Union Ministry of Science & Technology through its different agencies and departments. Out of these 64 Start-Ups, 14 have developed products and 4 have already reached the market.

This was disclosed here today by 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, while inaugurating CSIR-IIIM Jammu's Bio-NEST-Bioincubator this morning, which will offer alternative

sources of livelihood to thousands of youth in the region.

Bio-NEST was launched by Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) to foster the biotech innovation ecosystem in the country. Unlike Start-Ups in the IT sector, enterprising ideas in the biotech sector need incubation support of a different

kind where they need a landing space to test their ideas, run their operations, have access to high end instruments and locate in a place where they connect with other start-ups and mentors. Bio-NEST program provides support to establish bio-incubators either as a standalone entity or as a part of academia.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that the 64 Start-Ups registered with CSIR-IIIM, Jammu are based on people centric projects, 14 products have been developed and four have already reached the market. With this rapid speed, IIIM would now be accelerating the process of registering more new start-ups, the Minister said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that the Inauguration of Bio-NEST-Bioincubator and interaction with Start-Ups will give a fillip to the Technology Exhibition at PM's rally, as Narendra Modi is scheduled to grace the nationwide "Panchayati Raj Diwas" celebrations at Palli in Samba district tomorrow. He said, the event will motivate Start-Ups and help create awareness about enormous new avenues of livelihood being availed across the country but not receiving enough attention in this region due

to lack of awareness. Dr Jitendra conveyed to the start-up entrepreneurs that this institute of national importance has heralded Aroma Mission, which has opened up new avenues of employment and self-reliance in the region. He said, Lavender has gained huge popularity among the farmers of the region as Filtration, oil products and waste repurposing are emerging new paths for the population in the region. The Minister explained that this is a path-breaking achievement of the current economy as there is a huge demand in the country and overseas and can earn valuable foreign exchange for the country as well.

Dr Jitendra said, there is a need for widespread publicity that IIIM Jammu was helping the Start-Ups in aroma and lavender farming to sell their produce. Prominent companies like Mumbai based Ajmal Biotech

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