

02 3 arrested for selling expired/outdated ration, 3 vehicles seized

03 JKPS Kunjwani celebrates Earth Day

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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

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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

7 Lambardars, 1 Chowkidar dismissed

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

Dr Singla said that there had been reports regarding land grabbing by lumberdars/ 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 law.

As per the order issued, the Lumberdars/ Chowkidars instead of protecting

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 35.9°C Min: 20.5°C

Humidity

Max : 30 Min : 17

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 19.9°C Min: 10.3°C

Humidity

Max : 76 Min: 50

Sunset : 19:06 Hours

Sunrise : 05:53 Hours

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

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Sunday inaugurate and lay foundation stone of development projects worth over Rs 20,000 crore in Jammu and Kashmir, including the opening of the Banihal-Qazigund road tunnel to establish all-weather connectivity between the two regions of the union territory.

Modi is travelling there to participate in the celebration for the National Panchayati Raj Day and address 'Gram Sabhas' across the country, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a statement. He will also visit Pelli Panchayat in Samba district.

Seeking to develop and rejuvenate 75 water bodies in every district of the country, the prime minister will launch a new initiative named 'Amrit Sarovar', it said.



Modi is scheduled to attend the Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Awards Ceremony in Mumbai later in the evening where he will receive the first Lata Deenanath 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.

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, 50are Active Positive (25 in Jammu Division and 25 in Kashmir Division), 449177 have recovered and 4751 have died; 2328 in Jammu division and 2423in 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 wages are revised by the Labour and Employment department.

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

"Daily wagers are playing significant role in the development of UT with exemplary commitment and dedication to work. The interim measure has been taken to benefit a sizable portion of the workforce. We are firmly committed to ensure the welfare and well-being of all Daily wagers and the government will leave no stone unturned to establish principles of equality, welfare, and social justice in the governance," the Lt Governor said.

It is pertinent to mention that Labour

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3 technicians of SKIMS, six employees of Associated Hospitals suspended, enquiry ordered

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Additional Director SKIMS, Gulzar Ahmad Shabnum on Saturday suspended three technicians Mohammad Amin, Mohammad Yaseen Wani and Parminder Kour of Gastroenterology Department of SKIMS for remaining unauthorisedly absent from duties.

The suspended technicians have been attached with the office of Additional Director, SKIMS till pending enquiry. HOD Gastroenterology department, Prof. Mohammad Altaf Shah

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Pulwama-type attack averted: JeM terrorists planned to carry out fidayeen attacks

Sunjwan encounter; two Kashmiris arrested for conspiracy, transportation of suicide bombers



Addl DGP Mukesh Singh briefing the media persons in Jammu.

One of the arrested terror supporter told police that slain terrorists were Pashto-speaking either from a village in Pakistan bordering Afghanistan or from Afghanistan itself

rorists were Pashto-speaking either from a village in Pakistan bordering Afghanistan or from Afghanistan itself, Singh told reporters.

Addl DGP Mukesh Singh further said that during the course of investigation of

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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NIA Chief visits Sunjwan encounter site J&K under thick security blanket ahead of PM's visit

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: NIA chief Kuldip Singh on Saturday visited Jammu's Sunjwan area where two suicide bombers of banned Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) were killed in a fierce gunfight with security forces ahead of the Prime Minister's visit, officials said.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) chief, who reached Jammu on Friday evening, was accompanied by Inspector General of CRPF, Jammu sector, P S Ranpise.

Singh, who is also the Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force, was briefed about the gun battle by CRPF officers, including Commandant of 38th Battalion Dharendra Verma, the officials said.

The NIA Director General also visited the venue of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public rally at Pelli panchayat in Samba district and reviewed the security situation, they said.

Besides the two terrorists, a Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) officer died in the gunfight that took place near an Army camp in Sunjwan on Friday. Nine security personnel were also injured as forces engaged the terrorists after they attacked a bus carrying CISF personnel.

"Yes, a major attack was thwarted (by security forces)," Singh said after receiving the briefing about the encounter. Asked

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

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

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 StartUps, 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 BioNEST-Bioincubator this morning, which will offer alternative



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

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 instrumentations 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 BioNEST-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 Divas" celebrations at Pelli 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 forex 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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