

ROZA TIMING

SEHR TIME:
04:08 (MAY 5)

IFTAAR TIME:
07:15 (MAY 4)

STATE TIMES

THE BOLD VOICE OF J&K NOW IN DELHI

RNI No. : 66908/96
Regd. No. JK/346/2019/2021

Vol. 26 Issue 122 • Jammu • Tuesday • May 4, 2021 • Pages 12 • ₹ 3.00
Air surcharge 50 paise for Leh

Amandeep Multispecialty OPD Clinic

Marble Market Extension, Greater Kailash
Chowk, National Highway-1A, Jammu.

ORTHOPAEDIC OPD

Team Dr. Avtar Singh
D.Ortho, MS, MCh Ortho,
Chief Orthopaedic Surgeon
Bone & Joint Replacement Specialist

ENT, HEAD & NECK OPD

(Maj.) Dr. Rajeev Bhagat
Ex-Army Medical Corps, MBBS, MS (ENT)
Army Hospital R&R Delhi

Coming on
5th MAY 2021
FOR APPOINTMENT CALL:
+91-9622965050
visit us at : www.amandeephospital.org

03 Centre augmenting Oxygen Plants, COVID infrastructure in Northeast: Dr Jitendra

09 COVID-19: 629 violators fined, 46 FIRs registered, 81 arrested

10 COVID bursts IPL bubble KKR-RCB match postponed CSK non-playing staff also caught up

Website : www.statetimes.in, Email: statetimes1@gmail.com

J&K records 3,733 fresh COVID cases, 51 deaths

Oxygen demand-supply audit, mobile vaccination to be held, war-rooms put in place

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Monday recorded 3,733 fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the tally to 1,87,219, even as 51 fatalities over the last 24 hours took the death toll to 2,421, officials said.

Out of the fresh cases, 1,294 were from the Jammu division and 2,439 from the Kashmir division of the union territory, they said, adding that while

The officials said Srinagar district recorded the highest of 1,136 cases, followed by 584 in Jammu district and 296 in Pulwama district.

The number of active cases has reached 34,567 in the union territory, while 1,50,231 patients have recovered so far, the officials said.

The death toll in the union territory due to the pandemic rose to 2,421 as 51 fresh deaths - 35 in Jammu region

School Education Deptt issues guidelines on COVID-19 containment measures

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir School Education Department on Monday issued guidelines/instructions on COVID-19 containment measures in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

In pursuance to Government Order No. 27-JK(DMRRR) of 2021 and in continuation to Government Order No. 174-Edu of 2021 dated April 28, 2021, B.K Singh, Administrative Secretary, School Education Department today ordered that all schools shall remain closed for imparting on-campus/in-person education to students till May 31, 2021, except for the courses/programmes that require physical presence of students on account of laboratory/research/thesis work and internship, etc. and teaching in all these institution will be in online mode.

"All schools shall not require in person attendance of any member of staff. The teaching

and 16 in Kashmir valley - were reported in the past 24 hours.

Meanwhile, Chief Secretary, B V R Subrahmanyam chaired the maiden meeting of the COVID Apex Management Group to review the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation

directed constitution of divisional level teams to conduct the audit within two days and specify the requirement of gaseous oxygen to meet the needs of patients in COVID facilities, non-COVID hospitals, private hospitals, and Army hospitals. It was impressed upon the concerned to also include in the audit the estimation for future increase in COVID dedicated beds taking the existing tally from 4200 to 7000; and facilities to be provided at COVID care centres with at least 7000 oxygen-supported beds.

Similarly, to precisely assess the availability of oxygen in the Union territory through in-house production and imports, Divisional Commissioners were asked to constitute divisional level expert committees to conduct the audit of oxygen generation and storage at

and accordingly calibrate strategies for its control and mitigation.

To scientifically ascertain the medical oxygen demand in Jammu and Kashmir; the Chief Secretary directed a detailed audit of oxygen demand across all hospitals and medical institutions. He

Pakistan opens fire along IB in Samba

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Pakistani Rangers violated the ceasefire by opening fire along the International Border (IB) in Samba district on Monday, a senior BSF officer said.

A BSF spokesman said this is first-ever ceasefire violation by Pakistan along the IB after the two countries signed a fresh agreement to maintain calm along the border on February 25 this year.

"Pakistan Rangers resorted to unprovoked firing

LG for constituting COVID Management teams at district, tehsil, block, Panchayat levels

Payments under MGNREGA to be completed within 10 days



LG Manoj Sinha chairing meeting to review district level COVID control measures.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In order to strengthen COVID control efforts across the Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday directed for constituting COVID Management teams consisting of DC, SP, CMO, other senior officers including Principal of the concerned Government Medical College at District level, wherever available, besides local monitoring teams at Block level, Tehsil Level and Panchayat level, for effective COVID management.

The Lieutenant Governor was chairing a meeting with Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police from across the UT, through virtual mode to review the COVID scenario in J&K.

During the meeting, the Lt Governor emphasized on enhanced coordination of officers at district level along with constitution of local monitoring teams.

While reviewing the district-wise status of COVID control measures, the Lt Governor directed the district administrations for speeding up the Vaccination

drive, besides intensifying testing and contacts tracing across the Union Territory.

The Lt Governor asked the DCs and SPs to maintain effective synergy for strict enforcement of restrictions in the areas being declared as Micro Containment Zones and ensure proper functioning of COVID Control rooms in every District.

Keep strict vigil on black marketing and rates of essentials, and ensure stern action against those involved in hoarding of essentials & medicines. Every officer should remain available, through online mode also, for providing public utilities and ensuring that important & routine works do not suffer during restrictions and public do not face any inconvenience, Lt Governor instructed the Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police.

The Lt Governor directed the concerned officers

BJP serves show cause notice to Randhawa for 'tarnishing' party image

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party on Monday served a show-cause notice to former MLC and Pradesh Secretary Vikram Singh Randhawa for "tarnishing" the image of the party in the public and for using unparliamentary language.

Randhawa has been directed to file the reply along with evidence, if any, available with him, within next two days of the issuance of the show cause notice.

"This notice of show cause initiates disciplinary proceedings against you in line with directions of Jammu

Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party President with respect to addressing a press conference and a series of media interactions by you while levelling unfounded allegations against a senior leader of the Party holding responsible position in Union Council of Ministers. More so, the unparliamentary language used by you during this media interaction is highly objectionable" the show-cause notice reads, adding, "More so, this has prima facie tarnished the image of the party, believing strictly in discipline and decency. You are hereby directed to

Crusher owners announce self-immolation

MoS PMO Dr Jitendra 'partner' in J&K mining nexus: Ex MLC BJP

Produce evidence in next 24 hours or face Rs 1 Cr defamation: Minister

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Leveling serious allegations against the Minister of State in Prime Minister's Office Dr Jitendra Singh, a senior BJP leader and former MLC Ch Vikram Singh Randhawa on Monday claimed that his agents are minting money in Jammu from mining smugglers.

Naming one Bharat Sharma as the agent of Dr Jitendra Singh, Ex MLC said that District Mining Officer Jammu Ankur Sachdeva has told him that they pay to Dr Jitendra's agent, Bharat Sharma and



Former MLC Ch Vikram Singh Randhawa briefing media in Jammu.

other senior officers including Senior Superintendent of Police and Divisional Commissioner.

"Notices for lakhs of rupees have been served to us for

Congress attacks BJP over sensational disclosure by its Ex MLC on 'Hafta culture'

Seeks resignation of MoS PMO, Dr Jitendra Singh pending probe

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Pradesh Congress on Monday launched a frontal attack on the BJP following serious allegations of corruption and sensational disclosures made by the BJP State Secretary and former legislator Vikram Randhawa against some senior officers and pointing fingers towards MOS PMO Dr Jitendra Singh.

Demanding immediate resignation or sacking of the Union Minister besides initiating a high-level probe into the alleged nexus, the Congress has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to

act and sack Dr Jatinder Singh. The party has also sought a high level probe into the allegations made by Vikram Randhawa at a press conference in Jammu indicating "hafta culture" by some senior officers with the patronage of higher ups.

In a joint statement, the Congress leaders led by Pradesh President Ghulam Ahmed Mir have hoped that the Prime Minister will set precedence by sacking the minister, as the allegations have been leveled by none other than a senior BJP leader himself. They

Northern Command to set up support system for former personnel, their families in J&K, Ladakh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR : The Northern Command of the Indian Army is setting up a robust support system to take care of its former personnel and their families in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in the wake of the worsening COVID-19 situation in the country.

A defence spokesperson said Northern Command chief Lt Gen Y K Joshi has issued necessary directions to the formations for this.

A network of nodal officers has been put into place to ensure that medical support and appropriate care is proactively provided to veterans and their families, he said.

The emphasis is on the dictum "one for all and all for one", whereby collective effort becomes the key to success in the war against the second wave of COVID-19, the spokesperson said.

"Strict adherence to protocols and timely medical response in support

Three Govt officials dismissed over 'anti-state activities' in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU/SRINAGAR: Three government officials including an assistant professor were dismissed from service over alleged anti-state activities in Jammu and Kashmir.

It's the first such action after the administration formed a committee last month that is empowered to look into allegations of involvement in anti-state activities against government employees and recommend dismissal.

The separate orders against Assistant Professor, Geography, Government

Degree College, Women, Udhampur, Abdul Bari Naik, Naib Tehsildar, Pulwama II, Nazir Ahmad Wani and Teacher Government Middle School, Kralpora (Kupwara) Idrees Jan were uploaded by the General Administration Department (GAD) on its website on Monday.

According to the identical orders, the dismissal of the three officials was directed by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on April 30 under sub-clause (c) of the proviso to clause (2) of Article 311 of the Constitution of India that in the interest of the security of the State, it is not expedient to hold an enquiry in their cases.

Six JKAS officers get special scale

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Government on Monday promoted six selection grade Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Services (JKAS) officers to special scale.

"Sanction is accorded to the promotion of six Selection Grade Officers to Special Scale of Jammu & Kashmir Accounts Service (Rs 123100-215900/Level-13); reads the order issued by Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Financial Commissioner, Finance Department.

The six officers include Meraj Din Chauhan, Archana Kumari, Hemkant Prasher, Neeraj

ACB nabs Principal KV Doda red handed while accepting bribe

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Udhampur has arrested Rajeev Mahajan, Principal Kendriya Vidyalaya, Doda, red handed while accepting bribe here on Monday.

As per an official spokesperson, the ACB received a complaint against Principal Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jodhpur, Doda namely Rajeev Kumar Mahajan, who is also Incharge Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Bhadarwah, wherein it was alleged that complainant had applied for issuance of Transfer

Certificate (TC) of his minor daughter, who is studying at Kendriya Vidyalaya Kishitwar; for her transfer from Kendriya Vidyalaya Kishitwar to Kendriya Vidyalaya Bhadarwah. The Incharge Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya Bhadarwah, Rajeev Kumar Mahajan kept on delaying the matter and demanded Rs 25,000 for managing transfer of complainant's daughter from Kendriya Vidyalaya Kishitwar to Kendriya Vidyalaya Bhadarwah. When complainant explained his inability to pay such a huge amount, the aforesaid

Principal agreed on an amount of Rs 15,000 to do the needful and called complainant to Doda, near Post office along with bribe amount, the spokesperson added.

He further said that the complainant approached Anti Corruption Bureau with complaint regarding demand of bribe. On receipt of complaint, a case vide FIR No.01 of 2021 under Section 7 of PC Act, 1988 of IPC was registered at Police Station ACB, Udhampur and investigation was taken up. A trap team was also constituted,

Lt Governor announces special Financial Incentives for COVID-19 Warriors

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday approved special Financial Incentives for COVID-19 Warriors of Health and Medical Education Department of J&K.

Frontline workers of Health & Medical Education Department, J&K are rendering valuable services in the challenging COVID pandemic times for saving precious lives of the patients, observed the Lt Governor.

Although, the services rendered by these COVID warriors cannot be compensated, still the UT Government has decided to incentivize their

- ▶▶ Grants extension upto 31st December, 2021 in favour of retiring Faculty Members, Consultants, Doctors of SKIMS, GMCs, Health Department
- ▶▶ Incentives exclusively for frontline workers directly dealing with COVID-19 patients
- ▶▶ Rs 10,000 p.m. incentive for Resident doctors, PGs, Medical Officers; Rs 7,000 p.m. for Nursing, Paramedical staff; Rs 5,000 p.m. for Drivers, Sweepers, Attendants

10,000 p.m. for Resident doctors, PGs and Medical Officers; Rs 7,000 p.m. for Nursing and Paramedical staff, and Rs 5,000 p.m. for Drivers, Sweepers and Attendants. The tenure of these incentives shall be initially for a period of 03 months and will be paid from May 2021 onwards.

In view of surge in COVID-19 cases and to give a fillip to available medical services at this crucial juncture, the Lt Governor also granted extension up to 31st December, 2021 in favour of the Faculty Members, Consultants, Doctors working in SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar/Bemina;

Illegal crowd-funding through Facebook continues in Kashmir

Individuals, NGOs' minting money, cheating people in Ramadhan

■ AHMED ALI FAYYAZ
SRINAGAR: With the law enforcement authorities busy in the COVID management, unscrupulous elements in large numbers have started a fresh business of illegal crowdfunding in Kashmir: Ostensibly to support the economically depressed families, many of such individuals manage to get contributions in their own bank accounts and then swindle the collections either fully or partly.

A number of the conscience keepers have alerted the Police and Crime Branch about the suspicious characters looting the gullible people openly through Facebook but neither of the organisations has taken cognizance.

In one of such cases brought to the notice of Deputy Commissioner of Srinagar, Aijaz Assad, an enquiry is underway. Additional Deputy Commissioner Khursheed Ahmad is investigating how some unknown person of Srinagar carried pictures of a family from Mehmoodabad Dooru, Anantnag, on a

Facebook page seeking monetary contributions for the family in a bank account and then vanished with the collections.

According to some knowledgeable persons an amount of Rs 25 lakh to Rs 27 lakh was donated to the bank account given on the Facebook page within two days. Soon it was discovered that the bank account did not belong to the poor family of Dooru. Sources said that at least three identical cases have surfaced in the last 10 days.

"The fraudulent beneficiaries post the picture or video of a poor family; add melancholic audio-visuals effects to it and the narrator makes passionate appeals to the common people to donate money to the same family in the holy month of Ramadhan. Quite a large number of the gullible people take it as genuine and transfer donations to the same account, without knowing that the phone number and the bank account belong to a different person. In some cases, they

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 37.0°C Min: 23.9°C

Humidity
Max : 39 Min : 33

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 28.4°C Min: 11.6°C

Humidity
Max : 57 Min: 42

Sunset : 19:14 Hours
Sunrise : 05:43 Hours

