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Corona Curfew extended till 7 AM on May 10 in Srinagar, Jammu, Baramulla, Budgam

Increase COVID dedicated beds with Oxygen Cylinders support in Peripheral Hospitals: LG



LG Manoj Sinha reviewing COVID-19 control measures in J&K.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In view of the trend in Covid positive cases, the positivity rate and the cases per million, the Corona Curfew in the four districts of Srinagar, Baramulla, Budgam and Jammu, which is in force till 7:00 AM on Thursday, 6th May 2021, will stand extended till 7:00 AM on Monday, 10th May 2021. In addition, Samba district will also be under Corona Curfew from 7:00 PM on Wednesday, 5th May 2021, till 7:00 AM on

Monday, 10th May 2021.

The Corona curfew at night shall continue in all Municipal / Urban Local Body limits of all the districts of the UT, including the above five districts. Night curfew and other restrictions when curfew is not there will continue as before.

The decisions were taken after a detailed assessment of the overall Covid scenario across the Union Territory during a high level meeting chaired by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha here

at Raj Bhavan.

Today's meeting was part of the regular monitoring and assessment of Covid situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

While taking a brief review of the evolving Covid situation in J&K, the Lt Governor took stock of the district wise logistics, trend of daily cases, Covid Testing capacities, recovery rate and active cases in the UT.

He also reviewed the status of Oxygen generation and supply against the required demand, bed occupancy in hospitals, status of vaccination drive under different age groups, containment activity in both the divisions along with District-wise Covid-19 cases.

The Lt Governor directed to increase Covid dedicated beds with oxygen cylinders support in peripheral hospitals. The Lt Governor emphasized on ensuring effective triaging of

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J&K records highest 4,650 fresh COVID cases, 37 deaths

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday recorded its biggest single-day spike with 4,650 fresh COVID cases, taking the tally to 1,91,869, even as 37 fatalities over the last 24 hours took the toll to 2,458, officials said.

Out of the fresh cases, 1,463 were from the Jammu division and 3,187 from the Kashmir division of the union territory, they said.

The officials said Srinagar district recorded the highest of 1,311 cases, followed by 598 in Jammu district and 417 in Anantnag district.

The number of active cases has reached 37,302 in the union territory, while 1,52,109 patients have recovered so far, the officials said.

The death toll in the union territory due to the pandemic rose to 2,458 as 37 fresh deaths - 25 in Jammu region and 12 in Kashmir valley -- were reported during 24 hours.

According to the daily Media Bulletin, out of 191869 positive cases, 37302



are Active Positive, 152109 have recovered and 2458 have died; 1006 in Jammu division and 1452 in Kashmir division. The Bulletin further said that out of 7418169 test results available, 7226300 samples have been tested as negative till 4th May, 2021.

Till date 184022 persons have been enlisted for observation which included 90390 persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 37302 in isolation and 114217 in home surveillance.

Besides, 1599655 persons have completed their surveillance period.

Two terrorists killed in Bomai Sopore encounter

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two terrorists were killed in an encounter with security forces in Bomai Sopore in Baramulla district on Tuesday, police said.

The security forces had launched a cordon-and-search operation at Nathipora in the Bomai area of Baramulla after receiving information about the presence of some terrorists there, a police official said.

As the forces were conducting the searches, the terrorists fired upon them. The forces retaliated, and in the ensuing encounter, two terrorists were killed, the official said, adding that terrorists have been identified as a local LeT terrorist Wasim Ahmed Lone, resident of Hatlangoo Sopore and a foreign terrorist Hamas alias Asrar alias Saria who was active since March 2018 in North Kashmir.

He added that searches were going on in the area. "One foreign terrorist involved in killing of two councillors and a policeman



is trapped in the encounter," Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said in a tweet earlier.

As per police records, both the killed terrorists were part of groups involved in several terror crimes including planning and executing of attacks on security establishments. Moreover, killed terrorist Hamas was also the mastermind of Sopore terror incident along with terrorist Mudasar Pandit @Maaz dated 29/03/2021 in which two Municipal Councillors and a policeman got mar-

tyred. Arms and ammunition including 01 AK-47 rifle, 01 Insas rifle & other incriminating materials were recovered from the site of encounter. Further search is in progress.

The last rites of the killed terrorists shall be performed after conducting medico-legal formalities and the nearest family members of local terrorist shall be allowed to participate in the last rites. In this connection police have registered a

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Retiring doctors to get extension till Dec 31

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Amid a surge in Corona virus cases, the Jammu and Kashmir government on Tuesday announced to extend till December 31 the services of all doctors who are due to retire on or before November 30, officials said.

This announcement was made by Financial Commissioner (Health and Medical Education) Atal Dulloo.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has extended the service of all doctors, faculty and consultants of

SKIMS, GMCs and Health department who are retiring from May 1 to November 30, 2021 till 31st December, Dulloo said.

This will be an extension in their service. Besides, the tenure of doctors on tenure posts such as residents, registrars etc will also be extended till 31st December wherever these tenures are ending earlier, he said.

This will help improve the availability of doctors keeping in view the surge in COVID 19 cases, he said.

Less cases more deaths in Jammu Division 102 of 333 deaths in GMC Jammu alone in 10 days

■ VIVEK SHARMA

JAMMU: With the premier Government Medical College Hospital Jammu turning into epicenter of COVID deaths in the recent past, reports of low pressure oxygen during nights is reported to be one of the factors for alarming fatalities-102 in the past 10 days.

Efforts of obtaining official confirmation failed as the management could not be reached on telephone despite repeated attempts.

As per the statistics, the Jammu division is accounting more deaths despite lower number of cases

reported during the past ten days compared to the Valley where more people have tested positive to the infection.

Out of 333 deaths across the Union territory during the past 10 days, 102 fatalities were reported from the GMC alone.

Since April 25, the spike in deaths is continuously reported in the GMC with five corona related fatalities taking place on April 25, six on April 26, seven on April 27, six on April 28, seven on

April 29, nine on April 30, 13 on May 1, 15 on May 2, 24 on May 3. However on May 4, ten deaths were reported.

The alarming mortality rate in the GMC has caused panic among the people, who look towards the institution as only hope during the obtaining grimmer times. The reports about low pressure oxygen during nights have added to the anxieties of the citizens.

A senior doctor in the GMC

►► Low pressure oxygen during nights suspected as cause of fatalities

Jammu, on the condition of anonymity, told STATE TIMES that most of the deaths have taken place during night hours in GMC Jammu, primarily due to low pressure oxygen.

As the GMC Jammu lacks skilled and trained staff for night deployments, there is generally steep decrease in pressure of oxygen cylinders, which leads to deaths, he said. The recent audit of the oxygen pipes in

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Amid violence against BJP workers Chugh rushes to Bengal

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

CHANDIGARH: Amid reports widespread violence against the BJP workers causing death of about a dozen of them, the BJP National President JP Nadra has asked National General Secretary Tarun Chugh to rush to Bengal to take stock of the situation.

Chugh said there seems to be a conspiracy to cow down and intimidate people, who supported the BJP in elections.

He said the jungle raj of Mamata Banerjee has been let loose in Bengal and the BJP would fight it tooth and nail. Chugh said he would take stock of the ground situation



and give a detailed report to the party president.

He said it's a shame that the TMC workers have been indulging in violence even after the mandate has gone their way. "TMC is making criminal mockery of democracy", said Chugh adding that the BJP won't take it lying down.

Ashwani posted as Administrator, Associated Hospitals

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Tuesday transferred two KAS officers. "In view of the emerging situation due to outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19), Ashwani Khajuria, KAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration

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Petrol price up 15 paise, diesel 18 paise

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Petrol price on Tuesday was increased by 15 paise per litre and diesel by 18 paise as state-owned fuel retailers started passing on the increase in international oil prices to consumers after an 18-day hiatus.

Petrol now costs Rs 90.55 per litre in Delhi, up from Rs 90.40, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers.

A litre of diesel comes for Rs 80.91, as against

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 34.2°C Min: 26.1°C

Humidity
Max: 57 Min: 52

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 24.3°C Min: 13.4°C

Humidity
Max: 63 Min: 57

Sunset : 19:15 Hours
Sunrise : 05:42 Hours

Legal notice on behalf of Dr Jitendra served to Ex-MLC Randhawa

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A legal notice on behalf of Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh was served on Tuesday to former MLC and BJP Secretary Vikram Randhawa for making defamatory allegations against him.

The notice seeks unconditional apology for the same failing which legal proceedings for criminal defamation and damages for Rs 1 Crore will be initiated against Vikram Randhawa.

The legal notice served through Advocates Jeevesh Nagrath and Chandan Dutta states, "Dr. Jitendra Singh,

son of Late Sh. Rajinder Singh, resident of 4, Kushak Road, New Delhi ('Our Client'), is a respected citizen of India and a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party and he has a spotless, unblemished and impeccable reputation, respect and standing in the society".

Dr Jitendra is at present duly elected Member of Parliament (MP) to the Lok Sabha from Udhampur. He was elected by the people to represent them in the Lok Sabha in the year 2014 and due to his hard work, dedication, spotless, unblemished and impeccable reputation

and honesty he was once again elected as Member of Parliament (MP) to the Lok Sabha from Udhampur in the year 2019.

He is also the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and Minister of State for Prime Minister's Office; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space.

Dr Jitendra Singh was formerly a Professor of Diabetes and

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Ladakh adds 89 fresh COVID cases, 3 more deaths

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: Ladakh's COVID-19 tally increased to 14,315 with 89 fresh cases while the death toll climbed to 148 as three more people succumbed to the disease, officials said on Tuesday.

They said 85 fresh cases were reported from Leh and four from Kargil.

Of the 148 deaths so far, 104 were reported from Leh and 44 from Kargil. According to the officials, the number of COVID-19 cases in Ladakh stands at 1,283 -- 1,138 from Leh and 145 from Kargil. As many as 149 coronavirus

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JEE-Mains May edition postponed due to COVID

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Engineering entrance exam JEE-Mains scheduled from May 24 to 28 has been postponed in view of the COVID-19 situation, according to the Ministry of Education's National Testing Agency (NTA).

Earlier, the April edition of the exam was postponed following an exponential rise in coronavirus cases.

"The JEE-Mains scheduled from May 24 to 28 is being postponed in view of the current pandemic situation," the NTA said in an order.

The rescheduling of the April and May sessions will

be done subsequently and "the registration for the May session will also be announced at a later stage", it said.

From this year, the exam is being conducted four times a year to offer flexibility to students and a chance to improve their scores.

While the first phase was conducted in February followed by the second phase in March. The next phases were scheduled to be held in April and May.

Over 6.2 lakh candidates appeared in the first session while 5.5 lakh candidates appeared in the second session of the exam.

143 arrested in Kashmir for flouting COVID guidelines

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Police have arrested 143 people in the Kashmir valley in a span of 24 hours for violating lockdown guidelines issued by the administration to curb COVID-19, officials said on Tuesday.

They said vehicles were seized as well for flouting the norms in Budgam and Bandipora districts.

"During last 24 hours, police have arrested 143 people, lodged 79 FIRs and also realised fines to the tune of Rs 84,930 from 620 people for violating the guidelines throughout Kashmir

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Former J&K Governor Jagmohan passes away; President, PM, LG Sinha pay tributes

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Former Union minister and Jammu and Kashmir governor Jagmohan, whose tough measures as an administrator in various roles won him many admirers but also drew criticism from some quarters, passed away following a spell of illness.

He was 93. President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday paid tributes to Jagmohan and described him as an exemplary administrator and devoted politician. He passed away on Monday.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration has announced three days of



state mourning from Tuesday to Thursday on the demise of the former governor.

A civil servant who made his name as a town planner while serving as the Delhi

Development Authority's vice chairperson in the 70s, Jagmohan steered the controversial beautification drive in Delhi as the trusted man of Sanjay Gandhi during the Emergency but his image as a no-nonsense officer and doer endured, earning him key positions, including that of governor and Union minister, in the later decades.

"In the demise of Jagmohanji, the nation has lost a unique town planner, able administrator and man of letters. His administrative & political career was marked by unparalleled brilliance. His death leaves a void that will be felt forever. My condolences to his

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3-days state mourning announced in UT

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Tuesday announced three days of state mourning on the demise of former governor Jagmohan who breathed his last after a brief illness.

In a notification issued by the General Administration Department, Commissioner Secretary Manoj Kumar Dwivedi said the administration has decided to observe three days of state mourning from Tuesday to Thursday as a mark of respect to the former governor. "The national flag

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Three-member panel to examine illegal mining in & around river Tawi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Tuesday constituted Committee for examination of alleged Illegal Mining/operations of stone crusher units in and around river Tawi.

"Sanction is accorded to the constitution of a committee for in depth examination of alleged illegal mining activities/operations of stone crusher units in and around river Tawi in violation of High Court directions," reads the order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Commissioner/Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir Department of Mining.

As per order, the committee will be headed by O.P Bhagat, Director Geology &

Mining, J&K as its Chairman and Dr. Raj Kumar, I/e Dy. Director, Geology & Mining will be its Member Secretary and R.C Kotwal, Director Finance I&C with additional charge of Mining Department and Romesh Gandotra, Assistant Mining Engineer with be its Members.

The committee shall examine issue of operation of crusher units in Tawi river since 2018 and look into measures taken to curb illegal mining in Tawi river in compliance of High Court's Order, the order stated and added, "The committee also suggest measures to curb all malpractices with respect of mining and processing

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