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Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh FIVB Level-I Coaches Course concludes: Two J&K Volleyball coaches Shubam, Manu qualify successfully

] BJP's success story defined by struggle, sacrifice: Dr Jitendra

# Rusted mortar shell found from garbage dump in Kunjwani area

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# LG constitutes special cell for PM package employees; announces their secure postings in District, Tehsil Hqrs with adequate security

BJP delegation submits memorandum

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Saying that all the PM package employees will be posted at secure District Tehsil and Headquarters with Jammu Kashmir Police ensuring adequate security for them and their family members in the Valley. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday constituted a special cell for these employees within LG Secretariat under Additional Secretary Akshay Labroo as the nodal officer.

Interacting with a BJP delegation led by BJP J&K President, Ravinder Raina and General Secretary (Organisation) Ashok Koul, which called on him here, the Lieutenant Governor said the special cell will handle the grievances of PM package employees and it will coordinate with district administrations and other concerned departments to ensure the grievances of PM package



J&K BJP delegation led by President, Ravinder Raina submitting memorandum to LG Manoj Sinha at Srinagar

#### Sinha orders inquiry into use of force against protesting KPs

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday ordered an inquiry into the use of force against the Kashmiri Pandit employees who were protesting the killing of Rahul Bhat.

Protests were held at several places in J-K against the killing as well as against the failure of the administration to provide security to the Kashmiri pandit employees. Police used batons and tear smoke shells at Sheikhpora in Budgam on Friday to quell the protest.

The government has ordered an inquiry into Bhat's killing and a SIT has been constituted. Bhat's murder was a targeted killing and an attempt has been

employees are resolved at the

The BJP delegation had

demanded that a nodal offi-

cer should be appointed for

confidence-building meas-

The Nodal officer Akshay

Labroo will hold regular

meetings with the PM pack-

age employees as part of this

"It is a very sensitive and

emotional moment for the

entire administration and the

nation, and we must stand

united in the fight against

involved in the attack have

been killed. We have given

full freedom to the security

forces and the remaining will

be eliminated soon. Let me

assure you, those behind

plotting the attack and their

supporters will be punished

soon," Lt Governor told the

BJP delegation. The Lt

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PAGD delegation meets LG; urges KP

Governor further told

Two terrorists

earliest.

initiative.

terror.

#### **Buddha Purnima STATE TIMES NEWS**

LG greets people on

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has greeted the people on the eve of auspicious occasion of Buddha Purnima.

In a message, the Lieutenant Governor said, Lord Buddha's message of peace, compassion, non-violence, brotherhood and virtuous living continues to guide humanity. "On the auspicious occasion of Buddha Purnima, I extend

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#### Civilian killed in Pulwama: magisterial probe ordered

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: A civilian was killed during an exchange of fire between security forces and terrorists in Pulwama district on Sunday, police

According to the police, terrorists fired upon a joint patrol team of the CRPF and the police near a bridge connecting Litter Pulwama Turkwangam in Shopian. During exchange of fire, a

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On the eve of Buddha Purnima, full moon sight in Jammu on late Sunday evening.

# Premature release of convict has to be considered as per policy of state where crime committed: SC

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Remission or premature release of a convict has to be considered in terms of the policy applicable in the State where the crime was committed and not where the trial was transferred to and concluded, the Supreme Court has said.

A bench of Justices Ajay Rastogi and Vikram Nath said under Section 432(7) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) 1973, there cannot be a concurrent jurisdiction of two state governments on the issue of

The top court was hearing a plea by a con-

vict seeking direction to the State of Gujarat to consider his application for premature release under the policy dated July 9, 1992which was existing at the time of his convic-

Though the crime was committed in Gujarat, the apex court in 2004 had transferred the case to Mumbai in the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case.

The top court said in the instant case, once the crime was committed in Gujarat, after the trial concluded and judgment of conviction came to be passed, all further proceedings have to be considered

# Fire in Trikuta forest range

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: A fire was reported

in the Trikuta forest range, the abode of the famous shrine of Vaishno Mata Devi, in Reasi district, officials said on Sunday.

was no impact of fire on the shrine and the daily pilgrimage was

However there

going on smoothly, the officials said, adding the forest fire was put off with joint efforts of the people, fire services personnel and police.

The fire started deep in forest much away from the revered shrine on Saturday

Missing worker found

murdered: brother-sister

duo among 3 arrested

BANIHAL/JAMMU: A 40-

year-old man, who was work-

ing with a private railway

construction company and

went missing three days ago,

was found murdered in a for-

est area in Reasi district of

Jammu and Kashmir on

Three suspected persons

including a woman and her

brother were detained for

questioning in connection

with the murder, the officials

They said the deceased

Reyaz Ahmad Wani, a resi-

dent of Aarpora-Doligam vil-

lage of Banihal, went miss-

ing from Reasi on Thursday

evening shortly after he left

his accommodation to report for his duty in an under-con-

struction railway tunnel

Wani's family members

tried to block Jammu-

Srinagar national highway

near Banihal against his

mysterious disappearance

nearby.

Max: 50

Sunday, officials said.

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cials said They said the cause of the fire was not known immediately but the fire incidents in the forests have witnessed manifold increase amid heat wave and scant rainfall this

night, causing massive damage to forest wealth, the offi-

## employees not to leave valley ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration on Sunday urged Kashmiri Pandit employees not to leave the valley as it was their home and it would be "painful for all", after the community demanded their relocation following the killing of a member by terror-

The appeal by the PAGD came after a delegation led by its president Farooq Abdullah met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at the Raj Bhavan here. The meeting was over the

issue of security of Kashmiri

Pandit employees in the aftermath of the killing of Rahul Bhat that has sparked protests by community mem-According to official

sources, the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha assured the PAGD delegation that necessary action is being taken by the administration for safety and security of the PM package employees. He informed the delegation that the security forces have been given full freedom to avenge the killing of innocents. Those aiding and abetting terrorists will not be spared, he said adding that all the PM package employees will be shifted to secure district and Tehsil headquarters and to address other issues, a special cell has been constituted in LG secre-

The Lt Governor also said that all parties are most welcome to give their suggestions on issues of targeted killing, eliminating terrorism, terror ecosystem, development, issues concerning "My doors are always open

for people. All sections of polity and society must come together as a united front to eliminate terror ecosystem,

## government sources quoting, Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha,

Briefing reporters after the meeting, the spokesperson of the five-party alliance, M Y Tarigami, said the valley is as much the home of Kashmiri Pandits as it is of Kashmiri Muslims.

We appeal to them that this nation is yours as well as mine. Do not leave your home. It is very painful for you and us, Tarigami said.

The alliance spokesperson said if Kashmiri pandits want to leave Kashmir in the wake of Bhat's killing,

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#### mercury settles near 44 deg C STATE TIMES NEWS hottest recorded place in JAMMU: Heatwave gripped

Heat wave grips Jammu as

most parts of Jammu region with the mercury moving further up and settling at the season's high of 43.9 degrees Celsius, officials said on Sunday.

The day temperature in Jammu was seven notches above normal for this time of the season, they said.

The city also marked a rise in the night temperature, which settled at 26.8 degrees Celsius 3.3 notches above the season's average.

Katra, the base camp for the pilgrims visiting Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Reasi district, was the second

Jammu region with a high of 41.5 degrees Celsius and a low of 23.8 degrees Celsius, the meteorological department officials said.

Meanwhile, the summer capital Srinagar recorded a dip in the maximum temperature which settled at 29.8 degrees Celsius against Saturday's 31.3 degrees Celsius. The day temperature in the city was 5.9 degrees above normal.

The night temperature was also three degrees above normal in Srinagar, which recorded a low of 13.6 degrees Celsius, the

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## Abdullah shedding crocodile tears on KPs' sufferings

# Abdullahs & Muftis destroyed Kashmir culture to please Pakistan's ISI: Tarun Chugh

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: BJP national general secretary and J&K in-charge of the part Tarun Chugh on Sunday blasted National Conference president Farooq Abdullah for his "chameleon conduct " saying that after destroying the Hindus in J&K he is now trying to play a dual

Chugh said the Abdullah family engineered the destruction of pandit families in J&K for it's petty political gains.

Chugh ridiculed Abdullah for his crocodile tears. He said Abdullah by saying that attack on our Pandit brothers is a direct attack on the soul of Kashmir" is rubbing salt on throuls of lakes of pandit who had to leave J&K and sacrifice their lives when Abdullahs'

Chugh said that if the Abdullahs and Muftis



had not given shelter to the militants and had not encouraged them, the Pakistan ISI agents the Kashmiri Pandits would not have fled Kashmir.

He said Kashmiri Pandits were also as much Kashmiris as Abdullahs and Muftis. But the wav Pandit were thrown out of J&K it would always be a black chapter in the history of India and for this Abdullahs and Muftis should apologize to the nation.

#### J&K reports 7 fresh **COVID** cases

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

Kashmir on Sunday reported seven fresh Covid cases, four from the Jammu division and three from the Valley, thus taking the total number of positive cases in the Union Territory to

According to the daily Media Bulletin, out of 454146 positive cases, 55 are Active Positive (41 in Jammu Division and 14 in Kashmir Division), 449339 have recovered and 4752have died; 2328 in Jammu division and 2424in Kashmir division. Providing districtwise breakup for

## SRINAGAR: Jammu and

454146.

# BJP using diversionary tactics as it failed to provide justice to people in J&K: Omar

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

Conference vice president Omar Abdullah on Sunday alleged the BJP was using diversionary tactics as it failed to keep its promises and provide justice to any section of the society in Jammu and Kashmir.

The former chief minister said his party will scuttle every attempt of the BJP and will safeguard the rights of the people to start a new phase of development, once it returns to power.

Addressing his party workers at Surankote in the border district of Poonch, he



said nothing has changed in Jammu and Kashmir since August 2019, when the BJPled central government abrogated Article 370 and bifurcated the erstwhile state into two union territories.

"Ad since they (BJP) failed, they are using diversionary tactics by creating differences, making Muslims

fight each other and harassing people (by using government agencies)," he said. Referring to the assurances of the local BJP leadership

to Pahari-speaking people that they will be given Scheduled Tribe status, he alleged that they are using the ploy to pitch Gujjars and Bakerwals against Paharis to make them fight each other. "NC governments in the

past always pleaded with successive central governments for ST status for Paharis on the plea that they also live like Gujjars and Bakerwals and face tremendous

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# Focus on time-tested traditional methods of water management: LG tells officers

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha dedicated the 14th Edition of the 'Awaam Ki Awaaz' programme to all those Citizens and Environment, the Lt Governor observed in his opening remarks.

"Traditional ponds and water sources sustain life. Civilisations and Economies

cate balance of nature and

of the existing water

Emphasizing on fixing the responsibility of keeping water bodies safe and clean in every panchayat, the Lt Governor called upon all sections of the society to actively participate to protect ecology during this challenging

Ponds and water bodies are like family members, and with this belief and tradition we can build a secure future for the young generations. The concerned authorities must focus on time-tested traditional methods of water management, he added.

In the spirit of Jan-Bhagidari, efforts need to be made from all corners to revive water bodies in Jammu and Kashmir and reduce the impact of the cat-

astrophic climate change which is affecting health, ecology, agriculture and water supply in the UT, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor noted that the commitment and determination of the public representatives of Local bodies and Panchayati Raj Institutions have resulted in the revival of pond of Mohalla Saran Singh of Jakhole town in Kathua district that had become a victim of encroachment 52 years ago. In Kathua district alone, 152 ponds have come alive again in the last one year with the collective efforts of various departments of administration and public representatives, he added. Anantnag has been known for its water

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### IAS officer given addl charge, 4 JKAS transferred

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The Government on Sunday gave additional charge of JKIDFC to an IAS officer and transferred four JKAS officers in separate orders.

According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, Administration Department, Vivek Bharadwaj, IAS, Commissioner Financial (Additional Chief Secretary), Finance Department shall also hold charge of the post of Chairman and Managing Kashmir Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation (JKIDFC) in addition to his own duties.

Meanwhile in another ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

# ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Max: 27 Temperature (Srinagar) Max: 29.8°C

Sunset: 19:23 Hours

Sunrise: 05:31 Hours

Min: 30

#### 'Awaam **Awaaz**

and Panchayats of J&K which have stepped forward with a strong resolve for the revival of traditional water

bodies The radio programme was aired on Sunday on all local and primary channels of All India Radio (AIR) in the UT and broadcast on DD

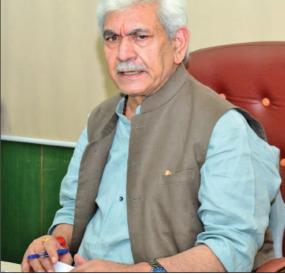
Every person is the custodian of the Earth & its resources and the efforts being made by them will prove helpful in balancing

both Economic Development

have prospered around water sources. In our quest to revive traditional water bodies, the Panchayats of district Doda, Samba, Bandipora, Budgam, Kathua and Ramban, besides a large number of conscious citizens from all walks of life have come forward and shown a strong resolve", the Lt Governor said.

years, the effects of climate change have been visible all over the world, the Lt Governor said that Climate

Noting that for the past few



change is reminding us to respect and restore the deli-

strive for optimal utilization