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## Chetna Awards-2022 ceremony at New Delhi

## Need to ensure equal distribution of growth benefits: LG



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at Chetna Award ceremony at New Delhi on Sunday.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday stressed on the need to strengthen interface between administration and voluntary citizens' group for efficient delivery of services and giving focused attention to social sector priorities such as environment, women empowerment, tribal welfare and care for the aged and specially-abled.

"Selfless service holds the key to our future. In our quest towards nation building, we need to ensure that the growth benefits are equally distributed amongst all sections of the society, especially the poorest of the poor", said the Lieutenant Governor after conferring Chetna Awards-2022 to honour the contribution of change-makers in social transformation, at IHC New

Delhi.

The Lt Governor handed over awards to around 32 change-makers for rendering their continuous selfless services to the society. He congratulated all the award winners for their exemplary commitment and dedication to selfless service.

"It was an honour and a privilege to felicitate India's best and most deserving change-makers. All these

men and women devoted to constructive social work are the real heroes of national development. They form the backbone of our social sector and are truly inspiring others, especially the younger generation, to participate in selfless service to the society", Sinha added.

Voluntary organizations and individuals working together with the administrative machinery have the potential to bring about revolutionary changes in the lives of people, bridging gaps in the systems and contributing to the progress of society and the nation, he said.

Expressing gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for honoring the real heroes, the Lt Governor said that the PM has introduced unsung heroes as new inspirations to the society.

The Lt Governor also released the Coffee Table Book titled "Chetna

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### Pak national arrested along IB in Jammu

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A 21-year-old Pakistani national was arrested when he intruded into the Indian territory from across the International Border (IB) here, officials said on Sunday.

Saber Nawaz, a resident of Akhnor sector in the outskirts of Jammu on Saturday and was noticed by the alert Indian army

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### Central team conducts situational analysis of newborn health in J&K

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A central team discussed the India Newborn Action Plan (INAP) and carried out a situational analysis of newborn health with a senior Jammu and Kashmir official here, an official spokesman said.

The central team is on a monitoring visit to Jammu and Kashmir.

INAP is India's committed response to the Global

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## Employment verification process for Govt jobs to go digital in J&K

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A web-based application has been developed in Jammu and Kashmir to allow candidates freshly selected for various positions in government departments to submit their Personnel Verification Rolls (PVRs) online.

The new system, which will come into effect from the beginning of June, will end the previous practice of newly appointed officials submitting their verification rolls manually.

In an order issued by the General Administrative Department (GAD), Principal Secretary Manoj Kumar Dwivedi said the application "Employee Verification System (EVS)" has been developed to undertake the process of verification of employees' character and antecedents to make the system transparent and minimise the procedural delays that hamper the efficient and speedy processing of verification.

tion.

"The EVS portal has been developed and made operational through a web-based online system. Various training sessions regarding the web application have been imparted to the appointing authorities," he said.

Besides, a number of training sessions have already been imparted to all those concerned on the process of vigilance verification, he added.

Dwivedi said the PVR of all candidates shall be submitted only through the online mode to the Crime Investigation Department (CID) headquarters for verification.

"Manual submission of PVR shall not be entertained under any circumstances after June 1," the order read.

The administrative secretaries were asked to implement the instructions in letter and spirit, and the CID verification shall in no case be delayed beyond one month

as stipulated in the instructions conveyed from time to time.

According to officials, the new system is akin to the passport application system as the candidates shall be asked to fill in the verification related information online and submit it to the appointing authority.

After ensuring that the eligibility conditions pertaining to educational qualifications, age and reservation have been met and are backed by genuine certificates, the appointing authority shall forward the V-rolls to the CID for field enquiries and check of criminal records to ascertain the character, conduct and antecedents of the selected candidates through its field functionaries, and this too shall take place via the digital platform, they said.

The officials said the web portal has been designed by the University of

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## Petrol price slashed by Rs 8.69/ltr, diesel by Rs 7.05/ltr

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Petrol price on Sunday was slashed by Rs 8.69 a litre and diesel by Rs 7.05 per litre following the government cutting excise duty on auto fuels to give relief to consumers battered by high fuel prices that has also pushed inflation to record high.

The government on Saturday announced a record Rs 8 per litre cut in excise duty on petrol and Rs 6 per litre reduction on diesel.

The excise duty cut will translate into a reduction of Rs 8.69 a litre on petrol in Delhi and Rs 7.05 per litre in

diesel after taking into account its impact on other levies.

Petrol in the national capital now costs Rs 96.72 a litre as against Rs 105.41 previously. Diesel is now priced at Rs 89.62 per litre as opposed to Rs 96.67 earlier; a price notification from state-owned fuel retailers showed.

In Mumbai, petrol rates have been slashed to Rs 111.35 a litre from Rs 120.51, while diesel rates have come down to Rs 97.28 per litre from Rs 104.77.

Rates differ from state to state depending on incidence of local taxes such as VAT.

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### Infant, woman killed in accident in Ramban, 7 injured


#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A 10-month-old child was among the two people killed while seven others sustained injuries after their car skidded off the road and fell into a deep gorge in the Ramban district on Sunday, officials said.

They were plying from Sanasar in Ramban to Kastigarh village in Doda district. The driver of the private car lost control of the vehicle while negotiating a blind curve in Batote-Kud area in the evening, resulting in the accident, they said.

The officials identified the deceased as Sara Begum (51) and the child Ayat. They died on the spot. Of the seven injured, the condition of a four-year-old boy and four women was critical, they added.

"All the injured were referred to Government Medical College Hospital, Jammu, for specialised treatment," an official said.



**WEATHER**

**Temperature (Jammu)**

Max: 39.1°C Min: 23.2°C

**Humidity**

Max : 31 Min : 20

**Temperature (Srinagar)**

Max: 26.3°C Min: 10.2°C

**Humidity**

Max : 74 Min: 49

Sunset : 19:28 Hours

Sunrise : 05:27 Hours

## RFID in offing for pilgrims visiting Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Radio Frequency Identity card (RFID) will be soon introduced for pilgrims planning yatra to Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta hills in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir to keep a check on flow of devotees and ensure all necessary steps in case of emergencies, officials said.

They said that work on 'Durga Bahwan', which can house around 2,000 yatris, was also being expedited to prevent any congestion at the revered temple complex as the rush of pilgrims was increasing by every day.



Officials in the know of the developments said that Jammu and Kashmir administration, through Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, is planning to introduce RFID for all the pilgrims vis-

iting the temple.

This would help to see the flow of yatris and also ensure remedial measures in case there is any congestion visible during the yatra

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### J&K reports 8 fresh COVID cases

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday reported eight fresh Covid cases, six from the Jammu division and two from the Valley, thus taking the total number of positive cases in the Union Territory to 454199.

According to the daily Media Bulletin, out of 454199 positive cases, 58 are Active Positive (41 in Jammu Division and 16 in Kashmir Division), 449389 have recovered and 4752 have died; 2328 in Jammu division and 2424 in the Valley.

Providing district-wise breakup for positive

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### Drinking water scarcity in Jammu

## Jal Shakti water tankers lying defunct; Govt stops funds for diesel

#### ■ VIVEK SHARMA

JAMMU: With mercury rising and the Jammu City reeling under the scorching heat, the Jammu and Kashmir Jal Shakti Department is grappling to supply the drinking water to all the colonies. The situation has become precarious as the tankers meant to supply water to un-served areas are off-the road due to non-availability of funds for diesel.

Having credible inputs about misappropriation of funds, the government is reported to have directed the Chief Engineer Jal Shakti Jammu to halt all the PHE tankers, which has led to deprivation of much needed service to most of the unserved colonies, especially

those where water shortage is a regular phenomenon.

Over 30 water tankers are operated in Jammu city free of cost and in summer these tankers used to remain operational full day.

"We reside in Durga Nagar and there is hardly water supply

once or twice a week, and rest of the days the PHE tankers supply drinking water in our locality and once or twice a month we have to order the private water tanker on payments also", Ram Saroop Sharma, a resident said, adding "Now that the facility has been

stopped, how is it possible for us to meet our basic requirements."

Sources said that the government has stopped the funds for the fuel expenses of these 30 water tankers, as there were lots of inputs on misappropriation of funds under the maintenance and fuel head.

It has also been learnt that the government may order the audit of the expenses of these water tankers. Despite the public hue and cry, the Jal Shakti, Jammu failed to address the water shortage in the City.

Chief Engineer Jal Shakti, Jammu, Er Manesh Bhat could not be contacted for his comments, despite repeated calls from the STATE TIMES.

## Common Eligibility Test for job recruitment from this year: Dr Jitendra

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh announced here on Sunday that there will be Common Eligibility Test (CET) for job recruitment to Non-Gazetted posts from this year; and the first such test is being scheduled to be conducted before the year end.

Chairing the joint meeting of all the six Autonomous Bodies under the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) at North Block here, the Minister said, the National Recruitment Agency (NRA) under DoPT is gearing up to

conduct computer-based online CET for recruitment to Non-Gazetted posts by the year end.

Dr Jitendra said, the Common Entrance Test is a path-breaking reform carried out by the DoPT to bring about "Ease of Recruitment" for young job aspirants and it will prove to be a major boon for youth, especially those living in far-flung and remote areas.

There will also be a huge benefit to women and Divyang candidates and for those who find it financially unaffordable to appear for multiple tests by travelling to

multiple Centres.

Initially the test will be conducted in 12 languages including Hindi and English and will later on add all the languages mentioned in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution, the Minister added.

Heads of all the 6 Autonomous Bodies gave a detailed presentation about the mandate, work, budget and aims and objectives of the Institutes. These included National Recruitment Agency (NRA), Indian Institute of Public Administration

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# Selected for T20Is vs SA: J&K pace sensation Umran Malik enters Indian Cricket team

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/NEW DELHI: Jammu and Kashmir pace sensation Umran Malik on Sunday earned an expected India call-up for the upcoming five-match T20 International home series against South Africa starting June 9.

Umran has picked up 21 wickets in 13 games for Sunrisers Hyderabad in the IPL but it's his ability to bowl consistently at 95 miles per hour that has caught the imagination of all and sundry with calls for his immediate selection in top-flight cricket.

Along with Umran, Punjab Kings' death overs specialist Arshdeep Singh has also earned his maiden national call-up.

As reported on July 14 by PTI, regular captain Rohit Sharma, star batter Virat Kohli, pacers Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Shami have all been rested for the

white-ball series in which Rishabh Pant will be the vice-captain.

Rohit, Kohli, Bumrah, Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja will all fly to England on June 15 for the one-off Test against England at Edgbaston from July 1-5 and will be joined by Cheteshwar Pujara, who has earned a recall to the 17-member Indian Test team after a stupendous show in English County Championship for Sussex.

Ditto for all-rounder Hardik Pandya, who has successfully led new franchise Gujarat Titans into IPL play-offs and has been consistent with the bat, besides bowling a few overs at brisk pace.

While former players and experts have all spoken in unison about Umran's selection in the national team, it wouldn't have been a cakewalk had Lucknow Super Giants pacer Mohsin Khan been fully fit.



While Umran has 21 wickets (before Sunday's game), most of which came in the first phase when batters were getting used to his pace, it is understood that the selectors were far more impressed with Mohsin.

The Uttar Pradesh left-arm

has taken 13 wickets from 8 matches at an astounding economy rate of 5.93 compared to Umran's 8.93 in 13 games.

However, Mohsin's dodgy hamstring made the decision easier for Chetan Sharma's committee, which also

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### LG, leaders congratulate Umran

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and political parties and leaders Sunday congratulated pace sensation Umran Malik on his selection in the Indian team for the upcoming five-match T20 International home series against South Africa starting June 9.

"Heartiest congratulations to Umran Malik for selection in Team India for T20 Series against South Africa. It is a proud moment for Jammu Kashmir. Well done & best wishes," the lieutenant governor tweeted.

Congratulating Malik, former chief minister and National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah said he would be keenly watching the series.

"Well done Umran Malik. We will be watching the forthcoming T20 series against the Proteas very keenly," he said in a tweet.

The PDP said Malik was an inspiration for youngsters in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Congratulations to Umran Malik on being named in India's 18-member T20Is squad. Umran has trailblazed his way all the way to the top despite so many odds. He is an inspiration for a generation of youngsters in J&K, the party said on its official Twitter handle.

"The day has come. Umran Malik makes it to the Indian cricket team. Very few from J and K have made it to the squad. Congratulations. Best wishes, Peoples Conference chairman Sajad Lone said.

JKPCC Chief G A Mir has congratulated Umran Malik for his selection in Indian Cricket Team and his spectacular

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