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AC gives nod to creation of posts in various departments

Approves enhanced scholarships for children of weavers, artisans

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here on Tuesday under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, today approved the departmental proposals for creation of new posts in various sectors.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

The Administrative Council approved the proposal of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department to create 15 and 50 posts under various categories in the UT and District Consumer Commissions, respectively. These posts include Registrars, Joint Registrars, Accounts officers, Private Secretaries,

Readers, Section Officers, Senior Stenographers, Junior Stenographers, Senior Assistants, and Junior Assistants.

In view of the constitutional changes in Jammu and Kashmir, the UT and District Consumer Commissions were established as per the provisions of the Central Consumer Protection Act, 2019. With the provisioning of adequate man power, these forums will be made effectively functional to address various consumer grievances.

The Administrative Council further approved the proposal of Health & Medical Education Department for creation of 1612 posts of various categories, 806 posts each for Government Medical College, Udhampur and Government Medical College, Handwara (Kupwara).

The decision will enable the Health & Medical Education

Department to start the course curriculum in these new Government Medical Colleges from the academic session 2022-23.

Moreover, the Administrative Council also approved the proposal of Higher Education Department to transfer 171 vacant posts from Higher Education to the Cluster Universities of Jammu/Srinagar. The identified 171 vacant posts (lien-free) of faculty (Gazetted) are transferred to Cluster Universities Jammu and Srinagar for filling up through respective direct recruitment drives.

Earlier, under the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), the Government of Jammu and Kashmir established two Cluster Universities, one each at Srinagar and Jammu by clubbing together 10 prestigious colleges of the

regions. To make these Cluster Universities functional, the Higher Education Department has previously sanctioned 132 posts of different categories in teaching and non-teaching segments in favour of these Cluster Universities.

By another decision, the Administrative Council revised the education scheme for children of weavers, artisans of handicrafts and handloom sectors.

The revised education scheme for the children of handicraft and handloom weavers aims at providing scholarship in tune with present education scenario to provide much needed financial support to the weavers with regard to the education of their children.

Under the revised scheme, scholarships will be provided to eligible children at the rate of Rs. 1500 per year

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India had no role in harming earth; at forefront to save it: Modi

■ AGENCY

COPENHAGEN: India had no role in exploiting the planet, but is at the forefront in the efforts to save it solely backed by efforts made by every person in the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said here on Tuesday.

Addressing the Indian community here, the Prime Minister spoke extensively about the steps taken by the government to promote use of renewable energy, the commitments made by India at the COP-26 climate summit in Glasgow issues that strike a chord in the Nordic nation.

India has been able to fulfil its climate actions because, unlike others who put all the responsibility of saving the planet on multilateral organisations, we see it as a responsibility of each citizen to do their bit to save the world, the prime minister said.

Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen also attended Modi's interaction



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Community Reception in Copenhagen, Denmark on Tuesday.

Senior journalist Vijay Gupta from J&K reports from Copenhagen. (Page 5)

with the Indian diaspora and introduced him as a friend , before inviting him to address the packed gathering at the Bella Centre here.

More than 1,000 members of the Indian community in Denmark comprising students, researchers, profes-

sionals and business persons participated in the event.

Modi described the diaspora as India's ambassadors in their respective adopted homelands and urged each of them to encourage at least five non-Indian friends to visit India.

We have to rejuvenate our tourism sector. With your efforts, when you will help five of your non-Indian friends to visit & explore our country, in a few years, there will be only one destination, that is 'Chalo India', he

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Court cannot sit in judgement of leading scientific analysis on safety of pediatric vaccination: SC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Observing that the Court cannot sit in judgement of leading scientific analysis relating to the safety of paediatric vaccination, the Supreme Court has said that the decision taken by the Centre to vaccinate children in the country is in tune with global scientific consensus and expert bodies.

A bench of Justices L Nageswara Rao and B R Gavai also said that data shows vaccine does not pose any threat to children.

Experts in science may themselves differ in their opinions while taking decisions on matters related to

safety and allied aspects, but that does not entitle the Court to second-guess expert opinion, on the basis of which the Government has drawn up its policies.

The decision taken by the Union of India to vaccinate paediatric population in this country is in tune with global scientific consensus and expert bodies like the WHO, the UNICEF, and the CDC has also advised paediatric vaccination, the bench said.

The Union of India contended that paediatric vaccination is advised by global agencies such as the WHO, UNICEF, and the CDC.

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NMC, DCI advise aspirants not to travel to Pak for medical, dental education

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: National Medical Commission (NMC) and Dental Council of India (DCI) have advised all concerned not to travel to Pakistan for pursuing Medical/Dental Education.

According to communiqués issued in this regard on Tuesday by Secretary NMC and Secretary DCI, any Indian national/overseas citizen of India who intends to take admission in MBBS/BDS or equivalent medical/dental course in any medical/dental college of Pakistan shall not be eligible for appearing in FMGE/screening test or seeking employment in India on the basis of educational qualifications (in any subject) acquired in Pakistan except those who had joined Pakistan degree colleges/institutions before December 2018 or later after obtaining Security Clearance from MHA

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 35.3°C Min: 21.2°C

Humidity

Max : 83 Min : 29

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 20.6°C Min: 14.8°C

Humidity

Max : 54 Min: 54

Sunset : 19:15 Hours

Sunrise : 05:42 Hours

► Day-light robbery in Jewellery Shop ◀

Two Amritsar-based robbers arrested; pistol, 4 magazines seized

Manhunt launched to nab 2 absconders

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Kathua Police on Tuesday solved a robbery case by arresting 2 Amritsar based robbers. A manhunt has been launched to nab their accomplices who managed to flee after looting a jewellery shop on gun point.

Three mobile phones along with a pistol, one magazine, 04 live rounds and one sharp edged weapon have been recovered from their possession.

An FIR was registered at Police Station Hiranagar on the complaint of Nirdosh



Robbers captured in CCTV at a jewellery shop at Hiranagar.

Verma, son of Lal Man, resident of Gurha Mundian Tehsil Hiranagar District Kathua in connection with

robbery in his shop (Vishwakarma Jewellery Shop) following which an FIR 55/2022 was registered

under sections 392/452/447/323/34/IPC, 3/25, 4/24 Arms Act.

As per the complainant at about 1720 hours, four robbers came on motorcycles (PB02CM-1023) and other without registration number, carrying a pistol and a sharp edged weapon entered into the jewellery shop and took away 02 boxes having 1.5 kg silver ornaments along with one Samsung mobile phone and managed to flee.

Police party led by Inspector Sumit Sharma

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LG participates in Bhoomi Puja of SASB Yatri Niwas at Srinagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday took part in the Bhoomi Puja of Yatri Niwas of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board at Pantha Chowk, Srinagar.

The new facility will fulfill a long pending demand of all stakeholders, organizations associated with Yatra, devotees from across the country and abroad. It will be built over 25 Kanal land and once the Yatri Niwas is completed, it would cater to more than 3000 pilgrims.

The Lt Governor observed that the Yatri Niwas being



LG Manoj Sinha performing Bhoomi Puja of Yatri Niwas of SASB at Srinagar.

built in Jammu and Srinagar will be developed into vibrant centers of spirituality and knowledge. Spiritual programs will also be organized

round the year for the pilgrims and local people.

With the aim of making Shri Amarnathji Yatra a memorable and comfortable

experience for millions of devotees, the J&K government has initiated construction of Yatri Niwas at Ramban, Jammu and now at Srinagar.

Pertinently, all these facilities will have a common room with places of worship and evening aarti, a library for showcasing the spiritual and cultural heritage of J&K to the visiting pilgrims.

It was informed that this year provision of tents and prefab structures is being done on Pahalgam and Baltal Axis which will facilitate accommodation of

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Eid-ul-Fitr celebrated in Jammu & Kashmir with fervour

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/SRINAGAR: Eid-ul-Fitr, the festival that marks the culmination of the fasting month of Ramzan, was celebrated with religious fervour and gaiety across Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory today.

People, clad in colourful dresses, were seen attending congregational prayers at Eidgahs, mosques and other places in Jammu city amid tight security measures.

Administration of Anup had already issued schedule of Namaz timings at different Eidgahs and mosques. The main congregation in



Children greeting each other after offering prayers. (Pic by Shilpa Thakur)

Jammu was held at Eidgah, Residency road where thousands of Muslims drawn

from different parts of city and outskirts offered the

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India joins likes of US, Israel in hitting back when borders are meddled with: Amit Shah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BENGALURU: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday asserted that India has joined the likes of the US and Israel in hitting back at those meddling with their borders and pointed out at the surgical strikes carried out in the wake of the terrorist attack in Pulwama.

Fighting the previous Congress regime for its lax security measures, the Home Minister said India used to issue statements whenever terror attacks were carried out by the Pakistan-backed extremists but things have improved after Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister.

"Earlier only two nations, the United States of America and Israel, used to retaliate whenever someone meddled with their borders and military. Now due to

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, our great nation India has joined that group," Shah said after inaugurating various projects including the Nrupathunga University, its academic block and various other projects.

After Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister, terrorist attacks took place in Uri in 2016 and Pulwama in 2019, we carried out surgical strikes and air strikes within 10 days inside Pakistan, Shah told the crowd.

"Some people question how it (surgical strike and air strike) had any effect. I tell them that it (counter attack) has a huge impact. Now the entire world knows that no one can meddle with Indian border, otherwise befitting reply will be given," the Home Minister said.

Speaking about other achieve-



Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurating National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) Bengaluru Campus in Karnataka on Tuesday.

ments of the Modi government, he said there were many issues such as abrogation of Article 370, 35-A, which gave special powers to Jammu and Kashmir and the implementation of the Citizenship Amendment Act were sorted out in no time.

"August 5, 2019 will be written

in Indian history with golden letters. People were saying that if Article 370 is abolished then it will lead to a bloodbath but no one could even dare to throw a pebble, let alone bloodbath. Prime Minister Modi annexed Kashmir with rest of India by abolishing Article 370," Shah said.

Speaking about various measures taken to improve the education system in the country, he said six new central universities, seven Indian Institutes of Management, seven Indian Institutes of Technology, 209 medical colleges, 320 universities and 5,709 new colleges came into being during the Modi regime.

Along with it, the country also set up 410 rural universities and many professional universities including forensic university, the Home Minister said.

Congratulating the Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai after it was the first state to implement the new National Education Policy (NEP), the Union Home Minister said the policy aims to make India a great nation, which offers opportunities to people and provides a platform to youth to

compete with the world.

He added that the NEP also emphasises on strengthening Indian culture, awareness and develop India as a knowledge superpower.

"The NEP also gives importance to regional language," Shah explained.

Underlining that the inauguration of the Nrupathunga University was happening in 2022 when the country is celebrating the platinum jubilee of its independence, Shah called on the youths to ensure that India becomes 'Vishwaguru' (world leader) in the next 25 years when the country celebrated the centenary of its independence.

"We got independence due to the sacrifices of our leaders including the supreme sacrifice. We did not get the

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