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LG rolls out Rs 15 lakh Accidental Insurance cover for J&K Govt Employees

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday rolled out 'Accidental Insurance Scheme' for employees of the J&K Government. Under the scheme, Jammu & Kashmir Bank will extend free group personal insurance cover of Rs 15 lakh to all the employees.

The Lt Governor also launched J&K Bank's 'Phone Pe Loan' facility for the government employees. The Lt Governor said that people-centric initiatives such as 'Phone Pe Loan' & 'Accidental Insurance Cover' will ensure hassle-free credit flow and social security net for employees.

J&K Bank, with a strong & diversified banking system and serving all sectors of the economy, is reaching out to all sections of society for financial inclusion & delivering financial services to the last man in queue, the Lt Governor observed.



LG Manoj Sinha speaking during launch of Accidental Insurance scheme for employees.

With consistent reforms in the last two years, J&K Bank has demonstrated resilience in adapting to the challenges, and emerged as one of the most trusted & reliable banks in the UT, said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor directed the bank to enhance the insurance amount from Rs.15 Lakh to Rs.25 Lakh from the next financial year.

Highlighting several steps being taken to end the non-transparent credit culture

and to bridge the gap in credit availability, the Lt Governor said that the UT government is making dedicated efforts to strengthen the credit flow system.

Higher credit flow was witnessed in Agriculture, MUDRA, small scale industries, SHGs & promotion of entrepreneurship, infrastructure related investment, the Lt Governor added.

Financial assistance is being extended to the enterprising Youth from panchay-

ats to realize their dreams and transform their entrepreneurial ideas into reality. Last year, 44,403 young boys and girls, Self-Help Groups were provided financial assistance. In the first 4 months of this year, 3,407 youth have been turned into entrepreneurs by this financial assistance, the Lt Governor said. Under Prime Minister's Stand Up India Mission, 1560 beneficiaries have received the credit of

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LG meets family members of Rajni Bala in Samba

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday visited Samba and met the family members of Rajni Bala, a teacher who was killed by terrorists in Kulgam.

Offering his deepest condolences to the bereaved family members, the Lt Governor said Rajni Bala was one of the most loved and admired teachers in the valley. The

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Landslide briefly blocks Jammu-Srinagar National Highway

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A landslide on Wednesday blocked the Jammu-Srinagar national highway in Udhampur district here for nearly two hours, officials said.

The landslide struck the 270-km highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, near Samroli around 12.30 pm during the ongoing work on a

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Addl Registrars, Jt Registrars among 22 High Court staffers promoted

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Wednesday promoted Additional Registrars, Joint Registrars among 22 High Court staffers.

"Consequent upon the approval of the the Chief Justice to the recommendations of the Committee for Appointment and Promotion of Officials/Officers of the High Court Staff Haroon Rashid Bhat, Additional Registrar (Adm.) has been temporarily promoted as Registrar in the Level-13A, (131100-216600) in relaxation of qualification, against the post fallen vacant due to

promotion of Azad Ahmad Wani while the representation submitted by Sansar Chand, Additional Registrar (Adm.) seeking promotion as Registrar ahead of Haroon Rashid Bhat has been rejected being devoid of merit," reads an order issued by Sanjeev Gupta, Registrar General, High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

As per order, Permod Kumar, Joint Registrar (Adm.) has been temporarily promoted as Additional Registrar (Adm.) in the pay Level-13

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Rusted arms, ammunition recovered in Samba

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Rusted arms and ammunition, including a carbine, were recovered from a village in Samba district, police said on Wednesday.

The arms and ammunition were found by residents of Chak Manga village on Tuesday evening while digging a well, they said.

The villagers informed the police, which recovered a rusted carbine, two magazines, a mortar bomb and two springs from the spot, officials said.

A case has been registered in the matter and an investigation launched, they said.

President Kovind to attend convocation of IIM Jammu today

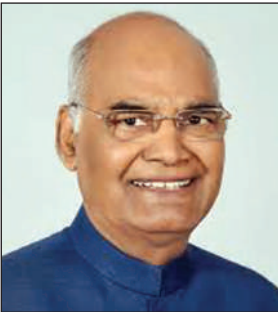
■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: President Ram Nath Kovind will address the fifth convocation of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) here on Thursday and will also inaugurate a diversity cell at the institute.

A total of 214 students, including 77 women, will be awarded Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree at the convocation this year.

President Kovind will be the chief guest on the occasion and deliver the convocation address.

Union Minister Jitendra Singh and Lieutenant



Governor Manoj Sinha will be the guests of honour.

Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) Director General Chandrajit Banerjee and Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce (DICC) President

JK to add 178 online services to its Rapid Assessment System by June 15

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir government will add 178 services provided online by 23 departments to its Rapid Assessment System from next week to seek feedback from people, an official spokesman said.

This was stated at a meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday to review the implementation of the Rapid Assessment System (RAS) in Jammu and Kashmir and the nature of feedback being

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AC approves scheme for promotion of PM Package employees

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a bid to streamline the career progression of employees engaged under the Prime Minister's Development Package, the Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, on Wednesday approved the scheme for promotion of PM package employees. This will remove the bottleneck in career progression of employees appointed under the PM package.

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 scheme envisages maintaining a separate seniority for Kashmiri

Migrant employees appointed under the PM package, by respective appointing departments which will run parallel to the seniority of regular employees and will take effect from the date of appointment against the supernumerary posts under the PM Package.

Accordingly, the Administrative Council sanctioned creation of pre-facto supernumerary posts at corresponding higher levels to pave way for timely career progression of Kashmiri Migrant employees, by reducing the supernumerary posts at lower levels in the same ratio. However, these promotions will be based on seniority and eligibility requirements as per the recruitments rules.

Further, for maintaining the spirit of the Hon'ble PM Package, all posts under the PM Package have been re-designated

as divisional level posts in Kashmir Division. The new structure will provide avenues for in-situ promotion to all PM Package employees as per eligibility and seniority.

The implementation of the scheme will be monitored at the highest level to ensure that the eligible employees avail the benefits of the scheme at the earliest.

Pertinently, during the financial year 2008-09, Prime Minister's Package was rolled out for return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri Migrants to the Kashmir valley which included various incentives like Housing, Employment, Transit Accommodations etc. The employment component of the package extended employment to 6000 eligible candidates by creating various supernumerary posts in different departments.

CWC panel inspects progress of ongoing works of Shahpur Kandi Dam Project

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: The team members of Monitoring Committee of Central Water Commission (CWC) on Wednesday visited Shahpur Kandi Dam Project to inspect the status and progress of ongoing works on Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir side.

The CWC officers who visited the Dam Site includes K. Vohra, Member (WP&P), CWC, New Delhi; R. K. Pachauri, Chief Engineer, PPO, CWC, New Delhi; Shiv Nandan Kumar, Chief Engineer, IBO, CWC, Chandigarh; Ashok Jeph,

Director, M&A, CWC, Chandigarh; Sanjay Kumar, Director, National Projects, CWC, New Delhi and Siddhant Azad, Assistant Director, National Projects, CWC, New Delhi.

The team also inspected Power House I & II where excavation of bed level completed and concrete is going to start soon. The team then visited Syphon/ Barrel for Kashmir Canal work on which both Punjab and J&K side is likely to be started soon.

The visiting team also took detailed review of

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Govt's forced efforts to establish peace in J&K have failed miserably: Farooq

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The situation in Jammu and Kashmir is "alarming" and the administration's "frantic and forced" efforts for establishing a "negative peace" have "failed miserably", National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah said here on Wednesday.

Addressing party workers at a daylong block-level meeting in the Hazratbal constituency, Abdullah said the consequences of August 5, 2019 -- when the Centre revoked Jammu and Kashmir's special status and bifurcated the erstwhile state into Union territories -- can only be judged by looking at the depths of "torments faced by the people of Jammu and Kashmir on every front".

Appreciating the workers for rallying round the party during the most

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SMVDU adopts reservation policy for faculty recruitment, admissions

Approves PG courses in Dogri, Hindi under School of Languages & Literature

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday chaired the Executive Council meeting of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University here.

During the meeting, executive council approved Post-Graduate courses in Dogri & Hindi under the School of Languages and Literature.

The Executive council headed by the Lt Governor reduced annual fee for Ph.D students from Rs 6000/month to Rs 4000/month in order to

encourage quality research. Further, in a significant decision, approval was given to the adoption of Reservation Policy for both faculty recruitment and admissions. "All provisions of reservation as provided in the constitution are to be implemented in the University in the letter and spirit", the Lt Governor said.

The Council also approved the adoption of AICTE regulations regarding constitution of a grievance redressal committee (GRC) for faculty members. A grievance cell for

students and non teaching staff is already functional.

The Lt Governor was apprised about uploading of more than 3000 students' degrees who have graduated under different programs and courses of the University on National Academic Depository (NAD). The Lt Governor issued directions for expediting the process and completing it at the earliest following all modalities and verification.

The Executive council held detailed deliberations on

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Over 18,000 KPs, devotees visit Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple

» LG monitored entire event

» Modi, Amit Shah, Sinha greet people

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: On the auspicious occasion of Jyeshtha Ashtami, around 18,000 Kashmiri Pandits and devotees visited the famous Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple. Every year, on this auspicious day, Kheer Bhawani Mela is organized at Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple in Tulmulla, Ganderbal and devotees from different parts of Jammu and Kashmir visit the holy shrine here.

Kheer Bhawani is considered to be the deity of Kashmiri Pandits, who have a lot of recognition there. Jyeshtha Ashtami holds



Devotees paying obeisance at Mata Kheer Bhawani Shrine at Tulmulla in Srinagar.

immense religious significance for Kashmiri Pandit

brothers and sisters. Over the years, the Kheer

Bhawani Mela has become a symbol of communal harmony and brotherhood in Kashmir. Elaborate security arrangements were made in this event, it was monitored by the Lt. Governor Shri Manoj Sinha himself.

Around 2,500 Kashmiri Pandit devotees participated in the evening aarti. The religious sanctity of Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple, built atop a holy spring, has a special spiritual significance among Kashmiri Pandit devotees across the world.

The event could not be held here due to the

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 43.1°C Min: 27.6°C

Humidity

Max : 25 Min : 22

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 30.6°C Min: 15.0°C

Humidity

Max : 56 Min: 30

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Sunrise : 05:25 Hours

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