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## **10** ACB indicts 4 Govt officials UU in graft case

## CJ emphasises innovative ways for dispensing justice in prevailing crisis

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## 4 more tested COVID-19 positive in UT 4 more tested COVID-19 positive in UI Ladakh; 49 patients cured, discharged

### DD to telecast live daily puja at Holy Cave

## J&K Admn plans 'restricted' Amarnath Yatra

JAMMU: Asserting that the upcoming annual Amarnath Yatra would have to be undertaken in a "restricted manner" due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Jammu and Kashmir administration on Saturday said only 500 pilgrims would be allowed per day by road from Jammu to the 3,880-metre-high holy cave shrine.

It also said the standard operating procedures (SOPs) for testing of persons entering the Union Territory would also be applicable to the intending Amarnath pil-

"The yatra this year will have to be undertaken in a restricted manner so that the SoPs for COVID-19 are strictly adhered to during the conduct of the yatra a maximum of 500 yatris only could be allowed per day by road from Jammu," Chief В Secretary Subrahmanyam said.

He was chairing a meeting of the sub-committee constituted by the Supreme Court for the vatra here.

In the meeting, he reviewed the arrangements, including security for the pilgrimage,

JKSSB releases 31

recommendations of

withheld cases STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The 172nd Board

meeting of the J&K Services

Selection Board was held on

Chairmanship of Khalid Jahangir, Chairman, J&K

Services Selection Board at

Sehkari Bhawan, Bahu

The meeting was attended

by the Members of the

Board, M. Shafiq Chak

Pritam Lal Atri and

Harvinder Kour, Controller

of Examination JKSSB

Secretary, JKSSB Ranjeet

assisted the Board in con-

duct of its proceedings Further, the Kashmir

Ahmad

Mirza,

officers/officials

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under

office JKSSB,

Saturday

Central

Musheer

Plaza, Jammu.

#### was delayed due to the outbreak of the pandemic. According to sources, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) is planning to undertake the yatra in the last week of July for a short

Ganderbal on June 23 but

duration of 15 days. While reviewing the preparations for the Yatra 2020, the chief secretary said in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the State Executive Committee constituted under

an official spokesman said. the Disaster Management Act has issued SoPs which, The 42-day yatra was scheduled to commence from interalia, prescribe 100 per the twin tracks of Pahalgam cent RTPCR test for all perin Anantnag and Baltal in sons travelling into J-K.

"All entrants into J&K will have to be sampled, tested and quarantined till they are reported to be negative," he said, adding the camping facilities earlier utilised for vatris, especially at entry points are currently being utilised as quarantine cen-

He emphasised that SoPs for testing of persons entering J-K would apply to yatris

During the meeting, the

the departments concerned with regard to status of works, including upgradation and improvement along the track from Baltal to the Cave shrine at Kali Mata and emergency exit track from Sangam, installation of railings along critical stretches of the track, construction of additional helipads at Lower Holy Cave and construction of sanitisation tunnels at

and Domel. He also reviewed strengthening of footbridges and routine works viz installation of bridges, spokesman said.

Neelgrath Helipad, Baltal

Financial Commissioner, Health, Atal Dulloo also gave a brief with regard to health-

He said adequate stock of drugs, consumable items, sleeping bags, besides PPE kits and masks are being made available to the doctors and paramedical staff being deployed for yatra duty.

Dulloo apprised that two base hospitals are also being established along Baltal route. However, he was concerned about the stress ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

#### Centre approves Rs 574 Cr annual plan for NH works in J&K **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The central government has approved an annual plan worth Rs 574.16 crore for national highway works in Jammu and Kashmir for 2020-21, an official spokesperson said on Saturday.

The major works incorporated in the approved annual plan included construction of 3.23 km three fly-overs in Srinagar on (Jammu-Srinagar highway) at Bemina, Sanatnagar and Nowgam with

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#### Four SHOs among 7 **Inspectors transferred** Deepak Trikuta Nagar; Nishant Satwari; Kirti Bagh-e-Bahu; **Tahir Bishnah**

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

JAMMU: The SSP Jammu Shridhar Patil on Saturday ordered transfer and adjustment of seven inspectors including four Station House

As per order Number 646of 2020, Inspector Nishant Gupta has been posted as Police Station Satwari, Inspector Deepak Pathania as SHO

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# 2 ultras killed in Kulgam, terror hideout busted in Rajouri

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR/JAMMU: Two terrorists were killed and an Army man was injured during an encounter between the ultras and security forces in Kulgam district on Saturday, police said.

According to police, on a specific input generated by Kulgam Police regarding presence of terrorists in the village Arreh area of Kulgam, a joint cordon and search operation was launched by JKP, 34RR and 18Bn CRPF in the afore said area.

During the search operation as the presence of terrorists got ascertained they were given the opportunity to surrender and repeated appeals were made through local elders, however they fired indiscriminately upon the joint search party, which was retaliated leading to an encounter.

In the ensuing encounter, two terrorists were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site of encounter. One of the killed terrorist was a foreigner and identified as Ali Bhai alias Hyder. However the identification of another killed terrorist is being ascertained. The killed cation and participation in In this connection a case

terrorists were affiliated with proscribed terror outfit HM. Incriminating materials under relevant sections of including arms and ammunition were recovered from the site of encounter. All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation and to probe their complicity in

other terror crimes The bodies of the killed terrorists have been sent to Handwara for their last rites after conducting medicolegal formalities including collection of their DNA. In case any family claims the other killed terrorist to be their kith or kin, they can

last rites at Handwara.

law has been registered in Police Station Kulgam and investigation has been initi-Meanwhile, a terrorist hideout was busted in a remote

village in Rajouri district, leading to the recovery of a huge cache of arms and ammunition, officials said. The hideout was unearthed

during the course of a joint search operation by police and the Rashtriya Rifles in Dardasan village of the Thanamandi area, the officials said. They said

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#### **India: 23,000 test** positive for COVID; death toll rises to 18,655 ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: With 22,771 people testing positive for the novel coronavirus in a day, the highest so far, India's COVID-19 tally climbed to 6,48,315 on Saturday, while the death toll rose to 18,655 with 442new fatalities, according to the Union Health Ministry's data.

With a steady rise, the number of recoveries stands at 3,94,226 with 14,335 COVID-19 patients having been cured in the last 24 hours, according to the

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#### Modi shares pics of 227 including 40 CRPF personnel test positive Sindhu Puja in Ladakh for COVID-19 in J&K; 8 more die



**STATE TIMES NEWS** DELHI

Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday shared pictures of Sindhu Puja he performed in

Ladakh, saying he prayed for the nation. The prime minis-

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: As many as 227 people, including 40 CRPF personnel, tested positive for COVID-19 in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, taking the union territory's case count to 8,246, while eight more fatalities pushed its toll to 127, officials said.

All deaths and the majority of the fresh cases were reported from Kashmir.

Eight people, who were COVID-19 positive have died over the past 24 hours in Jammu and Kashmir," the officials said, adding that

#### daughter found positive FIR against hotel for lodging factory official without DM's permission

Another Pepsi employee, his

JAMMU: Another employee of Pepsi factory and his daughter were tested positive on Saturday however, police has registered an FIR against a hotel which is paid quarantine centre for lodging a factory employee without District Magistrate's As per the details, police has registered FIR against hotel

Mango (paid quarantine centre) for lodging a Pepsi factory employee without DM's permission. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

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This has taken the death toll due to COVID-19 in the

Two AAOs transferred,

Jammu and 113 from the

Of the 227 new COVID-19 cases, 30 were reported from the Jammu region and 197

the total number of cases in

were from the valley.

There are 2,976 active

cases in the union territory. A

total of 5,143 patients have

recovered from the infection.

The cases detected on

Saturday included 29 per-

sons who had returned to the

No fresh cases were detected in five districts --

Kishtwar -- in the last 24

Reasi

Kathua,

union territory recently.

Ganderbal,

Ramban,

hours

updated data at 8 AM.

## Tribunal not vested with any jurisdiction to entertain pleas on service disputes in corporation, company: CAT

#### Two Punjab residents arrested with poppy

straw in Jammu **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Two suspected Bhagwan drug peddlers were arrested after over three kilograms of poppy straw was recovered from their truck here, police said on Saturday. Driver Vinod Kumar (28) tain any petition related to and his helper Rachhpal any service dispute in the

Singh (29), both residents of Gurdaspur in Punjab, were coming from Udhampur when their truck was checked at Jehda near Manwal on Friday night, a police official said.

He said 3.2 kg of poppy straw was recovered from a polythene bag kept inside the cabin of the truck

A case under NDPS Act was registered against the arrested persons and further investigation is on, the official said.



Sunset: 19:43 Hours

Sunrise: 05:30 Hours

A Bench of Administrative Central Tribunal (CAT) comprising Sahai Administrative Member and Rakesh Sagar Jain Judicial Member on Saturday held that Tribunal is not vested with any jurisdiction to enter-

CAT further observed that if the Corporation/Company has not been brought within

Corporation/company.

the jurisdiction of this Tribunal by a notification to be issued by the Central Government under Section 14 (2) of the Act and therefore, so long as this notification is not issued, the Tribunal cannot assume iurisdiction in respect of any service matter pertaining to respondent-Company under the Act. This significant judgment has been passed in a petition filed by Parmesh Lal seeking relief with regard to his service dispute regarding correction of his Date of Birth in the records of respondent-organization viz. J&K Minerals Ltd.

CAT observed that in the present case, applicant is an employee of the respondent (J&K Minerals Ltd.) and the corporation/Company has not been brought within the jurisdiction of this Tribunal by a notification to be issued by the Central Government under Section 14 (2) of the Act and therefore, so long

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## union territory to 127--14 in

#### four get addl charge **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The government on Saturday transferred two Assistant Account Officers (AAOs) and assigned additional charge to four others. In an order issued by Mahesh Dass, Director Accounts & General, Treasuries, Finance department, Mohd Shafi Wani, AAO, Block Development Office, Shangus, Anantnag has been posted as AAO. Social Welfare Department Secretariat; Ahmad Darzi, AAO,

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# Women Self Help Groups excelled in

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

NEWDELHI: Minister Charge) (Independent Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Dr Jitendra Singh on Saturday said that Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) had excelled in fight against COVID and their contribution was vital in helping Northeast emerge as a model of Corona manage-

ment. He said, women power



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh interacting with various SHGs associated with NERCORMP through a Webinar.

(Matrashakti) took a lead in COVID crisis, and also

#### Make Geelani pay for leashed in Kashmir!



JAMMU: By shedding skin, snakes do not lose their characteristics. In fact, they shed their skins to remove parasites that may have attached to their old

skins. Similarly, by

quitting Hurriyat Conference, Syed Ali Shah Geelani has only moved away from the parasites in the party to find more dreaded associates to inject venom into the Kashmir terror regime.

Geelani belongs to the genre that shrewdly pursues the crafted agenda with a ruthless mission, which may be idealistic for those who admire him and sinister for those who do not. Admiration or adulation notwithstanding, let it be known, Geelani will not give up his hardcore agenda till his last when the roll call will come, howsoever efforts the pseudo rationalists or self proclaimed champions of human rights groups in India put in. He will keep spitting venom against India and it is this venom which he will be bequeathing to the generation next, if he is not exposed and prosecuted for all the wrongs committed during three decades of Kashmir turmoil.

Passing on venom, gestated over decades, to generation next will mean poisoning of so many generations of Kashmir in times to come. Can Kashmiris afford this? And, can India allow it?

Syed Ali Shah Geelani carries a baggage of Kashmir destruction on his shoulders. Not only has the hardcore hawk pushed the Valley to the wall but he has also supervised, though indirectly, the mayhem and carnages alien to once paradise on this earth. Apart from ruining families in terms of pushing their children to the terror regime, he cannot absolve himself from the terror acts spread in the length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir, in the name of Jihad, that took a toll of thousand in the past three decades. His Jihad has manifested in tragedies of immense magnitude. To quote a few, 15 Hindu passengers were massacred in

Kishtwar on 14 August 1993; seven Pandits were kidnapped and killed in Sangrampora on 21 March 1997, 23 Kashmiri Hindus were murdered in Wandhama on 25 January 1998, 18 members of a Hindu family were shot dead in Pranakote village of Udhampur district on 17 April 1998 followed by assassination of 20 wedding guests at Champnagri mountains of Doda in June 1998; 15 persons including eight women died in a terrorist attack in Doda district on 19 July 1999; 34 Sikhs were segregated from the residents forced out in Chattisingpora, Kashmir on 20 March 2000 and killed selectively. Who has forgotten the killing of 48 persons at the base camp of Shri Amarnathji Yatra at Pahalgam on 1 August 2000 or massacre of four pilgrims and three security guards in a terrorist attack on Raghunath temple in Jammu on 30 March 2002, Jammu Railway Station terror attack still haunts the residents of the temple city. These are few of the atrocities which Geelani's 'Mujahids' have committed in pursuit of

achieving sinister objectives of seceding

Kashmir from India. No government, either in New Delhi or in Srinagar, ever dared to take the bull by the horns despite having enough material to prosecute the chief separatist Geelani. The maximum they have done so far has been to put him under house arrest, which has become a big joke of three decade terrorism in Kashmir. One moment he remains under preventive detention and only the next moment the 'siege' is lifted. Now, even the authorities must have lost the count as to how many times Geelani has been put under house arrest in recent

Successive governments have made heroes of villains in the guise of separatists. This speaks of the level of dilemma the dispensations in New Delhi and in Srinagar are in. They seem to be clueless on tackling both terrorism and secessionism on the same plank, notwithstanding the fact that they were just two faces of the same coin. The lack of strong action against the law breakers suits the purpose

of offenders only, as their profile as hardcore separatists gets fattened by inept governmental actions. Why is Geelani being arrested or put under house arrest only when he needs medical attention? No sooner is he arrested, he finds himself in the premier medical institutes of the country for treatment. The Centre needs to issue a white paper on the expenses incurred on the treatment of Kashmir's super secessionist? The Governments at the Centre and the

Union Territory will have to shun adhocism on Kashmir and work out a foolproof policy to tackle the situation militarily as well as politically. The hide and seek, which is being played with Geelani and others will only strengthen their sep aratist clout. If the rationale behind hide and seek is to leave some space for engaging Geelani in dialogue then the government better know that this will remain a distant dream. The soft attitude or appeasement has proved counter-productive in the past and will prove the same in CONCLUDEDthe future as well.