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## Delimitation exercise in J&K to be transparent: Justice Ranjana

'Exercise would be done as per 2011 census'



Delimitation Commission headed by Justice (Retired) Ranjana Prakash Desai briefing media in Jammu on Friday.

occupied Kashmir (PoK) will remain vacant and are out of its preview.

"I assure you from myself and my colleagues that the exercise is going to be transparent as per laid down law. I do not think anybody should have any such apprehensions," Justice (retd) Desai told reporters here.

The commission said the exercise would be done according to the Census of 2011 and that the 24 assembly seats falling in Pakistan

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doubts. We can only talk to those who want to participate in the process. Those who don't want to, have their own choice," she said.

She said, "We are confident that we will finish this task as per laid down law in a transparent manner. Otherwise we would have not been coming here and spend-

ing these days hearing all." Replying to another question about the PDP staying away from its proceedings, she said the commission wishes they had taken part. "All other parties participated," she added.

The Mehbooba Mufti-led PDP stayed away from its proceedings stating that there was a perception that the outcome of the process was preplanned.

Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra, who is also part of the commission, said they had come here with an open mind.

"If we had something in mind and had decided earlier, the commission would not have come here to hear from people. We are very clear on this that nothing has been decided," he said.

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Chandgergeer, Hajin. During his personal search, incriminating material, arms and ammunition including one Chinese pistol along with live rounds, were recovered from his possession," the spokesperson said.

The arrested person had joined the proscribed LeT recently and was tasked with carrying out subversive activities in and around Hajin town, he added.

In this regard, Police has registered a case under relevant sections of law at Police Station Hajin and further investigation has been initiated.

"He has been identified as Muzammil Sheikh alias Abu Maviya, a resident of

Ahmedabad, Gujarat. He was replying to a question about apprehensions expressed by a section of political parties and people in Kashmir that it is a pre-planned exercise guided by the agenda of a political party.

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Attempts being made to create wedge between Kashmir, Jammu: Mehbooba

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
JAMMU: Criticizing the ongoing political, economic and social onslaught on Jammu and Kashmir, President Peoples Democratic Party and former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti Friday said that attempts were now being made to create wedge between the two regions for vested interests.

"Kashmir and Jammu regions have always been economically and socially dependent on each other. The cultural and social diversity of this erstwhile state has been its strength and all attempts in the past to shatter this bond have failed", she said adding that the social and non-political organizations have to come forward in order to stop the forces who are at play to divide people on cultural, linguistic and religious lines".

Mufti arrived in Jammu on a three day tour, during which she will meet

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Over 1,500 PSA Oxygen plants coming up across nation: Modi



PM Narendra Modi chairing review meeting on Medical Oxygen related issues through video conferencing in New Delhi.

was informed that once all PSA Oxygen plants coming up through PM CARES would be functional, they would support more than 4 lakh oxygenated beds.

PM instructed the officials to ensure that these plants are made functional at

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J&K reports 261 more COVID cases, 1 death

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Friday recorded 261 fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the number of infected persons to 3,18,284, while a lone death took the toll to 4,354, officials said.

of the fresh cases, 115 were from Jammu division and 146 from Kashmir division of the Union territory, the officials said.

They said Srinagar district recorded the highest of 59

cases followed by Doda district that recorded 34 cases.

The number of active cases has dropped to 3,300 in the UT, while 3,10,630 patients have recovered so far;

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08 JKHCBA Jammu delegation calls on Delimitation Commission, submits memorandum

## Security situation in J&K totally under control: Sinha

Inaugurates Showroom cum Interpretation Centre at Govt Woolen Mill Bemina



Making cities of J&K sustainable, structured & supportive  
**LG e-launches City Livelihood Centre Jammu**

SRINAGAR: Taking a step forward to make cities of the UT more sustainable, structured for optimum resource utilization and sensitive & supportive towards the marginalized sections of the society, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday e-launched City Livelihood Centre (CLC), Jammu and laid e-foundation of Rs 80 Crore worth Integrated Solid Waste Management facility at Kot-Bhalwal, Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor remarked that "There is a deep link between economic development and urbanization. The growth and expansion of cities not only contributes more to the GDP, but is also the engine of our progress. Therefore, the way urban population is increasing; new measures will have to be taken to deliver facilities to them."

The strength of any city is measured by its economic prosperity and the power behind it comes from connectivity, environment, workers group, waste management, culture etc. We have to make all the big cities

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the Showroom cum Interpretation Centre at Government Woolen Mill, Bemina, established under the World Bank funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTRFP) to give a determined push to the growth of Woolen industry in the UT, the LG stressed on providing viable market opportunities to those associated with the wool production.

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## OPD services, surgeries in healthcare institutions to resume across Kashmir

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SRINAGAR: Authorities in Jammu and Kashmir have come up for coronavirus patients.

... it is enjoined upon all chief medical officers, medical superintendents & block medical officers under the administrative control of this Directorate to resume OPD, surgeries & other routine healthcare facilities services in all the health institutions under their respective jurisdictions forthwith in the interest of better patient care, the order read.

However, the officials said the Directorate has ordered that few separate well-equipped oxygenated beds should be kept available

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Alert sounded on Jammu-Pathankot highway after locals spot armed men in Jatwal area; CASO launched



Security forces carrying out search operation in Samba district.

maize crop from wild animals during night when he spotted the four suspects," the official said, adding "The father-son duo immediately informed Ghagwal police about those suspects. They spotted four persons in Army uniform near the railway bridge. They were carrying bags and guns on their

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## Delhi HC backs Uniform Civil Code, urges Centre to take necessary steps

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NEW DELHI: Favoured the introduction of Uniform Civil Code (UCC), the Delhi High Court said the Indian youth need not be forced to struggle with issues arising due to conflicts in various personal laws in relation to marriage and divorce," the order said.

While referring to several decisions of the Supreme court on the need for UCC, including the historical Shah Bano case of 1985, the high court said: "The hope expressed in Article 44 of the Constitution that the State shall secure for its citizens Uniform Civil Code ought not to remain a mere hope.

In the Shah Bano case, the apex court had said a common civil code would help the cause of national integration by removing disparate loyalties to laws having conflicting ideologies. It had also observed that the state

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LG Manoj Sinha chairing weekly meetings of COVID Task Force, DCs, SPs on J&K's COVID scenario.

appropriately with utmost sensitivity and responsibility", added the Lt Governor.

Underlining the importance of heightened awareness among the masses to keep the positivity rate and infection rate low, the Lt Governor directed the DCs and SPs for intensifying the awareness campaign at all tourist places ensuring full compliance of the Covid protocol and Covid

at this juncture. The concerned officials should appoint Nodal officers for strict adherence.

The Lt Governor directed the DCs and SPs to ensure strict adherence to the already imposed restriction.

To contain the spread of the deadly virus, the Lt Governor directed the concerned DCs to focus on the Blocks with high positivity rate and increase testing in such areas with Covid containment measures.

Expressing satisfaction over the vaccination percentage in 8 districts with 100% coverage and the ones near saturation, the Lt Governor directed the remaining districts which are lagging behind to adopt a more proactive approach and micro-level planning ■ CONT'D ON PAGE 9

Don't lower your guard against COVID, follow all SoPs: LG  
Nodal officers to check adherence of COVID protocols at tourist places, public parks

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SRINAGAR: Taking a detailed assessment of the present Covid scenario in the UT, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday chaired series of meetings with members of Covid Task Force, Deputy Commissioners, and SPs on Covid Containment efforts of the J&K Administration.

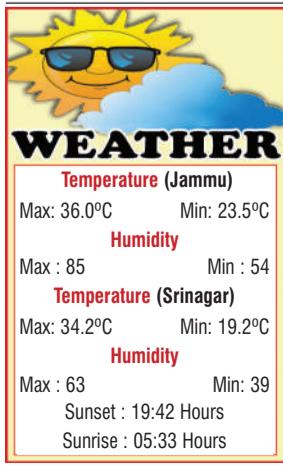
During the meetings with the senior officers, Div Coms, DCs and SPs, the Lt Governor was apprised about the Covid Scenario in the UT, vaccination and other measures to effectively tackle the spread of the corona virus.

The Lt Governor observed that J&K's performance is better than many other regions of the country in terms of vaccination, daily testing and sampling, and advised everyone for not lowering their guard against Covid. "We need to keep following all SoPs, Covid Appropriate Behaviour

religiously with utmost sensitivity and responsibility", added the Lt Governor.

Taking a strict note of people flaunting Covid protocols, the Lt Governor observed that although the Government has been successful in bringing the situation under control, we cannot afford to lower our guard

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Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 36.0°C Min: 23.5°C  
Humidity  
Max: 54% Min: 54%  
Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 34.2°C Min: 19.2°C  
Humidity  
Max: 63% Min: 39%  
Sunrise: 05:33 Hours  
Sunset: 19:42 Hours