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LG announces forming of panel to draw roadmap for accelerated dev of agriculture, allied sectors

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday announced that a high-powered committee of agricultural scientists will be formed under the chairmanship of renowned scientist, Dr. Mangala Rai to prepare a futuristic roadmap for accelerated development of agriculture and allied sectors and making the farming viable, steady and sustainable.

Inaugurating a two-day multi-stakeholder convention on holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors in J&K UT, at SKICC, Srinagar, the Lieutenant Governor referred to the immense scope of possibilities in harnessing the real potential of agriculture and allied sectors to make it a strong base of the UT's economy and said the government is focusing on higher investment in agro-based indus-

"High value crops, greater value addition will provide a

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Indian

and Chinese armies agreed

to work out a mutually

acceptable resolution of the

remaining issues in eastern

Ladakh at the earliest dur-

ing their 16th round of high-

A joint statement issued by

the two sides said it was reaf-

firmed that the resolution of

pending issues would help in

the restoration of peace and

tranquility along the Line of

Actual Control (LAC) in the

region and enable progress in

The statement was issued

on Monday night, a day after

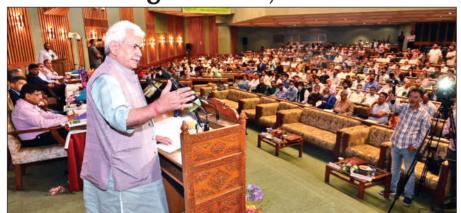
the two sides held the talks

bilateral relations.

level talks on Sunday.

Eastern Ladakh row: India, China agree to

work out mutually acceptable resolution soon



LG Manoj Sinha addressing two-day multi-stakeholder convention on holistic agriculture in Srinagar on Monday.

Sinha announces 10 pc reservation for Agniveers in JK Police SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has announced 10 per cent reservation for

Agniveers in the Jammu and Kashmir Police. During the 16th edition of 'Awaam Ki Awaaz' radio talk on Sunday, Sinha said his decision was based on the suggestion given by two youth from Jammu - Sankarshan Sharma and Akarshit Sharma. "Sankarshan and Akarshit, I want to thank you for your suggestion. I want to tell you that we will implement the 10 per cent reservation for Agniveers with immediate effect," the LG said. Sinha instructed officials of Mission Youth, district administrations and top police officials to provide necessary facilities to all the youth preparing for the four-year Agniveer military recruitment scheme via various training programmes.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Supreme

Court collegiums led by Chief

Justice has cleared name of

senior most Sessions Judge

of J&K for his elevation as

As per precedence, the

Supreme Court Collegium

will take decision on the rec-

ommendation of J&K High

Court Collegium and then

forward the names to the

Union Ministry of Law &

Justice for clearance. Later,

the list will be submitted to

the Prime Minister's Office

for final approval of the

Union Government and

thereafter to the President of

Judge J&K High Court.

boost to this industry. Our

that lasted for around 12-

"Building on the progress

made at the last meeting on

11th March 2022, the two

sides continued discussions

for the resolution of the rele-

vant issues along the LAC in

the Western Sector in a con-

structive and forward-look-

ing manner," the statement

The government refers to

"They had a frank and in-

depth exchange of views in

this regard, in keeping with

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the guidance provided by the

state leaders to work for

the eastern Ladakh region as

the Western sector.

and-half hours.

the agriculture and allied GSDP", he added. The

SC collegium clears name of Sessions Judge

Rajesh Sekri for elevation as High Court Judge

India for issuance of the war-

rant of appointment. J&K

High Court has sanctioned

strength of 17 Judges includ-

ing 13 Permanent Judges

and 4 Additional Judges.

However, at present there are

11 Judges including Chief

Pankaj

Justice

Rabstan, Justice Sanjeev

Shukla,

Sharma,

Oswal,

Chatterji

Justice Sanjay Dhar and

Justice Javed Iqbal Wani,

Justice Rahul Bharti and

Justice Moksha Khajuria

Ali

Mithal,

Tashi

Justice

Justice

Justice

Koul,

Mohammad

Justice

Justice

Magrey,

Kumar

Sindhu

Rajnesh

Vinod

Three DySPs placed in Selection Grade

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Monday placed three Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySPs) (Telecom) in the Selection Grade (Non Functional).

"In terms of the Jammu Kashmir Police (Gazetted) Recruitment Rules, 2002, notified, vide SRO 132 dated 3rd April, 2002, read with SRO 209 of 2012 dated June 21, 2012

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Committee inquiring into selection list of

FAA: Govt STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir administration on Monday said a committee headed by the Additional Chief Secretary (Home) was inquiring into the selection list of Finance Accounts Assistant (FAA) to ensure that no irregularities have been committed.

The FAA aspirants have been protesting here for the past four days,

Born in Jammu, Rajesh

Sekri did his Matriculation

from SD Sabha High

Secondary School and gradu-

ated from Government

Gandhi Memorial Science

College. He did L.L.B from

Faculty of Law, University of

Jammu in 1989 and passed

KCS (Judicial) before join-

ing as Munsiff in 1995. He

got promoted as Sub-Judge

in 1998 and as District and

Sessions Judge in 2008

besides receiving a selection

Grade in 2014 w.e.f., June

2013 and was placed in

Super Time scale in

J&K Admn notifies up to 125 pc enhancement in

scholarship for tribal students ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a major boost to quality education for tribal students, the Jammu and Kashmir administration Monday notified up to 125 per cent enhancement in the scholarship amount for higher studies in government and recognised private institutions

colleges, officials said. Tribal Affairs The Department notified the first ever revision of scholarship amount since 2011-2012 and also increased the number of courses covered to over 350 from existing less

including universities and

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Jammu-based LeT module, receiving weapons dropped by Pak drones, busted; 3 arrested

Police mops up LeT network in Rajouri, 4 held with huge recoveries

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police has busted a Lashker-e-Taiba operating in Jammu city by arresting three people involved in receiving and ferrying consignments of weapons and explosives dropped by 15 drone sorties in border areas from the Pakistan side, officials said on Monday.

The police seized an AK rifle, pistols, silencers and grenades from a Jammubased residence of an LeT terrorist, thereby foiling possible terror plots in the city.

A joint team of the Jammu and the Kathua police and the Special Operations Group has solved the case of a drone shot down by troops on May 29 at Talli-Hariya Chak area of Kathua district, which was loaded with UBGL rounds and sticky bombs among others, ADGP Mukesh Singh told reporters

Terror hideout busted in Ramban BANIHAL/JAMMU: Security forces on Monday busted a

suspected terror hideout in Ramban district and seized ammunition and explosives, officials said. A joint search operation by the Rashtriya Rifles and the

police was launched in the heights of the Buzla-Khari belt in Banihal which led to the uncovering of the hideout in Hadwagan-Sernihal forest, they said. The forces seized a fragmentation grenade, 35 rounds of AK rifle, seven Pike rounds, two magazines, seven ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

He said the case involved another drone shot down at Manyari in Kathua on June 20, 2020, which was carrying a huge payload, including an

M4 rifle and other explosive materials.

Singh said the team apprehended many suspects on

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BDC Chairman, 22 PRI members resign over Admn's failure to repair link road in Banihal

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Development Committee (BDC) Chairman and other 22 members of the Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRI) resigned from their posts in protest against the alleged failure of the administration to repair a link road in Ramban district.

Nachilana-Khari-Mundakbass link road, which caters to over 30,000 population of the hilly belt in Banihal sub-division, is in a very dilapidated condition as the road is being used by railway construction agency IRCON international for the past the two decades without

carrying out any repair, they said.

In a joint letter to district magistrate Ramban, one BDC, six sarpanchs, five naib sarpanchs and 11 panchs said they have resigned from their posts over the failure of the administration and the IRCON to repair and maintain the hilly road link as well as indifferent attitude of authorities to

"We are submitting joint resignation before your goodself, so that we come out of public pressure (due to failure of administration to repair and maintain

address their demand.

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56-yr-old man, his wife found hanging

Abetment to suicide: Daughter-in-law's bail rejected As per details, Police

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Excise Magistrate

Jammu Umesh Sharma rejected bail plea of one Aarti Khanna, daughter-in-law in abetment to suicide case.

Excise Magistrate Jammu Umesh Sharma after hearing Adv Sandeep Bhat for applicant whereas APP Yogesh Bamba for the J&K UT observed that investigation of the case is in progress and the accused was arrested just few days back. Further, many other material aspects of the case are vet to be investigated and in case the accused is enlarged on bail, there is every apprehension that she may temper with the evi-

dence and may also flee away from clutches of law. "I have considered the prayer of the accused for bail in the light of the various circumstances stated above and in view of the facts and circumstances of the case, I am of the considered view that a strong prima-fascia has been made out against the accused. No doubt personal liberty of the accused is her constitutional guarantee but the same can be refused in accordance with the procedure established by law and is required to be balanced with the impact of the offence upon the society," the Court observed and rejected the bail application.

Station Janipur received an information that two bodies are lying in suspicious circumstances in a house situated at Janipur Colony, Jammu. An inquest under section 174 of CrPC started and during the probe, the dead bodies were identified as Shashi Paul (56) and his wife Kiran (54).

The statements of witness es conversant with facts and circumstances of the case were recorded. A suicide note allegedly written by deceased Shashi Paul was also recovered from the spot and the same was forwarded to

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while accepting bribe of Rs 2 lakh

Army captain, JCO martyred in accidental blast along LoC in Poonch **STATE TIMES NEWS**

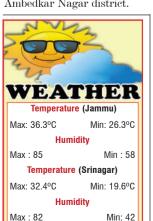
JAMMU: An army captain and a Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) were martyred in an accidental grenade blast along the Line of Control in Poonch district, officials said on Monday.

The blast occurred when

the Indian army troops were performing their duties in Mendhar sector late Sunday night, PRO Defence Jammu Lt Col Devender Anand

It resulted in injuries to Captain Anand and JCO Naib Subedar Bhagwan Singh. Though they were immediately evacuated by helicopter to Command Hospital in Udhampur, they succumbed to injuries during treatment, he said.

Captain Anand hails from Champa Nagar area in Bihar's Bhagalpur district and Naib Subedar Bhagwan Singh is from Pokhar Bhitta village in Uttar Pradesh's Ambedkar Nagar district.



Sunset: 19:39 Hours

Sunrise: 05:38 Hours

Tehsildar among two nabbed by ACB

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has arrested one Mohammad Younis Bangroo, Tehsildar Shalteng, Srinagar and Gh Hajam, Naib Tehsildar, Batamaloo while demanding Rs 5 lakh and accepting Rs 2 lakh as 1st instalment of bribe from complainant.

official per an spokesperson, the sleuths of ACB received a complaint wherein it was alleging that one Mohammad Younis, Tehsildar and Gh Rasool Hajam, Naib-Tehsildar of Tehsil Office Shalteng are

152 new COVID

cases reported in

J&K: 6 in Ladakh

SRINAGAR: Jammu and

Kashmir reported 152 new

COVID-19 cases on Monday.

taking the infection tally in

the union territory to

4,57,184, officials said here.

ed from the Jammu division,

67 cases were reported from

After one death due to the

disease in the last 24 hours,

the total fatalities have

increased to 4,759, they said.

active cases in the union ter-

ritory, whereas the number

of recoveries has reached

The officials said there

were 51 confirmed cases of

Presently, there are 1,140

the Kashmir valley.

4,51,285 they said.

gus) in Jammu

While 85 cases were report-

■ STATÉ TIMES NEWS

demanding Rs 5 lakh as bribe for allowing complainants to run their business on Nazool land transferred in their favour under Roshni Act at Rampur. Chattabal Srinagar, while the matter is sub-judice and pending disposal before the Court of law. The official further said that complainants pleaded for justice but both the revenue officers demanded bribe of Rs 5 lakh for allowing them to run their business and thereafter amount of bribe was settled to be paid in installments. As first installment, the complainants were asked to pay

accused persons, the comservants underhanded while demanding and money was also CONTD ON PAGE 9

Rs 2 lakh. However, before paying bribe amount to plainants approached ACB for taking legal action against the accused public "Accordingly, FIR No. 29/2022 under section 7 of PC Act 1988 read with 120-B of IPC was registered and investigation started. A trap team was constituted, which caught Gh Rasool Hajam, Naib Tehsildar, Shalteng redaccepting bribe of Rs 2 lakh

Five Tehsildars transferred **STATE TIMES NEWS**

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JAMMU: The government

on Monday transferred five According to the order

Vijay Kumar issued by Bidhuri, Commissioner Secretary. Department, Ravi Shankar, JKAS. Tehsildar Sunderbani has been transferred and placed at the dis-Deputy posal ofCommissioner, Rajouri for further posting; Kapil Kant Khajuria, Tehsildar Relief Organisation Jammu has been transferred and posted as Tehsildar Sunderbani. He shall also hold additional

Murmu versus Sinha: MPs, MLAs vote to elect President

from complainant. The bribe charge of Tehsil Beri

8 MPs, including Sunny Deol, fail to cast vote NEW DELHI: Parliamen-

STATE TIMES NEWS

tarians and legislators across the country voted on Monday to elect India's 15th president, choosing between opposition pick Yashwant Sinha and NDA nominee Droupadi Murmu who is favoured to win the battle to the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

With the BJP's dominance and support from regional parties such as the BJD, BSP, Shiromani Akali Dal, Shiv Sena and now JMM, Murmu's vote share is likely to reach nearly two-thirds and she is set to become the first tribal leader and second woman to occupy the top constitutional post.

mucormycosis (black fun-While MPs filed into Parliament's Room No 63 that had been converted into ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9



Congress President Sonia Gandhi casting their votes.

a polling station to cast their vote. MLAs headed to state assemblies. A total of 4,809 electors, including 776 MPs and 4033 elected MLAs are entitled to vote in the election, but nominated MPs and MLAs, and Members of Legislative Council are not. After the day's polling, the

Election Commission said over 99 per cent of the total electors had cast their ballot. In Delhi, voting ended with the 98.90 per cent of the electors permitted to vote in Parliament House exercising franchise, Returning Officer PC Mody. Briefing reporters after the

10 states, one UT record 100 pc voting; overall turnout 99 pc Counting on July 21; next Prez to take oath on July 25

NEW DELHI: The Election Commission Monday said over 99 per cent of the total 4,796 electors cast their votes in presidential poll, while 10 states and the Union Territory of

Puducherry recorded a turnout of 100 per cent. The election was concluded successfully in a free, fair and transparent manner at the Parliament House and at 30 centres within State Legislative Assemblies across the country including in Delhi and Puducherry, the poll panel said in a

"As per reports being received, out of a total of 771 Members of Parliament entitled to vote (05 vacant) and similarly out of total 4025 Members of the Legislative Assemblies entitled to vote (06 vacant and 02 disqualified), over 99 per cent cast their votes today," the statement said.

A 100 per cent voting by MLAs was reported from Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala. Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, CONTD ON PAGE 9

voting, he said 736 electors had been permitted by the - 727 MPs and nine MLAs -Election Commission to vote

at Parliament House. Eight MPs, including BJP's Sunny Deol, did not cast their vote. Among those who voted in Parliament were Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi.

As polling gathered pace for a race in which the end result is seemingly clear, Sinha appealed to parliamentarians and legislators to listen to their "inner voice" and support him.

"I have repeatedly said this election is very important as it will decide the direction as to whether democracy will remain in India or will slowly end. The indications that we are getting is that we are moving towards its end,"

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