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Safety, security of women and children utmost priority for J&K Admn: LG



LG Manoj Sinha reviewing performance of Department of Social Welfare.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Reviewing the implementation of welfare schemes for women and children, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said their safety and security in Jammu and Kashmir is of utmost priority for the administration.

Chairing a meeting to review performance of the Department of Social Welfare, functioning of various verticals and implemen-

tation of Central and UT's welfare schemes, the Lieutenant Governor directed for a dedicated integrated mechanism for conducting awareness programmes and ensuring cases are reported, investigated and stringent action is taken.

He also called for providing all possible assistance to those in distress. "Social safety net, social and economic empowerment of the underprivileged is our

'Honey trap' gang busted in Srinagar; 4 held

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Police here have busted a "honey trap" gang and arrested four members who allegedly extorted money from people, officials said on Friday.

Rainawari, posed as a Superintendent of Police, while Masrat Mir, a resident of Habba Kadal posed as an officer of the Crime Branch. Tariq Mir, a resident of Lal Bazar, posed as a journalist and Ashiya from Bemina honey-trapped the victims, they said.

Another member of the gang who posed as a police sub-inspector is absconding. The women lured people into romantic relationships and then create scenarios where they could be blackmailed by involving other members of the gang posing as media personnel or police, the spokesperson said.

Firdous Ahmed Mir from

Modi to distribute over 70,000 appointment letters to new recruits today

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will distribute more than 70,000 appointment letters to newly-inducted recruits on Saturday and address them via video conferencing, his office said.

The Rozgar Mela will be held at 44 locations across the country. The recruitments are taking place across central government departments as well as state governments and Union Territories supporting this initiative, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a statement.

Prime Minister Modi will distribute more than 70,000 appointment letters to newly-inducted recruits on July 22 at 10:30 am via video conferencing, the PMO said.

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 31.7°C Min: 27.0°C

Humidity
Max: 81 Min: 81

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 27.8°C Min: 21.7°C

Humidity
Max: 84 Min: 64

Sunset : 19:33 Hours
Sunrise : 05:30 Hours

31 JKPS officers cleared for induction into IPS

Latifi, Rajeshwar, Shiv, Anita, Zahid, Koushal, Kotwal, Johar, Rajinder, Aslam, Kichloo, Wazir among promotees

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A high-level panel on Friday gave its go-ahead for induction of 31 Jammu & Kashmir Police officers into the coveted Indian Police Service (IPS).

The meeting was attended by representatives of the Union Public Service Commission, Union Home Ministry and J&K government including Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta, Home Secretary Raj Kumar Goyal and Director General of Police Dilbagh Singh.

According to sources, the panel cleared Maqsood-ul-



Sandeep Wazir, Rajinder Gupta, Rajeshwar Singh, Mohd Aslam, Mubassir Latifi, J S Johar, Sanjay Kotwal, Mohd Kichloo, Z N Manhas, Anita Sharma, Dr. Koushal Sharma, Shiv K Sharma, Zaman, Mubassir Latifi, Wazir, Anita Sharma, Sameer Rekhi, Jatinder Singh Johar, Swarn Singh, Rajeshwar Singh, Sandeep Kotwal, Zahid Nasim

After Yasin Malik appears in SC, Delhi Prisons Department says 'prima facie lapse', orders probe

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Drawing flak over the appearance of jailed JKLF chief Yasin Malik in the Supreme Court, the Delhi Prisons Department on Friday said there was "prima facie lapse" on the part of some officials and ordered an inquiry.

Deputy Inspector General (Prisons-Headquarters) Rajiv Singh will conduct the inquiry to find out the lapse and fix the responsibility of erring officials and submit a report to the Director General (Prisons) within three days, according to an official statement.

The presence of Malik, serving life term in Tihar jail, in a packed courtroom creat-



Jailed JKLF chief Yasin Malik creates flutter with his appearance in SC without court's permission.

Tushar Mehta told a bench of Justices Surya Kant and Dipankar Datta that there was a procedure for high-risk convicts to be allowed into the courtroom to argue their case personally.

When Mehta pointed at Malik's presence in the courtroom, the bench said it had not granted him permission or passed any order allowing him to argue his case in person.

NIA, Police raid home of Hizbul terrorist in Kishtwar

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The NIA and the Jammu and Kashmir Police on Friday raided the home of Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist Riyaz in connection with a terror support and funding case in Kishtwar district, officials said. The raids were conducted by the police's Special Investigation Unit and the National Investigation Agency (NIA) at Riyaz's home in the district's Marwah area, they said. The action was taken under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, they said.

The meeting also discussed the welfare measures for persons with disabilities, trans-genders, old aged and senior citizens, SCs/STs, Pahari community and other beneficiaries.

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Over 3 lakh record breaking number of pilgrims performs spiritual Amarnath Yatra

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Due to the improvement in infrastructure and allied services by the Jammu and Kashmir government, Shri Amarnathji Yatra registered over 3 lakh record breaking number of pilgrims who paid obeisance at the Holy Cave just within 21 days which is comparatively much higher than the previous year number during the corresponding period.



Amarnath Yatis leaving from Jammu amid tight security.

With the addition of 13,797 yatis who performed darshan on Friday, the cumulative total now stands at 3,07,354.

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Over 4,600 pilgrims leave Jammu for Amarnath

JAMMU: A batch of more than 4,600 Amarnath pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here on Thursday morning amid tight security.

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Varanasi court orders ASI to survey Gyanvapi mosque

STATE TIMES NEWS
VARANASI: A court here on Friday directed the Archaeological Survey of India to conduct a "detailed scientific survey" - including excavations, wherever necessary - to determine if the Gyanvapi mosque located next to the

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PIL highlighting shortage of Doctors/Paramedics in J&K DB expresses serious concern over shortage of doctors in Jammu Province

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a significant order, a Division Bench of High Court of J&K and Ladakh (Jammu Wing) through virtual mode comprising Chief Justice N. Kotiwar Singh and Justice M.A Chowdhary has expressed its serious concern over the shortage of Medical Officers and Paramedical Staff in Jammu Province and has issued directions to the J&K Government particularly Secretary to the Government, Health and Medical Education Department to indicate the steps taken to fill up the large

number of vacancies of Medical Officers as well as the non-gazetted and class - IV Employees in Jammu Division as well as in Kashmir Division.

The Division Bench headed by Chief Justice N.Kotiwar Singh further directed that the aforesaid information be placed on record by way of an affidavit and the said affidavit shall also indicate the steps taken in respect of far flung areas of Districts of Reasi , Poonch, Ramban, Kupwara , Baramulla etc where the vacancies appear to be quite significant.

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J&K Bank becomes 1st Scheduled Commercial Bank in India to achieve PCIDSS V4 Certification

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: In a major boost to its cyber-security system, J&K Bank has become the first Scheduled Commercial Bank (SCB) in the country to attain the esteemed Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCIDSS) Version 4 Certification for both Issuance and Acquiring Business. PCI DSS is a globally recognized set of security standards established by leading payment card brands such as Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, JCB etc. and governed by the Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council (PCI SSC).

achieving this exceptional certification. He said, "This remarkable accomplishment reaffirms Bank's unwavering commitment to customer-privacy and security-excellence. Being the first SCB as PCI DSS (V-4.0) compliant in the country is a great badge of honour for us as a financial institution and I would like to congratulate every member of our exceptional team whose hard work and commitment have made this achievement possible. Their unwavering dedication to our customers' safety and satisfaction has been instrumental in attaining this recognition." "While



MD & CEO J&K Bank Baldev Prakash.

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Parliament adjourned; Govt says oppn not serious about discussion

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Both Houses of Parliament were adjourned for the second day in a row on Friday following vociferous protests over the Manipur violence by opposition MPs, demanding a statement by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the issue, evoking a sharp reaction from Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who accused the protesting members of not being serious about the discussion on Manipur.

The government said it was ready for a debate in both Houses with a response from the Home Minister, but the opposition remained adamant on their demand for a statement by the Prime Minister in Lok Sabha and