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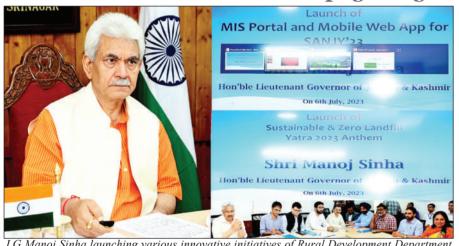
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Zero-waste pilgrimage our resolve: LG

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Launches innovative initiatives to make Amarnathji Yatra a zero-landfill pilgrimage



LG Manoj Sinha launching various innovative initiatives of Rural Development Department to make Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra a zero-landfill pilgrimage.

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Asserting that zero-waste pilgrimage is our resolve, Lieutenant Governor Manoi Sinha on Thursday said that sincere efforts are being made to transform Information, Education and Communication Campaign into Behavioral Change Communication and also to create an effective model for solid waste management.

'Swachh Campaign for this year's Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra signifies government's commitment to safeguard spiritual, cultural, economic and ecological values", the Lieutenant Governor said after launching various innovative initiatives of Rural Development Department to make Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra a zero-landfill pilgrimage, and added that IT tools,

maximum use of renewable energy source will ensure clean, pure and unique experience to pilgrims. These initiatives include reusable cloth bags, Yatra

Anthem for sustainable and responsible tourism, MIS Portal and Web App for waste process monitoring.

The Lt Governor congratulated the Rural Development Department and Swaaha

Resource Management for their commendable work.

He said, with the help of volunteers, IEC campaign and seamless coordination at four different stages of Solid Waste Management, our aim is to evoke profound responsibility towards environment, protection of natural heritage and the sustainable use of natural assets.

"Your biggest competition is you," the Lt Governor told the Rural Development Department for outstanding work in solid waste management during the previous year and achieving several milestones in recycling.

Such integrated efforts and waste management model can be replicated for other pilgrimages. We will direct Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board to study and implement this model, he

He also shared the feedback received from pilgrims and highlighted the achievements registered on

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Two JKAS officers transferred, one gets Addl charge **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The government on Thursday transferred two JKAS officers and given additional charge to other.

According to the order issued by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/Secretary, Administration Muzamil Department, Maqbool Beigh, JKAS, Collector Land Acquisition, Special Army (Budgam and Srinagar), holding additional charge of Sub-Registrar. Budgam, has been transferred and posted as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Chadoora. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Chadoora, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

"Afroza Bano, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Budgam, shall hold the charge of the posts of Collector Land Acquisition, Special Army (Budgam and Srinagar) and Registrar, Budgam, in addition to her own duties, till further orders," it stated and "Prince Hamid, JKAS, Divisional Magistrate,

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AC approves establishment of separate **Public Grievances Deptt**



LG Manoj Sinha chairing Administrative Council meeting at Srinagar on Thursday

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Administrative Council (AC) which met here on Thursday under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha gave approval to the establishment of $_{
m the}$ Department of Public Lieutenant Governor attend-

Grievances as a separate Administrative Department.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor; Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary and Mandeep Kumar Bandhari, Principal Secretary to ed the meeting.

Earlier, the subject of "Redressal of Public Grievances" was assigned to the Administrative Reforms. Inspections, Trainings and Department. Grievances This administrative

12 people 'bound down' for 'disrespecting' national anthem in J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Twelve people were "bound down" for not standing up during the national anthem played at a function here in June with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in attendance, police said on Thursday.

Departmental action has also been initiated against the police music band for failing to ensure everyone stood up before the anthem was played, they said. The 12 people were "bound down" under the CrPC sections 107

GST Council to tighten registration rules; physical

verification to be mandatory in 'high risk' cases

and 151 -- the sections **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

ACB arrests clerk for demanding, accepting Rs 29,000 bribe

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday trapped and arrested a clerk in the office of Executive Engineer, R&B Bandipora, while demanding and accepting bribe.

In a statement, spokesperson said that a complaint was received by ACB UT of J&K from a Bandipora based complainant against Ghulam Nabi Wani, a clerk in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Bandipora alleging that concerned official is demanding bribe of Rs 29,000 from him for helping in securing contractor card.

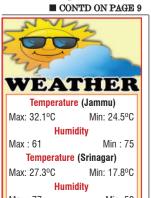
Jammu's Mahakali Temple introduces dress code for visitors STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir's renowned 'Bawe Wali Mata' temple management has introduced a dress code, urging visitors to dress "decently" and cover their heads and refrain from wearing shorts, miniskirts, ripped jeans and capri pants on the premises.

The dress code, a first-ofits-kind regulation in Jammu city, was found posted as a notice near the entrance of the famous Kali temple located in the Bahu Fort area of Jammu.

The move follows similar measures by several temples in Nagpur, the Radharani temple in Barsana and the Hanuman Dham in Shamli.

The notice at the 'Bawe Wali Mata' temple requests visitors to dress "decently" and cover their heads before entering the temple premises while also prohibiting halfpants, bermuda shorts, miniskirts, night



The complainant alleged that he is from a very poor family and presently unemployed despite being post graduate and that in order to earn livelihood for his family, he decided to get a contrac-

tor card for himself.

He further stated that since he was already working as partner with a contractor friend and was very much aware of working as contractor. He went to the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Bandipora and met clerk Gh Nabi Wani and requested him that he wants to get a contractor card. He asked him for help in securing

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DoB tampering to seek admission in MBBS

CB raids residence, office of Principal GMC Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The Crime Branch

wing of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday simultaneously raided the residence and office of the Principal, Government Medical College (GMC), Jammu, Dr. Shashi Sudan Sharma in connection with tampering in her Date of Birth (DoB) certificate.

The GMC Principal was oresent in the office when the raid took place. The Crime Branch team led by senior officers including the Investigation Office DySP Baghwan Dass Dandia conneted searches at both the



Dean's office in Jammu on Thursday The Crime Branch had fication into the allegations

already registered an FIR of DoB tampering. the Principal after conducting preliminary veri-

In a written com was alleged that in the year

1981 Dr. Shashi Sudan had tampered her Date of Birth to get admission in MBBS at GMC Jammu. As her Date of Birth is April 8, 1965 and in the year 1981 she was not eligible to take admission for MBBS course, she tampered her DoB certificate.

According to the rules of the Medical Council of India a student must be at leas 17-year-old in the year of admission to MBBS course In terms of her age, Dr. Shashi was only 16 years and eight months old till December 31, 1981. And, to seek admission in sam CONTD ON PAGE 9

check fake registration, the GST Council is likely to reduce the time period to 30 days, from 45 days currently,

for submission of PANlinked bank account details of the person seeking registration with tax authorities. The Council, in its meeting on July 11, is likely to provide for mandatory physical verification of the business

premises of "high risk" appli-

cants before granting of GST

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: In order to

registration. Also, the GST Rules are likely to be amended to state that person whose business. premises is being verified

should not be present at the spot during the physical verification.

The changes proposed by the Law Committee, comprising officers from Centre and states, with a view to contain fake registration under Goods and Services Tax (GST), would be considered by the Union finance minister-chaired Council.

The central and state GST officers are currently undertaking a special drive to catch fake registration. During the drive so far, 17,000 GSTINs were found to be non-existent. Of

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100-bedded hospital built in record 15 days Frustrated Mehbooba spreading panic at Baltal for Amarnath pilgrims

STATE TIMES NEWS

BALTAL: Healthcare workers, including doctors and para-medical staff, are working round the clock at the 100-bedded specialty hospital at the Amarnath Yatra base camp here in Jammu and Kashmir's Ganderbal district, ready to tackle any eventuality

Last year, flash floods near the holy cave shrine had killed 15 people and injured many others.

The J-K administration has set up two specialty hospitals at the base camps of Baltal, in Sonamarg area of Kashmir's



Chandanwari, in Pahalgam area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district, the twins routes for the yatra.

Both the hospitals -- 100bedded each -- were built by the DRDO in a record time of 15 days. They were inaugurated by J-K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on June 28.

The two makeshift and state-of-the-art hospitals are equipped with the most advanced equipment, separate blocks for doctors ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Jammu gets 9 J&K Bank CRMs in a day

among J&K poor: Chugh **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh came down heavily on former chief minister and PDP President Mehbooba Mufti over her remarks on land allotment to the homeless in J&K which, he said, were signs of panic and frustration.

Chugh said the J&K administration has provided for a relief to homeless people by giving them five marla land each but Mehbooba Mufti was playing her cheap politics on it. Instead of appreciating the initiative of the J&K administration she

tainty among the poor and homeless people of the Union

"Mehbooba like politifailed to deliver justice to the J&K in the 70 past

years. These political leaders

is spreading fear and uncer- the turmoil triggered by vested interested politicians for the sake of their power,"

only cared for their chair and privileges and left the common masses into an uncertain situation for decades who lost their loved ones in

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have always taken directions

from the Pakistan ISI to and poverty-stricken. political parties pampered

keep J&K under-developed He said PDP NC and other

terrorism in J&K in past three decades who allowed terrorists and their sympathizers to instigate anti-India uprisings in the valley. "The J&K was dubbed a capital of terrorism in their regimes; However, the Narendra Modi led government reined anti-India elements in J&K and made UT a capital of tourism. Today millions of tourists are visiting Kashmir. In 2022 tourism sector broke all past records which vindicates the determination and commitment of PM Narendra Modi to take J&K to newer heights," he said.

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Another batch of 6,500 pilgrims leave Jammu for Amarnath

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The seventh batch of over 6,500 Amarnath Yatra pilgrims left Jammu in the early hours of Thursday for the twin base camps in Kashmir amid tight security, officials said.

The 62-day annual pilgrimage to the 3,888-metre-high cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas commenced from the twin tracks of Pahalgam in Anantnag district and Baltal in

Ganderbal district on July 1. The officials said the pilgrim footfall at the shrine has crossed the 65,000 mark and the yatra is progressing smoothly, with devotees from across the country thronging the base camps to have a

17,202 Yatris paid obeisance, numbers swell to 84, 768

SRINAGAR: With 17202 yatries paying obeisance at the Shri Amarnathji Holy Cave on Thursday, the cumulative total of pilgrims

and 17 Sadvis. The influx of vatries continue to

reached to 84768 on the 7th day of yatra. Among the pilgrims who visited Holy Cave were 12408 males, 4095 females, 490 children, 192 Sadhus

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glimpse of the naturally formed ice shivling and offer their prayers. A total of 6,554 pilgrims -- 5,053 male, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Going ahead with its ease-of-banking mission, J&K Bank on Thursday dedicated nine Cash Recycler Machines in Jammu amid good gatherings of valuable customers, local traders and residents.

The Bank's General Manager & Divisional Head (Jammu) Sunit Kumar, einaugurated the CRMs in presence of Zonal Head (Jammu) Rajesh Dubey, DGM Vinod Kumar Sharma and other senior officers of the Bank at Zonal Office Jammu. The CRMs were commissioned in Jammu at Residency Road, JDA Complex Janipur, Shalimar Road, Gandhi Nagar, Prem Sarwal, Fruit Nagar

J&K Bank J&K Bank's General Manager & Divisional Head (Jammu)

Sunit Kumar e-inaugurating CRMs. Complex, Dansal and Jourian.

Speaking on the occasion, GM Sunit Kumar said, "Commissioning of these nine CRMs in Jammu during a single day is the Bank's statement of commitment towards customer convenience and growing emphasis on secure, swift digital and alternate channels of bank-

"While the bank leads in offering digital services to its customers, it's our constant endeavour to upgrade our digital offerings and infrastructure to meet the ever growing expectations of the customers. The newly installed CRMs with serve the dual purpose of

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Justice Dhiraj Thakur to be Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The Supreme

Court collegium headed by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud has recommended to the Centre the

names of seven judges appointment as chief justice of seven high courts. including that of Andhra Pradesh. The three-mem-

ber collegium, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Justice Sanjiv Khanna,

made the recommendations. The collegium said the office of the chief justice of the Andhra Pradesh High

Court fell vacant on May 19,

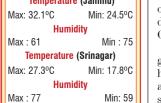
2023 consequent upon the elevation of Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra as a judge of the Supreme Court.

"It is proposed to appoint Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur

as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh. He was appointed as a judge of the High Court of Jammu

Kashmir March 8, 2013 and is now the senior-most judge in his parent high court. He was transferred, in the interest of better administration of justice, to the High Court

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Sunset: 19:43 Hours

Sunrise: 05:31 Hours