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J&K setting benchmarks in development for other states, UTs to follow: LG



LG Manoj Sinha chairing high level meeting in Kulgam on Tuesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
KULGAM: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said that Jammu and Kashmir is setting benchmarks in many sectors of development for other states and Union Territories to follow.

shared equitably," the Lt Governor said while chairing a high level meeting in Kulgam to review the sector-wise progress of beneficiary-oriented and flagship schemes of the Central and UT Government and major developmental projects in the district.

services, benefits of welfare schemes, extending the benefits of self-employment schemes to youth and women and be adequately sensitive to their needs and aspirations.

to the people. During the meeting, he sought the active participation of PRI members and other stakeholders in improving the literacy rate in the district and also asked officers to ensure that there is no delay in extending revenue services like registration of property.

Our efforts for rapid progress in education sector and increase in literacy rate can have its full impact only if PRIs, public and administration work together. This is the right time to move decisively in this direction, he said.

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IED recovered on J&K highway in Jammu, defused

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An improvised explosive device (IED) planted by suspected terrorists on the Jammu-Srinagar National highway was detected and defused by security personnel on the outskirts of Jammu capital city, thereby averting a major tragedy.

A suspicious object has been spotted alongside the highway at Panjrain area of Nagrota in Jammu. The technical examination of object initiated

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Arrests of those linked to terrorism marks over five times increase in past 4 years

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JAMMU: Over 2,300 persons linked to terrorism were arrested in Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370, marking over five times increase in such arrests compared to the four-year period from 2015-2019, official data said.

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Anmol Thakur tops CCE-2022, JKPSM declares result

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Anmol Rathore, a Law Graduate, has topped the Combined Competitive Examination (CCE)-2022, result of which was declared by the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission on Tuesday.

Anmol Thakur has secured 1084.50 marks. According to a communique of JKPSM, the Commission in its extra ordinary meeting held, after the conclusion of the interviews, decided to declare the result of all the candidates, who had appeared in the interview and also notify their aggregate marks while publishing a list of candidates to be summoned for Medical Examination in accordance with the relevant rules.

The communique also reads that the General Administration Department had on April 18, 2022 referred 220 posts to the J&K Public Service



Anmol Rathore

Commission for being filled up through the Combined Competitive Examination and accordingly, these posts were advertised by the Commission on April 19, 2022.

The communique further reads that the Preliminary Examination of CCE-2022 was conducted on July 31, 2022 in which 23,571 candidates appeared and the result of the preliminary examination (CCE-2022) was declared on August 18, 2022. It adds that 4944 can-

didates were declared to have qualified for appearing in the Main (Written) examination of CCE-2022 and 3891 candidates actually appeared in the examination, held from February 20 to March 2, 2023, out of which 787 candidates were declared to have qualified for appearing in the interview/personality test, which were held from July 10 to August 22, 2023.

For the convenience of candidates, the JKPSM this year, requested the Health & Medical Education Department for conduct of medical examination of candidates in newly established Medical Colleges, besides GMC Jammu/Srinagar and all the selected candidates have been requested to attend any of the Government Medical Colleges (GMC- Srinagar, Jammu, Anantnag, Baramulla, Doda,

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Court rejects bail of person allegedly involved in killing of six in 1996 for voting for a party

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SRINAGAR: A court in Bandipora district on Tuesday rejected the bail plea of a man accused of killing seven persons in 1996 for casting their votes in favour of a particular political party.

The accused, Muhammad Ayoub Dar, was absconding since the commission of the offence and was arrested in 2021. He also served in the Territorial Army before he was dismissed.

The court of principal sessions judge, Bandipora, rejected the bail application of Dar, a resident of the Hakabara area of Hajjin in

the north Kashmir district, citing the gravity of the charges against him. Dar is accused of involvement in the killing of seven persons at the Saderkoot Bala area of Bandipora in the year 1996 when he along with others opened indiscriminate firing on a truck. The court said that from the material evidence on record, it is crystal clear that the accused was very much present on the date of occurrence in Saderkoot Bala.

"That due to this indiscriminate firing by these accused persons, seven persons were killed for only a single

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Vehicular traffic remains normal on Jammu-Pathankot NH Police resort to lathi-charge to disperse stone pelters near Sarore toll plaza

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Police fired tear gas shells and resorted to lathi-charge as a protest to demand the closure of Sarore toll plaza on the Jammu-Pathankot Highway in Samba district and release of detained Yuva Rajput Sabha activists turned violent on Tuesday, officials said.

Authorities had imposed Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), which forbids the gathering of four or more people at a particular place, in and around the toll plaza late Monday after the Yuva Rajput Sabha held a protest demanding its closure.



People staging protest at Sarore Toll Plaza on Tuesday.

So far, police have detained 26 people and arrested one for violating prohibitory orders, they said.

On Tuesday, the protesters blocked the highway for more than four hours. "The protesters resorted to

stone-pelting during the demonstration. We used mild cane charge and used tear gas to disperse them," Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Samba, Benam Tosh told PTI.

The situation is under control, he added.

On Monday, hundreds of Yuva Rajput Sabha activists held a protest demanding the removal of the toll plaza alleging that it was set up in violation of rules. Some of them even tried to damage the structure, police said. Several other organisations, including trade bodies, have also demanded the closure of the toll plaza.

Smart Meters: JPDCL announces relief measures, designates Nodal Officers to address grievances

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In response to public concerns and grievances surrounding the implementation of smart power meters, Managing Director Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDCCL), Shiv Anant Tyal on Tuesday made several important announcements on Tuesday.

Acknowledging the difficulties faced by consumers in examining meter readings, the Managing Director has directed that, henceforth, meters shall preferentially be installed on consumers' house walls. To ensure a seamless and transparent

installation process, JPDCCL officials will accompany the vendors at the time of meter installation.

Responding to the need for accuracy verification, the JPDCCL will install old digital meters in parallel with smart meters in specific locations. This trial phase will assess the accuracy and authenticity of readings produced by the newly installed smart meters.

Helpline numbers and help desks have been established to receive calls and promptly address issues regarding smart meters. These resources will serve

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Justice Tashi visits Child Care institutions 'Palaash', 'Pareesha' at Nishat, Srinagar

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JAMMU: Police on Tuesday warned rumour-mongers of legal action against spreading misleading information on social media about the alleged killing of a bovine animal in the communally sensitive Kishtwar district.

"Some rumours mongers circulating about the alleged killing of a bovine animal in village Galhar. However, these rumours are not based on factual information. The bovine animal, which belonged to Mohd Yousaf, actually died from a snake bite two days ago," Kishtwar police said in a statement.

Subsequently, it said the animal was taken to a nearby field where it was scavenged by stray dogs.

"Unfortunately, certain mischievous individuals captured photographs of the incident and disseminated them widely. This dissemination was done with a clear intention to incite communal unrest in the area," the statement said. The police clarified that the matter has

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SRINAGAR: Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Chairperson, Juvenile Justice Committee accompanied by Rajni Rabstan, Anit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, who is also holding the charge of Member Secretary, Juvenile Justice Committee and Jahangir Bakhshi, Secretary, DLSA Srinagar, on Tuesday visited "Palaash" (Children Home for Boys) and "Pareesha" (Children Home for Girls) at Nishat, Srinagar, to take stock of the

facilities being provided in the said institutions besides enquiring about the well-being of the inmates and also had an interaction with them.

On his arrival at Pareesha (Children Home for Girls), Justice Tashi was accorded warm welcome by Mukhtar, District Social Welfare Officer, Srinagar alongwith Satinder Kour and Abdul Bari, Superintendent's Pareesha and Palash respectively.

Justice Tashi inspected the two-stored building having a capacity of 25 inmates where presently 13 girls were stay-

ing. Various facilities available at Pareesha like Reading cum Computer room, dormitories, kitchen, dining area, open gym, indoor sport facilities were inspected by Justice Tashi. It was informed by the Superintendent that a tutor for imparting computer training visits every day in the evening and recently the department has also approved engagement of an instructor on outsource basis for extracurricular activities like painting, performing arts etc. Adjoining to the said Home, the Home for

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Rahul Gandhi's bike odyssey continues in Ladakh, reaches Lamayuru

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LEH: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday reached Lamayuru, known for its ancient monastery and incredible landscape, riding a motorcycle from Leh town, a party leader said.

Gandhi, who is currently on a tour of the Union Territory of Ladakh, covered a distance of about 130 km to reach Lamayuru where he will stay overnight before moving to Zaskar, a tehsil of Kargil district, on Wednesday. He will be in Kargil town on Thursday.

The 53-year-old leader returned to Leh from

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Article 370 abrogation a visionary step by PM Modi led govt: Chugh



STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: BJP National General Secretary and Incharge Jammu and Kashmir Tarun Chugh on Tuesday said that abrogation of Article 370 is a visionary step by PM Modi led government.

'Telangana people looking towards double-engine government to realize their aspirations'

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Tuesday said that anti-incumbency wave is sweeping across Telangana and the people, especially the unemployed, the students, the farmers, the BCs, the SCs, the STs are angry with the government.

"The people of Telangana are now looking at BJP and double-engine to realise their time-tested aspirations and redeem 'Telangana from the clutches of corruption and dynastic rule'," Tarun Chugh said in a statement, adding that the BJP will stand by the people of Telangana and ensure that their aspirations and dreams are realised.

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Reacting sharply to a statement by CPI(M) leader MY Tarigami that article 370 abrogation was an assault on foundations of India, Chugh

said that anybody taking any other view point on this is playing in the hands of anti-national forces.

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 35.2°C Min: 25.8°C

Humidity
Max: 82 Min: 71

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 34.0°C Min: 21.0°C

Humidity
Max: 72 Min: 40

Sunset : 19:04 Hours
Sunrise : 05:52 Hours

SC terms as 'unacceptable' contention that Article 370 ceased to operate after 1957

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday termed as "unacceptable" the submission that Article 370 of the Constitution ceased to operate once the term of the constituent assembly of Jammu and Kashmir ended in 1957 after drafting the state's Constitution.

The remark by a five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud came when senior advocate Dinesh Dwivedi, appearing for intervenor Prem Shankar Jha, argued that nothing of Article 370, which accorded special status to the state's constituent assembly ended.

Jha, who has challenged the August 5, 2019 decision of the Centre to abrogate Article 370, raised the legal question about whether Article 370 ceased to

operate or exist after the enactment of the Constitution of J&K and the dissolution of the constituent assembly.

This led the bench to raise queries on the legality of the submissions.

The bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant told Dwivedi that the court has to look at the Indian constituent assembly debates and the intent of the makers of the Indian Constitution in a manner in which the Article 370 was framed.

"I am arguing somewhat differently from what my friends have argued. They want some part of Article 370 to survive. My argument is that nothing survives. All the powers conferred under Article 370, I would show, cease to operate once the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir was enacted," Dwivedi said.

The CJI said the consequence of



the argument will be that the Constitution of India and its application to Jammu and Kashmir would "stand frozen as of January 26, 1957."

"Therefore, no further development in Indian constitutional law can at all apply, according to you, to the state of Jammu and Kashmir after 1957. How can that be acceptable?" he said.

The bench told Dwivedi, "You are asking us to read what is not there in Article 370. Your submission is that it will be frozen after the constituent assembly of J-K frames the Constitution but that does not appear to be following. We have to look at the constituent assembly debates in a manner in which Article 370 was framed."

Dwivedi said when the Article

was framed, Jammu and Kashmir was in turmoil and the only legal entity was the state government and, therefore, the provision said there should be "consultation and concurrence" on the matters related to Union and concurrent list and those which do not fall under the Instrument of Accession.

"The constituent assembly was about to be set up. Hence, all the decisions which were taken in consultation and concurrence with the state government were to be placed before the constituent assembly of J-K. Therefore, Article 370 was a temporary provision," he contended.

The senior lawyer said looking at the provision and the constituent assembly debates, it can be clearly inferred that Article 370 was temporary and ceased to exist after January, 1957.

The bench said what was being submitted was contrary to arguments advanced by others opposed

to the abrogation as they said that the provision had acquired permanent status after the term of the state's constituent assembly ended.

"This is what is creating a problem. Perhaps our thinking in the manner which we have been tuned to think for the past 70 years is that there should be One Nation-One Constitution. But where is that prescribed? It should be prescribed in the Constitution which does not say so," the senior lawyer said.

CJI Chandrachud then asked can the court say that a speech made by a member of the constituent assembly, however weighty, represented the commitment of India to Jammu and Kashmir.

"This will have a bearing on the interpretation of the Constitution", the CJI said. Justice Kaul also questioned Dwivedi on his line of argument

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