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Students above 18 will be vaccinated on priority for reopening educational institutions: LG



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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said a special drive will be launched to vaccinate students aged above 18 years on priority to enable educational institutions to reopen in the Union Territory.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a function at SKICC here, Sinha said most of the teachers have already been vaccinated against Covid.

"We are trying to vaccinate

students aged above 18 years on priority and professors and teachers in the academic institutions as well because the aim is to restart the institutions," he said

A special drive will be conducted for the vaccination of students above the age of 18 as most of the teachers have already been vaccinated,

Asked about the security scenario in Jammu and Kashmir, the L-G said "all is well", without commenting

Sinha reviews COVID containment, preventive measures

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday reviewed the Covid scenario in J&K in a series of meetings with members of Covid Task Force, Deputy Commissioners

During the review meeting, the Lt Governor said that the third wave can be tackled effectively by maximizing vaccine coverage, implementing strict containment measures, and strict adherence to Covid protocol.

"We must not let our guard down. The government is putting various health and social measures in place to contain the spread and people must practice the protective behaviours. I urge people to get vaccinated and adhere to the guidelines", said the Lt Governor.

Underlining the need to adopt a preemptive approach to overcome any future health challenges, the Lt Governor directed the District Administration to ensure proper functioning of critical care equipment, and set the timeline of 15

days for the submission of the report on asset utilization. The Lt Governor instructed the Additional Chief Secretary Health and Medical Education to take a comprehensive review of the functioning of the health department and district hospitals.

The Lt Governor also complimented the District Administration and Healthcare workers of Samba District for achieving 100% saturation of the first dose of vaccination for all above 18 years of age. He instructed the other districts to mobilize the vaccination teams and urged people to get vaccinated. Vivek Bhardwaj, Additional **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

World has realised that India's human values can bring lasting solution to tragedies like 9/11: Modi

AHMEDABAD: Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the world has now realised that a permanent solution to tragedies, like the 9/11 terror attack, would be found through India's human values.

He said that 9/11 is a date that is remembered for the attack on humanity and it has taught many things to the world.

Modi was speaking after inaugurating via video conference the Sardardham Bhavan complex Ahmedabad, where job aspirants and students would be given training. He also performed the bhoomi pujan of Sardardham Phase-II Kanya Chhatralaya, a girls' hostel.

"Today is September 11, that is 9/11, a date in the history of the world that is also known for attacks on humanity. But this same date also taught a lot to the whole

ues of India, he said. "Today, the world is realising that the lasting solution

It was on September 11,

1893, when on the occasion

of the Parliament of the

World's Religions held in

Vivekananda stood on the

global stage and introduced

to the world the human val-

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to tragedies like two decades old 9/11 will be (found) through these values of humanity. Also, if we need to remember lessons learnt from these terrorist attacks. then we also need to keep making efforts for human values with full faith," Modi added. Modi announced

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3 persons dead, infant missing as vehicle plunges into canal in Jammu

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including a couple, were killed when a private car plunged into a canal in the outskirts of Jammu early on Saturday, police said, adding that a rescue operation is underway to find a missing

Four other persons, who were also travelling in the vehicle, were rescued and evacuated to hospital, a police official said.

He said the accident took place at Marallian in Miran Sahib area in the early hours when a car, which was carrying eight relatives on their way to Bahadurpur village in Paranshi, the official said.

Atal Dulloo nominated Director on Board of J&K and Ladakh

Finance Corporation STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government

on Saturday nominated Atal

Dulloo (IAS), Financial

Commissioner (Additional

Chief Secretary), Finance

Department, as Director on

the Board of Jammu &

Kashmir and Ladakh

Govt terminates service

of judicial officer

JAMMU: The government

on Saturday terminated a

judge who was appointed as

judicial officer in 2000 on

the basis of the Reserved

Backward Certificate (RBA)

whose genuineness was ques-

"On the recommendations of the Full Court of High

Court of Jammu and

Kashmir and Ladakh, the

Lieutenant Governor has

ordered the termination of

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Arnia, skidded off the road JAMMU: Three persons, and fell into the canal.

Ganesh Kumar was driving the vehicle and lost control while negotiating a curve, the official said, adding that police along with locals immediately launched a rescue operation. They managed to save the

lives of Kumar, his wife Kanchana, Menu Kumari and her son Sushant who were shifted to hospital.

The rescuers recovered the bodies of Kewal Krishan (60), his wife Surject Kumari (52) and two-yearold Manshi, while the search is still on for two-month-old

Kashmir and Ladakh" by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) at SKICC. Speaking on the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor

termed the assessment and accreditation process as an important factor to maintain the quality of education in universities and colleges. Sinha said the

Earlier, Sinha released a

book titled "Analysis of

Accreditation Report of

Union Territories of Jammu

HC constitutes Committee headed by CS for allotment of land to National Federation of the Blinds

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JAMMU: In a petition filed by Louis Braille Memorial School for the Sightless Girls, Roop Nagar, Jammu challenging rejection of the request for allotment of the said piece of land was in fact flimsy, inasmuch as, even today a portion of the existing building of the school was coming within the range of the high tension line.

Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur after hearing both the sides constituted a Committee headed by the Chief Secretary, UT of J&K, Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Social Welfare

Department, UT of J&K as also the Vice-Chairman, Jammu Development Authority, who will go into the question and take a sym-Committee can even consider

allotment of any other plot of land, if the same is available and vacant in favour of the Jammu Municipality, while considering the case of the petitioners in regard to the plot in question. The present petition has

been filed by the National Federation of the Blind. which has a branch in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. It is a duly registered society under the Societies Registration Act. The organization runs a school for visually impaired girls in the Roop Nagar Colony in Jammu. The said school has been constructed over a plot of land measuring approximately 02 kanals. It appears that the number of girl students who suffer from visual impairment is approximately 50. These students are housed in a two storied building, which consists of residential quarters/hostel as also the class rooms.

It is stated that there is hardly any free area left for the free movement of the students. It is also stated that over a period of time the school expects an increase in the number of students. which may be admitted in the said institution. It is further stated that this is the only institution for the visually impaired girls in the entire UT of J&K, therefore, the need for expansion is imminent and necessary.

In the aforementioned backdrop, it is stated that the petitioners have been making efforts for obtaining an extra piece of land from the Jammu Development Authority in addition to

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Husband among three arrested for murder of woman forming her last rites without

Swami

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KISHTWAR: A man, along with his brother and mother, was arrested for allegedly killing his wife in Kishtwar district, police said on Saturday. The woman was strangled by the trio under a well-planned conspiracy hatched to pave the way for another marriage of the husband of the deceased, a police spokesman said.

He said police started inquest proceedings into the death of Neetu Devi, a resident of Horna village of Mughal Maidan, after her body was found hanging at a committee hall on July 11. Her in-laws had started per-

informing her parents who lodged a police complaint. Initially, the in-laws of the deceased woman stated that

she has committed suicide by hanging herself, but during the course of enquiry, some foul play into the matter was substantiated by the inquiry officer and accordingly the inquest proceedings were converted into a case of murder the spokesman said.

Keeping in view the sensitivity of the case, he said Senior Superintendent of Police Kishtwar Shafqat Hussain Batt constituted a Special

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Govt committed towards developing landscape in

NC leader cremated in Jammu amid demands for CBI probe into his murder

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JAMMU: Thousands of people including former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday attended the last rites of prominent National Conference leader T S Wazir here as various organisations demanded a CBI probe into his murder Wazir, 67, a former member of the Jammu

and Kashmir Legislative Council, was found dead in a flat in West Delhi's Moti Nagar Thursday morning. Police are looking for two suspected persons who are believed to be behind his assassination.

A case of murder was registered in the matter and the investigation was transferred to Delhi Police's Crime Branch with the force's Special Cell to assist it.

As the body of the deceased reached his Gandhi Nagar residence here from Delhi. thousands of mourners turned up to pay their last respects to the deceased.



also the chairman of All J-K Transport Welfare Association and Jammu District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC). Senior National Conference leaders including vice president Omar Abdullah and provincial president Devender **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

J&K to boost tourism sector: MoS Defence, Tourism **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: The central government is committed towards developing and improving the overall landscape in Jammu and Kashmir to boost the tourism sector in the Union Territory, Union Minister of State for Defence and Tourism Ajay Bhatt said here on Saturday.

As part of the Union government's public outreach programme for Jammu and Kashmir, the minister had a detailed interaction officials of the Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Department at Royal Springs Golf Course official

spokesperson said.

Bhatt also met various stakeholders associated with the tourism sector of the Union Territory.

A detailed overview was presented by Secretary in J-K Tourism Department Sarmad Hafiz, Director Tourism Kashmir Ghulam Nabi Itoo and other officials of the department, the spokesperson said.

Bhatt underlined the infrastructure and measures in place as well as potential available.

The minister highlighted the government's commitment towards developing and improving the overall landscape to boost the tourism landscape of the Union Territory.

Addressing the gathering. Bhatt said the government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is making all out efforts to keep the essence of Jammu and Kashmir intact by ensuring holistic development of the region.

He assured that besides the existing avenues pertinent to the tourism in the region, border tourism, ecotourism and horticulture tourism will be taken up on

The minister had an interactive meeting with stakeholders associated with the tourism sector of the UT. Representatives of travel and tour operators and hoteliers were present during the interaction.

During a meeting, various challenges and issues faced by the industry were put forth and Bhatt ensured the support and assistance of Union government which is committed towards the betterment of the region.

All the measures are being taken to boost the tourism sector, he added.

Earlier, a mountain biking expedition was flagged off

by the minister adding on to the diverse tourism options and capacities already in place in the sector.

NEET-PG held across country with 1.6 lakh candidates appearing for it STATE TIMÊS NEWS

DELHI:

National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) Postgraduate was held at 679 centres in 270 cities of the country on Saturday with 1.6 lakh candidates appearing for it following COVID-19 protocols.

The exam was rescheduled twice in view of COVID-19.

Congress leader Shashi Tharoor, in a tweet, claimed that some students have complained to him about a last-minute change of exam centre that has led to their inconvenience.

When asked about it, the Executive Director of the National Board

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Central Services officer Shakeel Magbool deputed to J&K UT

charge of.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An ICAS officer of batch, Shakeel Maqbool has been cleared by MHA for rendering his services in the UT Govt of J&K on deputation for a period of

Shakeel has rendered a meritorious service for nearly 7 years in the Government of India. He has earlier served in various capacities in the CBECDepartment of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.

He has been credited for playing a central role in the roll out of Public Financial Manangement (PFMS)in J&K, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh and other states that he has held

The PFMS system has lead

to increased efficiency and transparency in implementation of Central schemes enabling huge savings to public exchequer. Currently he is posted as Director, PFMS for J&K, Himachal and Chandigarh. Hailing from Chadoora

Budgam, Shakeel Maqbool has a degree in Computer Science from NIT Srinagar and has also served as Lecturer (Department of Technical Education) in the Government of J&K before qualifying for UPSC Civil Services Exam in 2013 in which he was allocated Indian Civil

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Former CM Omar Abdullah consoling the family members of TS Wazir. Wazir was a leading transporter who was

BJP leaders in shock after Rahul Gandhi's J&K visit: Sawhney

'Growing support for Congress in J&K cause of worry for BJP' digest the applaud and praise

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Former Minister

and senior Congress leader, Yogesh Sawhney on Saturday spoke on the recent two-day visit of Rahul Gandhi to Jammu and Kashmir calling it "immensely successful" and said that the massive support received by the Congress leader during his visit has shocked the BJP leadership.

He stated that the visit was met with excellent response from the public as it reaffirmed hopes that the Congress Party will relentlessly continue to fight for the betterment of Jammu and Kashmir.

BJP leaders are so para-

noid because of the fact that they have started giving absurd statements to media to discredit the leader, he said adding that one of the BJP leaders in a viral video on the internet didn't know how to take names of the holy Mata Vaishno Devi, calling Pindis as Kundalliyas or

"We should remember that these are the same people who call themselves protectors of our Hindu faith," Sawhney added. The former Minister added

that such frustrations and absurd statements from BJP are coming because of fear of the growing support for the Congress Party and the declining support for the They are confused and

messing up names related to the Holy Shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi because of this political fear and that is deeply resentful and disrespectful.

BJP leadership is often seen boasting off about their love for Hinduism and one of their party members hurts the sentiments of many ardent devotees. The growing success of the Congress Party has left the BJP frustrated and paranoid, he added.

Further speaking on the matter, Sawhney said that BJP leadership is unable to

the Congress party is receiv-Now that people are becom-

ing more aware of the misguided policies of this government and their massive failures, they have become maniacally defensive. Congress Party's efforts

and policies have resonated more with the people in Jammu and Kashmir as they are more aligned with the goals and aspirations of the local people unlike the Central Government which is ruling on its own whims and fancies, he said.

Sawhney then appreciated and lauded the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

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