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Mohan Bhagwat to visit Jammu on Oct 1

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: For the first time after the abrogation of Article 370, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat will be on a three-day visit to Jammu from October 1, a senior Sangh functionary said on Thursday.

This is Bhagwat's first visit to Jammu and Kashmir since August 5, 2019, when the erstwhile state's special status was ended and it was bifurcated into union territories -- J-K and Ladakh.

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Police books 3 drug peddlers under stringent PSA

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: In a bid to eradicate the menace of drugs, the Jammu and Kashmir Police has booked three notorious drug peddlers in Kupwara district under the stringent Public Safety Act, an official spokesman said on Thursday.

"In a series of actions, police have seized huge quantity of contraband

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J&K Admin requires employees to maintain absolute integrity, honesty, allegiance to India

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir administration on Thursday issued a slew of instructions to officials while carrying out periodic character and antecedents verification of government employees including failure to report any immediate family member who is associated with any foreign entity hostile to India.

According to a circular issued by the General Administration Department (GAD), every government employee is mandatorily required to maintain absolute integrity, honesty and allegiance to the Union

J&K Bank gets additional capital of Rs 500 Cr from J&K Govt

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: In a major boost to its capital adequacy, J&K Bank on Thursday received Rs 500 Cr from Government of J&K UT as capital to acquire over 16.76 Cr shares in the Bank. Pertinently, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently allowed the J&K UT Government to acquire over 16.76 Cr shares in the Bank on preferential basis. With the infusion of Rs 500 Cr, J&K UT Government's equity share in the Bank will rise to over 74 per cent.

Expressing gratitude to the J&K Government, the Bank's Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) R K Chhibber said, "It's a great gesture emblematic of UT Government's support and trust in this institution, and for this, I am profoundly grateful to Lt. Governor, Manoj Sinha, who has a focused vision about the economic development

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 34.0°C Min: 25.5°C

Humidity

Max : 74 Min : 65

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 30.6°C Min: 15.2°C

Humidity

Max : 73 Min: 41

Sunset : 18:36 Hours

Sunrise : 06:18 Hours

09 Man murdered, body found in oil tanker



profitable. But in 2021, only two banks reported losses," she said.

NARCL has been set up by banks to aggregate and consolidate stressed assets for their subsequent resolution. While there are existing asset reconstruction companies (ARCs), the government suggests that they have been helpful in the resolution of stressed assets particularly

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for smaller value loans. According to the finance ministry, additional alternatives are required due to the large stock of legacy NPAs. The Central government's guarantee of up to ₹30,600 crore will back Security Receipts (SRs) issued by NARCL and the guarantee will be valid for five years. "I had announced

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GST Council to meet today; rate review, tax concession to 11 COVID drugs on cards

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: The GST Council, chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, will meet on Friday, which among other things may review tax rate of over four-dozen items and extend till December 31, tax concessions on 11 COVID drugs.

Also, taxing petrol and diesel under the single national GST tax and a

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Face Recognition System installed at Secrtt

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The government on Thursday ordered Civil Secretariat employees to electronically mark their attendance through Biometric Face Recognition System' from September 27. With a view to ensure punctuality towards duties, the government underlined 'Biometric Face Recognition System' has been installed in the premises of Civil Secretariat, Srinagar

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10 VAKJ expresses solidarity with JKSC Secretary



LG Manoj Sinha addressing jawans during Passing out Parade of cadets of J&K Fire and Emergency Services.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
UDHAMPUR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday announced that the government will provide every possible support to set up a dedicated Fire Academy in Jammu and Kashmir to further enhance capability to confront the future challenges and hazards

"Continuous training of fire services personnel, and keeping them aware of the changing fire safety norms is the need of the hour", Sinha said while attending the

Passing out Parade of 669 cadets of J&K Fire and Emergency Services at SKPA, Udhampur, adding that the government will ensure raising of requisite infrastructure and human resources to develop the fire services personnel as the best fire-fighters crew of the country.

He said: "Dedicated efforts are also being made to strengthen the human resource in the Fire Services by filling up the vacancies in a transparent manner on a

fast-track basis" The Lt Governor extended his best wishes to all trainee Fire Fighters who successfully completed their training, and asked them to perform their duty with highest degree of commitment and sincerity for ensuring the safety of people. He also paid homage to the martyrs of Fire and Emergency Services department who laid down their lives in the line of duty. "Fire Fighters place their own lives at risk in

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Vigilance clearance made mandatory for J&K employees seeking passport

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has made vigilance clearance mandatory for its employees who are seeking a passport.

The general administration department in a circular issued on Thursday has asked all administrative secretaries and heads of departments to issue a no-objection certificate to employees seeking a passport only after getting a vigilance clearance in this respect.

The circular was issued in line with the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Personnel, government of India, in February last year for those employees who wish to seek a

passport. According to those guidelines, it was made mandatory to seek fresh vigilance clearance for issuance of a passport by the Ministry of External Affairs.

The anti-corruption bureau of Jammu and Kashmir had also sounded the administration that the existing mechanism provided for the issuance of a passport even to those employees against whom vigilance cases were registered.

"Thus, there is urgent necessity to instruct all administrative departments to issue NOC for issuance of passport only on the basis of vigilance clearance," the circular said.

Apni Party gets another jolt in Jammu; Youth President joins NC

Open revolt, protests in party hqrs; demand for removal of PP grows

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: While National Conference getting yet another shot in its arm after the joining of a prominent Jammu based leader in its fold, J&K Apni Party continues to grapple with dissent and internal crisis, as the cadre openly revolted against the leadership on Thursday, seeking removal of the Provincial President Manjeet Singh.

Highly demoralized and dejected over quitting of its Jammu Youth Wing

President Gaurav Kapoor and his subsequent joining into the arch rival National Conference, the volatile workers of the Apni Party created ruckus at its Gandhi Nagar headquarters here by raising slogans "Manjeet Hatayoo Party Bachhao."

The workers were upset and disillusioned with the desertion of Gaurav Kapoor, who was profusely greeting by National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Omar Abdullah on his join-

ing into the party at Srinagar.

Other senior leaders General Secretary Ali Muhammad Sagor, Provincial President Nasir Aslam Wani, Provincial President YNC (Jammu) Ajaz Jan, Tanvir Sadiq, Inuran Nabi Dar and Ahsan Pardesi also wished 'very best' to Gourav Kapoor.

Created with much fanfare on March 8, 2020, the 'jumbo ship' of the Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party began sinking under its own weight

when the party leaders kept quitting. The cracks deepened and became visible with the 'State' Coordinators of Displaced Kashmiri Pandits of the Jammu Division and the Kashmir Valley resigning from their posts weeks ago. The noise of cracks is being heard across the Union Territory. AP's Kulgam Block President Sameer Ahmad Khan also resigned from the party, saying that now he has nothing to do with it. While quitting

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J&K reports 170 fresh coronavirus cases; Ladakh 9

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR/LEH: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 170 fresh cases of coronavirus on Thursday, taking the infected tally to 3,27,466 while no fresh death due to the virus was reported from the Union territory in the past 24 hours, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, 41 were from Jammu division and 129 from Kashmir division of the UT, the officials said.

They said Srinagar district recorded the highest number of 70 cases followed by 27 cases in Budgam district. Srinagar has 698 active cases, which is the

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Deal strictly with elements involved in pushing youth towards terrorism: DGP

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Director General of Police (DGP), Dilbag Singh on Thursday emphasized that the police must continue to deal strictly with elements involved in pushing the youth towards terrorism.

He directed the officers to identify and book the persons involved in such activities and said that forces should remain more vigilant in view of increased infiltration bids by terrorists from across the IB/LOC so that nefarious designs of anti peace elements are foiled.

He said that many success-



DGP Dilbag Singh inspecting CCTV monitoring system at Srinagar.

ful operations on the borders have not only thwarted infiltration bids considerably but also killed many infiltrating terrorists.

He stressed for intensified

operations against the terrorists and also directed for stringent action against the elements involved in Narco trade. DGP was

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To promote film tourism, meetings held with Bollywood biggies

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
MUMBAI: Director Tourism, Kashmir, Dr. G N Itoo and Director, Tourism, Jammu, Vivekanand Rai, who are on a promotional visit to Maharashtra on Thursday held a series of discussions with leading Bollywood production houses and film makers and impressed upon them to further revive their connections with Jammu & Kashmir.

During their interactions, the visiting officers underscored the potential of film tourism in Jammu & Kashmir and the need to further strengthen the bond the place has been having with Bollywood.

The officers informed the leading producers and film personalities that recently

J&K administration has launched a Film Policy which is aimed at providing a single window mechanism for shooting of movies. They were informed that besides the Film Policy aims at incentivising shootings in the UT and the Tourism Department would be doing all coordination in this regard.

The film units which Dr. Itoo and Vivekanand Rai had deliberations with included heads of Reliance Entertainment, Yash Raj Productions, Mukesh Bhatt Productions, Producers Guild, Motion Picture Association of America, Excel Entertainment and other production houses.

Most of the film units

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Union Ministers step up public outreach in Jammu, Valley to push dev, hold interactive sessions

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU/SRINAGAR: With public outreach programme of the Central Ministers gaining momentum across the Union Territory, as part of the Prime Minister's mega push to development in Jammu and Kashmir, multiple events relating to laying of foundation stones, inaugurations and reviews gained momentum on Thursday. However, public interactions remained the focus of ministerial activities at the district headquarters.

The ministerial visits, planned for over nine weeks, is second in the series after first such initiative taken last year in January after revocation of the provisos of Article 370 and 35A besides bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories.

The ministers, according to sources,



are likely to submit their assessment of the ground situation to Ministry of

Home Affairs for working out a strategy to strategies development and other welfare schemes.

While Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Narayan Tatu Rane laid foundation stone for development park besides interacting with delegations of entrepreneurs and PRIs at Bari Brahmana, Samba, Union Minister of State for Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Culture, Arjun Ram Meghwal visited Government Model Higher Secondary School Udhampur; inaugurated Amar Santosh Art Gallery and released a documentary Movie on culture and historical monuments of District Udhampur.

Union Minister of State for Communications, Devusinh

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