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J&K people repose great faith in PM: Smriti Irani

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BUDGAM: "Everybody I met today has a message of faith in PM Modi and we are keen on delivering upon the promises made by the Union Government to the people of Jammu and Kashmir." These remarks were made on Tuesday by Union Minister for Women and Child welfare Smriti Irani on her two day visit to Budgam as a part of Union Government's outreach initiative.

The Minister presided over a day long function organized by Directorate of ICDS and Department of Social Welfare in connection with celebration of 4th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2021. The minister said that 31000 smart phones have been provided to 28000 Aganwadi Centers operational in the UT of J&K and about 9 Crore rupees have been provided as monetary relief to the deserving women and children across the UT of J&K under Poshan Abhiyan Scheme.

The Minister expressed gratitude and hailed the efforts of district administration for the measure taken to mitigate the effect of COVID 19 pandemic. She said that district administration has demonstrated commitment and dedication while rendering their services despite challenging circumstances. "I salute all COVID warriors, health workers police, civil administration officials and other volunteers who despite all dangers put themselves into high risk and saved many precious lives," she said.



Secretary Social Welfare, Sheetal Nanda in her welcome address said that aim and objective of celebrating this Poshan Maah is to spread the message and awareness among the concerned about precautions and preventions during pre and post natal periods.

Earlier, the Minister laid the foundation stone for up-gradation and widening of 10 Km road from Budgam to Mamat to Handjan coming at a cost of Rs 5.85 crore to be executed by NABARD.

Later the Minister chaired the meeting of officials of district administration to review up-gradation and reformations besides completion of various

developmental initiatives through different centrally and state sponsored schemes in the district. The Minister appreciated the efforts of District Administration in ensuring the timely completion of key projects mostly linked to common people's interest despite facing huge hardships and disruptions due to COVID 19 crisis.

During the meeting the minister emphasized upon the need for collective sharing of responsibility from all line departments in facing challenges and ensuring vibrant implementation of all schemes. She stressed for establishment of mobile desk in police stations where female clients going through domestic violence or other physical abuses shall register their grievances.

The Minister also interacted with different delegations of DDC's, BDC's, PRI's and MC's about their demands and grievances. The Minister gave them a patient hearing and directed district administration to register all genuine issues for proper redressal.

Later delegations from traders, youth clubs, and local deputations also had an interaction with the Minister and put forth their issues and demands. The minister assured them of addressing the genuine demands and also taking up the issues with concerned central Govt. Ministries.

The Minister also visited Sheikh ul Alam Hall Budgam and distributed nutrition kits,

Two Govt teachers among 9 held for attacking police party
■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Nine people, including two government school teachers, were arrested on Tuesday in Reasi district in connection with an alleged attack on a police party which had arrested a criminal wanted in a rape case, police said.

The accused were all close associates of the arrested criminal and one of them was also accused in a case related to the abduction and rape of a woman in 2013, a police official said. Prem Singh was arrested by

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Army search operation in Uri enters third day

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A combing operation launched by the Army after it detected suspicious movement in Uri along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir entered the third day on Tuesday, officials said.

All telecommunication facilities including internet in the border town remained suspended.

The combing operation was launched on the intervening night of September

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Reliance says no plan to set up 100 retail stores in Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Traders on Tuesday staged protests against the proposed opening of 100 Reliance retail stores in Jammu, a claim which the company said is completely untrue.

The protest was staged on the eve of a strike call given by Jammu Chamber of Commerce and Industries over various issues including the opening of a chain of Reliance stores, evoking widespread support from opposition parties, lawyers and various social groups.

The Jammu transporters,

however, said they would not join the day-long September 22 strike.

Amid the ongoing protest over the purportedly proposed opening of the Reliance retail stores chain over the past many days, the company on Tuesday said the talk of 100 stores being opened by us (in Jammu) is completely untrue.

We have not opened any stores in Jammu. We have a few delivery points in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and these are set up by our delivery partners to support the small

traders, a spokesperson of the Reliance Retail told PTI.

The Reliance said it has a long track record of supporting small traders and we remain steadfast in our commitment of partnering with small merchants.

The spokesperson was responding to a question about the protest demonstrations by traders and several other groups in Jammu over the past couple of days against setting up of a Reliance retail stores chain.

Earlier, the JCCI alleged that businessmen in

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Tawi River Front Dev Project to be completed by December 2022

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday chaired a meeting to review the progress of 'Tawi River Front Development Project'.

Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Additional CEO JSCL, Chief Engineer Irrigation & Flood Control, Jammu and other concerned officers participated in the meeting.

At the outset, the Chief Secretary was apprised of the details of 7 km long project to be completed at an estimated cost of Rs. 187 crore. Initial 2.7 km from Bhagwati Nagar Barrage to Vikram Chowk Bridge will be taken up under the phase I.

The Chief Secretary directed that the period of execution be reduced from 18 to 12 months. He impressed upon the concerned to complete the project by

December 2022.

Regarding the work on Tawi Barrage at Bhagwati Nagar bridge, which is an integral part of the river front development project for creating a lake in the area, the Chief Secretary directed the Chief Engineer Irrigation & Flood Control to ensure its completion before the onset of monsoon 2022.

120 JKPS officers given time scale

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Tuesday ordered placement of 120 Jammu and Kashmir Police Services (JKPS) officers of General Executive Cadre in Time Scale (Non-Functional Grades).

"In terms of Non Functional (Monetary) Scheme notified vide SRO 215 of 2018 dated May 18, 2018, read with SRO 572 of 2018 dated December 13, 2018 and SO 198 dated 11th June, 2021, sanction is accorded to the placement of 120 officers of General Executive Cadre in the Time Scale (Non-Functional) of Level-11 of the Pay Matrix- CS directs universal vaccination in Srinagar within 15 days

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday chaired a meeting to review the rising COVID cases in the summer capital of Srinagar city.

Additional Chief Secretary, Health & Medical Education, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Inspector General of Police Kashmir, Director SKIMS, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Superintendent of Police Srinagar, Mission Director, National Health Mission (NHM), Principal GMC, Principal SKIMS Medical College, Bemina, Director Health Kashmir, and Director Family Welfare, participated in the meeting.

To arrest a further surge in reported cases, it was decided that a dedicated vaccination drive will be conducted for universal coverage in Srinagar district. As

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[Rs. 15600-39100 with grade pay of Rs.6600 (pre-revised)] with effect from July 1, 2019," reads an order issued by Shaleen Kabra, Principal Secretary, home department.

As per order, the JKPS officers of General Executive Cadre who have been placed in the Time Scale (Non-Functional) include Shabir Ahmad, Shamsher Singh, Surinder Kumar, Ravail Singh, Pran Nath, Feroz Ahmad Qadri, Kewal Krishan, Jagbir Singh, Firdous Ahmad, Ravinder Paul Singh, Jagdev Singh, Diwakar Singh, B.K Ganjoo, Nisar Hussain,

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IED recovery case: NIA conducts searches at multiple locations in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday conducted searches at eight locations in different districts of Jammu and Kashmir in connection with the recovery of an improvised explosive device here on June 27.

The searches were carried out with active assistance of the Jammu and Kashmir Police and the Central Reserve Police Force in Doda and Kishtwar districts of the Jammu province and Anantnag, Baramulla, Kulgam and Srinagar in the

DB seeks detail of trials pending against MPs/MLAs in Courts

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir High Court comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice in a Suo-Moto Public Interest Litigation, directed Advocate General and ASGI to file number of trials which are pending in different subordinate courts as well as the matters pending in the High Court against the MPs and MLAs.

This significant order has been passed by Division Bench in view of directions contained in the order dated

16.09.2020 of the Supreme Court passed in writ petition (Civil) No.699/2016 directing for monitoring the progress of the trial of cases pending against the sitting/former legislators (MPs or MLAs), on the directions of Chief Justice. The Registry has registered this PIL as "Court on its own motion versus Union of India and others". In this Suo-moto motion, the "Union of India" shall be represented through Home Secretary, "Union Territory of J&K" through Commissioner Secretary,

Home and "Union Territory of Ladakh" through Commissioner Secretary, Home.

DB arrayed them as respondent and notice of this motion may be given to T.M. Shamsi, ASGI who represents not only Union of India but Union Territory of Ladakh as well and D.C. Raina, Advocate General to Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

DB further directed both to inform the court on next date as to the number of trials which are pending in differ-

ent subordinate courts as well as the matters pending in the High Court against the said MPs or MLAs.

It is worthwhile to mention here that on September 16, 2020, Supreme Court while hearing a petition filed by Ashwani Kumar Upadhaya observed that one of the main objectives behind issuing notice in the present Writ Petition and the various orders that have been passed time to time by this Court, was to ensure that criminal

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J&K reports 145 COVID cases, two deaths

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 145 COVID-19 cases and two fatalities on Tuesday, taking its infection tally to 3,28,214 and the death toll to 4,419, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, 24 were reported from Jammu division and 121 from Kashmir division, the officials said.

They said Srinagar district recorded the highest number of 56 new cases, followed by Budgam with 19.

There are 1,450 active cases of the disease in the union territory, while the number of recoveries

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ACB arrests Patwari for accepting bribe

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SRINAGAR: Anti-Corruption Bureau on Tuesday arrested a Patwari in Ganderbal while accepting a bribe of Rs 15,000.

"The ACB received a written complaint alleging therein that Patwari of Dab Wakura village in Ganderbal district, namely Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, is demanding Rs 20,000 as bribe to issue the revenue extracts of land situated at Dab Wakura, Batpora Rab Rakhtar in favour of the complainant and thereafter, negotiation took place between the complainant and the Patwari

concerned and the matter was settled at Rs 15,000," the ACB official said.

He added that on receipt of the complaint, a case FIR No 28 of 2021, under Section 7 Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 was registered in Police Station ACB Srinagar and investigation was taken up

"During the course of investigation, a trap team was constituted which laid a successful trap and caught Aijaz Ahmad, Patwari, red-handed while demanding and accepting bribe amount of Rs. 15000 from the

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Civilian suffers bullet injuries in firing during search operation in Budgam

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A civilian suffered bullet injuries in firing during a cordon and search operation in Jammu and Kashmir's Budgam district on Tuesday, officials said.

Security forces had launched the operation at Laachmanpora in the Beerwah area of the district, following information about the presence of terrorists there, they said.

There was an incident of firing during the search operation in which a civilian, identified as Bilal Ahmad, suffered bullet injuries

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India's highest altitude institute in Ladakh gets LiFi network for faster internet

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: The Students' Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh (SECMOL) has become the first-of-its-kind institute in the Union Territory to have an internet connection using Light Fidelity (LiFi) technology.

Ahmedabad-based Nv Wireless Technologies Pvt Ltd has set up a LiFi network at India's highest altitude educational organisation to help the local education fraternity, the company said in a statement here.

LiFi means transmitting data with a light beam spectrum through open

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Union MoS Finance visits J&K Bank Hqr, meets industry reps

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Union Minister of State for Finance, Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad on Tuesday visited J&K Bank headquarter and interacted with Bank's CMD R K Chhibber along with the senior management. Acknowledging the Bank's vital role in the overall economic development of J&K, Dr. Bhagwat expressed satisfaction over the Bank's recent performance and overall functioning.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad said, "Our Prime Minister is very concerned about business and its progress across the country and we have clear instructions to hear from business-

MoS Finance holds talks with LG

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday met Union Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad and discussed issues pertaining to development of the union territory.

Earlier, the minister concluded his two-day visit to Ganderbal district in central Kashmir as part of the Centre's special outreach programme for J-K.

"Today met Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad @DrBhagwatKarad, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Finance. Held discussion on a range of issues pertaining to the rapid development of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir," the L-G tweeted.

The minister also interacted with representatives of

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see that J&K Bank is doing a wonderful job here"

"J&K is gifted with natural resources. Having a great



LG Manoj Sinha presenting bouquet to Union MoS Finance Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad.

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 29.4°C Min: 22.8°C

Humidity
Max: 77 Min: 72

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 27.6°C Min: 15.2°C

Humidity
Max: 81 Min: 59

Sunset : 18:31 Hours
Sunrise : 06:20 Hours