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COVID curfew imposed in parts of Srinagar for 10 days

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Authorities in Srinagar on Friday imposed a curfew in parts of the city for 10 days in view of a steep rise in the number of Covid positive cases over the last few weeks.

The order to impose the curfew was issued by Srinagar District Magistrate Mohammad Aijaz Assad.

"There has been a steep rise in Covid positive cases in Srinagar in the last 24 days which need interventional and effective measures," the order read.

The identified hotspots have been declared as micro-containment zones vide various orders in order to check the spread of the disease, it said.

"Whereas, certain measures, u/s 144 CrPc were in place for containment of spread of Coronavirus, largely aimed at prohibition on public gathering and movement of public transport, it has observed that around 70 per cent of the daily positive cases during these days have

been detected from few particular areas, Assad said in the order.

He said as measures have not led to a significant

other parts of Srinagar, he said.

Assad said the situation has been reviewed and after obtaining feedback from the

One more virus death, 148 new cases in J&K

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 148 fresh COVID-19 cases on Friday that took the infection count to 3,28,738, while one more fatality pushed the death toll to 4,420, officials said.

Of the new cases, 28 were from the Jammu division and 120 from Kashmir division, they said.

Srinagar district recorded the highest 66 new cases followed by 17 cases in Baramulla district, officials said.

There are 1,605 active cases in the Union Territory, while the overall recoveries has reached 3,27,163, the officials said.

The death toll has reached at 4,420 after one more fatality was reported in the past 24 hours, they said.

Meanwhile, officials said, there were 46 confirmed cases of Mucormycosis (black fungus) in the Union Territory and no fresh case was reported since Thursday evening.

decline in the number of cases, more stringent steps are needed to ensure that the infection does not spread exponentially.

"Strict containment measures are also required in order to ensure safety of the general public and to prevent transmission of Covid to

stakeholder agencies, it has been felt expedient to put in place reasonable restrictions to minimise the chances of public gatherings and contain the spread of Covid infection.

"... I hereby order that there shall be strict Corona curfew in the areas of

Zadibal (SMC Ward No's: 55-Hawal, 56-Alamgari Bazar, & 63-Kathi Darwaz) and Lal Bazar (SMC Ward No's: 59-Lalbazar, 60-Botshah Mohalla, 61-Umer Colony) for a period of 10 days starting from today, the order read.

The district magistrate said all essential services shall be allowed to continue, both in the public and private sector.

Standalone grocery/ vegetable/ meat/ milk shops may also remain open and functional to ensure provisioning of essential supplies from 7 am to 11 am only, he said.

The order said there will be no hindrance to the smooth movement of goods and essential supplies, and there shall be no restriction on the movement of government officials for attending office/ duties, on production of I-cards/ official orders.

All development/ construction work shall be allowed to continue without any hindrance, and the

Revenue record to be put in public domain by Oct 15

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Friday chaired a meeting to review the digitization of land records in Jammu and Kashmir and its subsequent hosting on a user-friendly portal.

Principal Secretary, Revenue Department, Commissioner/ Secretary GAD, CEO JaKeGA,

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1,720 ASHAs of J&K NHM appear in NIOS certification exam

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A total of 1720 Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) of National Health Mission, Jammu and Kashmir, on Friday appeared in NIOS theory examination for certification by National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).

Pertinently, the theory examination was conducted by NIOS in all the districts of J&K amid strict adherence to COVID-19 preventive protocols.

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Modi holds first bilateral meeting with US President Biden

AGENCY

WASHINGTON: The relationship between India and US, the two largest democracies in the world, is destined to be "stronger, closer and tighter," US President Joe Biden said on Friday as he hosted Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the White House for the first bilateral meeting during which the two leaders discussed a wide range of priority issues, including combating COVID-19, climate change and economic cooperation.

Prime Minister Modi, who is visiting the US for the 7th time after assuming office in 2014, described Friday's bilateral summit with Biden as important as they're meeting at the start of the third decade of this century.

"Your leadership will certainly play an important role in how this decade is shaped. The seeds have been sown for an even stronger friendship between India and the US, Prime Minister Modi told Biden.

Biden said the relationship



PM Narendra Modi in Bilateral Meeting with US President, Joe Biden at White House in Washington DC.

between India and the US, largest democracies in the world, is "destined to be stronger, closer and tighter."

"We are watching a new chapter in India-US ties, he added.

Modi said this decade will be shaped by talent and people-to-people linkages. I am glad the Indian diaspora is making an active contribution towards the US' progress."

He said that technology is becoming a driving force. We have to utilise our talents to leverage technology for greater global good.

Noting that trade will be an important factor in Indo-US ties in the coming decade, the Prime Minister said that there is much to be done in the area.

While the two leaders have met earlier when Biden was the Vice President of the country, this is for the first time that Biden is meeting Modi after he became the 46th president of the US in January.

Both Biden and Prime Minister Modi have spoken over the phone multiple times and have attended a few

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SASB announces refund of registration fee to registered Yatris

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board on Friday announced that the yatris who were registered for Yatra 2021 can get refund of their registration fee.

It has been decided that the registration fee of the yatris who had registered themselves for Yatra 2021 through various Banks like Punjab National Bank, Jammu & Kashmir Bank, and YES Bank shall be refunded to them from 1st October 2021 to 31st October 2021.

Those who want to get their fee refunded shall have to approach the concerned branch which had issued the

yatra permit, and surrender the original permit along with an application for the refund. The refund shall be made to each yatri individually and not to anybody else on their behalf.

SASB has also kept the option for revalidation of Yatra permit for Yatra 2022. For this, the yatris must keep the Yatra Permit form intact, which they can get revalidated by visiting same bank branch when the registration opens for Yatra 2022.

Pertinently, the annual pilgrimage of Amarnathji this year was canceled due to Covid-19 pandemic, but Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board carried out all the

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GOC discusses internal security management with LG

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A day after the Army foiled major infiltration bid on Line of Control in Uri Sector and neutralized three terrorists, General Officer Commanding (GOC) 15 Corps, Lt General, D.P Pandey on Friday briefed Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha about the prevailing security scenario in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sinha and the GOC, who called on the LG at Raj Bhavan, also discussed various issues related to internal security management in J&K, according to an official spokesperson.

The Lt Governor appreciated the high professionalism of the Army in ensuring a safe and secure environment for the people of J&K.

Besides gunning down three ultras,



LG Manoj Sinha meeting GOC 15 Corps, Lt General, D.P Pandey.

a huge cache of arms and ammunition, including grenades and pistols, were also recovered from the terrorists.

The incident took place when the troops spotted five terrorists trying to infiltrate into the Uri sector from across the Line of Control (LoC). They were challenged and that

resulted in an encounter, in which three of them were killed.

Meanwhile, Secretary Parliamentary Affairs, GOI, Gyanesh Kumar also called on the Lieutenant Governor at Raj Bhavan.

The Lt Governor and Kumar discussed a variety of issues related to Panchayati Raj System in J&K.

761 candidates clear civil services exam, Shubham Kumar tops: UPSC

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: A total of 761 candidates have cleared the coveted civil services examination 2020, with engineering graduates Shubham Kumar and Jagrati Awasthi bagging the first and second ranks respectively. The Union Public Service

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India rejects fresh Chinese comments on Galwan

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI/BEIJING: India on Friday strongly rejected China's fresh comments blaming it for the Galwan valley clashes and asserted that the "provocative behaviour and unilateral" attempts by the Chinese side to alter the status quo in eastern Ladakh resulted

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Anurag Thakur inaugurates Himalayan Film Festival at Leh



Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Youth Affairs & Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur at the inauguration of the first Himalayan Film Festival 2021 at Leh. LG Ladakh, R.K. Mathur and Actor Sidharth Malhotra are also seen.

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Information and

Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur on Friday inaugurated the Himalayan Film Festival at Leh in Ladakh, an official

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DB seeks time schedule for removing encroachments from Wular Lake

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a PIL protection of the Wular lake and for the removal of all hutments and encroachment within the catchment area in and around the said lake, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir High Court comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul directed Authorities to come clean with the time schedule within which remaining encroachments shall be removed and Wular lake would be made encroachment free.

When the PIL Came-up for hearing, Division Bench observed that this public interest writ petition is with regard to conservation and management of the Wular Lake. On the last occasion, the court had noted that about 640 Kanals of Wular lake has been encroached upon and the encroachments are required to be

removed. This apart it which has been recorded that the Union Government has pumped in Rs. 200 crores for conservation and management of the Wular lake and, therefore, the respondents were asked to inform the court the manner in which it proposes to spend the said amount for the conservation and management of the lake.

DB further observed that in response to the above, an action taken report has been filed by the Chief Executive Director, Wular Conservation and Management Authority. The said report states that the Wular Lake has been fully demarcated with geo-tagged and concrete boundary pillars have been fixed all over the periphery of the Lake. It further states that the net area of the Wular Lake at present is 130 Square Kilometers and that 642 Kanals 01

Marla of land (around 0.3 sq km) was encroached upon. Out of the said encroached land about 261 kanals 10 marlas have been retrieved and that the authority is in the process of retrieving the balance of 380 kanals 11 marlas (0.19 sq km).

DB observed that the Director in his report has not specified as to the time frame within which the remaining encroachments shall be removed adding that the authority to come clean with the time schedule within which the remaining encroachments shall be removed and lake would be made encroachment free.

DB further observed that in regard to Rs. 200 crores, which have been provided for the conservation and management of the Wular Lake, the report states that according to the Wular Action Plan, about 124.825 crores have already been spent on

survey & demarcation, catchment area treatment, water management, biodiversity conservation, ecotourism development and institutional development.

During the course of hearing Amicus Curiae disputes the above action and submits that under certain heads nothing has been done by the respondents so far, as such, there is no question of spending any money under these heads. He further submits that there are about 33 villages around the said lake and that the authority has not taken any steps to ensure that no garbage from all the said villages is dumped into the lake area. He also states that despite huge amount of Rs. 200 crores having been provided, the authority has not engaged full time officials/ officers for the conservation and preservation of the lake.

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Diesel price hiked, no change in petrol rate

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Diesel price on Friday was hiked by 20 paise per litre - the first increase in rates in over two months - as international oil prices neared their highest since 2018.

Price of diesel was hiked to Rs 88.82 per litre in Delhi and to Rs 96.41 in Mumbai, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers.

Petrol price was not changed. It costs Rs 101.19 a litre in Delhi and Rs 107.26 in Mumbai.

State-owned Indian Oil Corp (IOC),

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All infiltration attempts being foiled: DGP

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Cross-border infiltration has been a cause of concern, but all attempts of pushing militants into India are being foiled, Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh said here on Friday.

In recent times, infiltration attempts have increased from the Rajouri-Poonch and Kupwara-Baramulla side and "our forces are capable enough to tackle such attempts", he said.

"Cross-border infiltration has been a cause of concern, but all attempts of pushing terrorists in our side are



being foiled. Every terrorist infiltrated is being neutralised and forces are keeping a watch on such activities," the DGP said.

Singh was speaking at the Police Headquarters here during the prize distribution function of the 32nd Police Public Mela-2020.

He said good police-public rapport has brought dividends and by involving the people of Jammu and Kashmir in various activities and in youth engagement programmes, "we have a strong bonding".

The DGP said the involvement of people, especially the youth, in different sports events at police station, district, range or zonal levels has helped in maintaining normalcy in the Union Territory.

Singh said that organising Civic Action Programmes and Police Community Partnership Group

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Union ministers Chandrasekhar, Paras visit Kashmir as part of outreach programme

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Union ministers Rajeev Chandrasekhar and Pashupati Kumar Paras attended various programmes in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday as part of the central government's special public outreach programme in the Union Territory.

Chandrasekhar, the Union Minister of State for Entrepreneurship, Skill Development, Electronics & Technology, visited Budgam district in central Kashmir.

Interacting with local public representatives, traders, fruit growers and the youth at the Government Degree College Charisharrief, the

minister said a new era of development has started in Jammu and Kashmir.

"In the next two to three years, the people of the UT will feel a new road map of broad-based development on equitable share. The prime minister has a dream to envisage progress and prosperity of the UT, he said, according to a statement.

The minister inaugurated Sub-District Hospital Charisharrief which has been completed at a cost of Rs 11.65 crore. He inspected all sections of the hospital and ascertained from the authorities about its functioning and availability of

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 32.5°C Min: 22.2°C

Humidity
Max: 86 Min: 63

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 26.4°C Min: 14.2°C

Humidity
Max: 92 Min: 52

Sunset : 18:27 Hours
Sunrise : 06:22 Hours