

02 CBI conducts raid at EPFO Jammu, seizes record for scrutiny

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday laid the foundation stones for four National Highway projects worth Rs 3612 crore in Jammu and Kashmir, including commencement of Srinagar Ring road project.

General (Retd.) V.K. Singh, Union Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways was also present on the occasion.

Union Minister, Nitin Gadkari, during his address, termed road connectivity as a key driver of the socio-economic growth and development of any region.

There is no dearth of funds in the ministry. I ensure you to bring in logistic support of every kind that is beneficial for the tourism and economy



Union MoRTH Nitin Gadkari and LG Manoj Sinha laying foundation for four National Highway Projects in J&K.

Gadkari to visit Zojila today

SONAMARG: Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari will review and inspect work on Zojila and Z - Morh tunnels tomorrow. The minister is on a two day visit to the Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir. During his visit tomorrow Minister will review the progress on Tunnel 1 and Tunnel 2 at Nilgrar site. Tunnel 1 is a twin tube tunnel of 435 metres in length each and tunnel 2 is of 1.95 km long each. These twin tunnels are the part of 18 km long approach road to Zojila west

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of J&K, the Union Minister said.

The new projects will further strengthen the road con-

02 Man arrested for taking class-X exam on behalf of relative

Ministerial panels set up to review GST exempt list

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Finance Ministry has set up two committees of state finance ministers which would rework rate slabs, review GST exempt items and identify potential evasion sources.

Four years after the roll out of the national Goods and Services Tax (GST), which replaced the complex indirect tax structure, the centre and states have

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50 trains affected due to Bharat Bandh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Around 50 trains were affected by the Bharat Bandh called by farm unions on Monday to protest the Centre's three agri laws, officials said.

The affected train services became normal in the afternoon after people moved off rail tracks following the end of the 10-hour bandh, they said.

The shutdown disrupted lives across parts of

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03 IIPA to develop as wide-based Resource Hub: Dr Jitendra

Terrorist killed, 3 soldiers injured as Army foils infiltration bid along LoC in Uri

Huge cache of arms, narcotics recovered from IB in Akhnoor Sector

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A terrorist was killed and three soldiers were injured as the Army foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control in Baramulla district, officials said on Monday.

The Army launched a counter-infiltration operation along the LoC in the Uri sector of north Kashmir on Saturday after noticing suspicious movement, they said.

"One infiltrator has been eliminated while three soldiers were injured in the exchange of firing with infiltrators from across the LoC in Uri," the officials said.

The infiltrators were challenged by the Army soldiers, leading to a gunfight, they said.

The officials said three soldiers were injured in the exchange of firing between the two sides over the past two days

Combing operations were in progress in the area to ensure that there were no



People of Kashmir need not to worry about situation along LoC: Army

SRINAGAR: The people of Kashmir do not have to worry about the situation along the Line of Control (LoC) as the Army is fully geared up to deal with any eventuality, a senior Army officer said on Monday.

"The situation (along the LoC) is pretty good. We are fully geared up with our deployment and control. We don't have to worry, the people of Kashmir don't have to worry about what is happening on the LoC," General Officer Commanding of the Army's 15 Corps Lieutenant General D P Pandey told reporters at Boniyar in Baramulla district.

He said "small" incidents keep on happening but the overall situation in Kashmir is good. "There is a heavy footfall of tourists, one can't get a room. People

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remnants of the infiltrating terrorists on this side of the

LoC, they said. Meanwhile,

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China installs new shelters for troops near LAC in Ladakh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: China has put in place new modular container-based accommodations for its troops in several high-altitude forward areas on its side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh in response to Indian deployment in the region, people familiar with the developments said on Monday.

The shelters were installed in locations near Tashigong, Manza, Hot Springs and Churup among others, in reflection of simmering tensions between the two sides in the region, they said.

The people cited above said

China's People Liberation Army has been feeling the heat of the Indian response to its "misadventure" in the region last year and that the Chinese military has been forced to go for long deployments and boost infrastructure in the region.

They said the Indian response to the Chinese actions last year, particularly after the Galwan Valley clashes, surprised the neighbouring country and that it deployed troops in areas where it never used to earlier.

"Our strategy is hurting them. They are reacting to our response. We have

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117 new COVID cases in J&K, 32 students found positive in Rajouri

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Monday recorded 117 fresh cases of coronavirus, taking the infected number of persons to 3,29,125 while no fresh death due to the virus was reported from the Union Territory in the past 24 hours, officials said. Out of the 117 fresh cases, 55 were from Jammu division and 62 from Kashmir division in the UT, the officials said. They said Rajouri district recorded the highest number of 40 cases followed by 33 cases in Srinagar district.

There are 1,513 active cases in the UT, while the

number of recovered patients was 3,23,190, the officials said.

The death toll in the UT due to the pandemic remained at 4,422 as no fresh death was reported in the past 24 hours.

Officials said there were 46 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in Jammu and Kashmir as no fresh case was reported since Sunday evening.

Meanwhile, at least 32 students studying in a private educational institution in Thanamandi area of Rajouri district have been tested positive for Covid-19,

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Diesel price up by 70 paise in 4 days; petrol rate hike next

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Diesel price on Monday was hiked by 25 paise per litre -- the third increase since last week -- and more rate hikes for both diesel and petrol are in the offing in the coming days as international oil prices have soared to a three-year high.

The price of diesel was hiked to Rs 89.32 per litre in Delhi and to Rs 96.94 in Mumbai, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers.

This is the second straight day of increase in diesel prices and the third since September 24 when the state-owned oil firms ended a three-week hiatus in rates.

Just like the previous two occasions, petrol price was not changed on Monday. It costs Rs 101.19 a litre in Delhi and Rs 107.26 in Mumbai.

However, industry sources said the price of petrol, alongside diesel, is likely to be increased in the

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 33.0°C Min: 23.1°C

Humidity

Max : 94 Min : 71

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 30.1°C Min: 14.8°C

Humidity

Max : 72 Min: 46

Sunset : 18:23 Hours

Sunrise : 06:24 Hours

Rs 200 cr allotted for sports infrastructure in J&K: Anurag Thakur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting and Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur on Monday said that the Centre has allocated Rs. 200 Cr. investment to develop sports infrastructure of U.T of J&K on modern patterns and that there will be one highly equipped indoor stadium in each district of J&K. These remarks were made by him while addressing a gathering of sports persons, players, members of PRIs, DDCs, BDCs and students at Budgam today as part of the



Union Minister for I&B, Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur e-inaugurating the Multipurpose Indoor Sports Hall at Nilandrusu Bijbehara, Anantnag.

Union Governments Public Outreach Programme.

The Minister also e-inaugurated three highly equipped indoor stadiums in Budgam, Pulwama and Anantnag. Now sports facility in these



intelligence agencies were among others who attended the meeting, a police spokesman said.

During the meeting, he said, the SSP presented detailed security arrangements put in place for Katra town and adjoining areas,

Getting aid not a fundamental right, says SC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Getting aid is not a fundamental right, the Supreme Court observed on Monday and said the government should take into account various factors such as financial constraints and deficiencies while deciding on aid for educational institutions.

Also, when it comes to aided institutions, there cannot be any difference between a minority and non-minority one, the apex court said.

Right to get an aid is not a fundamental right, the challenge to a decision made in implementing it, shall

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J&K will reap benefits of Art 370 abrogation slowly, silently: Athawale

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale on Monday said the abrogation of Article 370 by the BJP-led government was in the interest of the people of Jammu and Kashmir who would reap its benefits 'slowly and silently'.

He also opposed any dialogue with the Taliban which took over Afghanistan last month and said there is a need to remove them from power to provide justice to the people of that country.

Athawale, who is the national president of the



Union Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment Ramdas Athawale listening to public issues in Jammu.

Republican Party of India his party workers and (A), reached here to address

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30 months gone but no action taken on allegations made against GoI by Shah Faesal

Behaviour of Faesal, handling of his resignation raise questions over UPSC, LBSNAA, DoPT

■ DAYA SAGAR

Outlook report has seen possibilities of Shah Faesal 'joining' the services again taking leads from what Minister of State, Department of Personnel and Training, Jitendra Singh has been quoted as having said on February 6, 2021 in response to a question during his press conference about Shah Faesal and his recent pro-government stand and tweets - "We need not to go into this or waste our mental faculties on it. The thing is there is a change of heart,"(https:// www.outlookindia.com/ website/story/india-news-speculations-of-shah-faesal-comeback-to-civil-services-rife-after-govt-says-he-has-a-change-of-heart/373434).

Is the case so simple looking at the accusations made by Shah Faesal in his resignation letter on India Government / Security Forces / NDA that a MoS could be quoted as having expressed like that?

One may ask who is Shah Faesal? Shah Faesal is an IAS Officer (2010 Batch) who resigned from government service in January 2019 pinning serious allegations on Government of India and NDA which /are also of international implications from interests of

India as a nation and he is still listed at serial number 36 of the Civil List -IAS on the website of the General Administration Department UT of J&K (https://jkgad.nic.in/leftMenu/CivilList.aspx) mentioning there in

'The officer has submitted his resignation, which has been forwarded to the DoPT, GoI for acceptance'. He had not stopped putting allegations after submitting his resignation and continued repeating the allegations through media / media interviews. Of course the officers are listed in order of their cadre seniority of the day and as per the website, Shah Faesal is still in service as on September 24, 2021 the day this story was slated.

The resignation letter submitted in January 2019 by Shah Faesal, the first Kashmiri to top the Civil Services Examination, has not been accepted by the government even after 30 months and as per some unofficial reports even investigation into some of his anti-government posts on social media too are not concluded yet hence any speculations could be made about 'this' case since he is a 'Kashmiri' who has been talking of 'Kashmiri aspirations'.

1.It was reported on January 1, 2019 that Shah Faesal, a Kashmiri IAS Officer who topped UPSC Exam in 2010 had submitted his resignation notice to the Government. "To protest against the unabated killings in Kashmir and lack of any sincere reach-out from the Union government; the marginalization and invisibilisation of around 200 million Indian Muslims at the hands of Hindutva forces reducing them to second-class citizens; insidious attacks on the special identity of the J&K state and growing culture of intolerance and hate in the mainland India in the name of hyper-nationalism, I have decided to resign from IAS," said Shah Faesal.(https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/ias-topper-shah-faesal-resigns-says-kashmiri-lives-matter-in-tweet-1975171)

2.IAS topper Shah Faesal resigns to protest 'Unabated Killings' in *Kashmir (BBC Hindi) 9-Jan-2019 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OmNtbnwCAwo) 'Maine Bate Iss Se Pehle Bhi Ki Hain ...Is Bakat Main Ek Esi Political Formation Ka Hissa Banana Chaoonga Jismein Mujhe Yeh Jo Indian Muslims Ke Saath.. Minorities

Ke Saath Kashmirion Ke Saath. Jeh Jo Jeaditiyaan Ho Rahee Hain Usmein Baat Karne Ki Mujhe Thodi Si Azadi Milae ... Abhi Tak Jo Mainstream Politics Jahan Rahi Ha Its More Like An Obstacle, Obstacle Is Liye Bani Huyi Hai Kyon Ki Ek Taraf Se Yeh Public Ki Aspirations Ko Represent Nahin Karti Hai Doosari Taraf Se Jo Other Side Hai Bo Present Karta Hai Ki Yeh Public Ki Aspirations Ko Represent Karti Hai, Yeh Bole Ga Kashmir Mein Problem Kya Hai, Yeh Jo Dispute Hai, Yeh Koi Naukari Hai... Yeh Koi Sadak Ka Tamasha Hi Hai , Yeh Koi Religion Ka Tanajana Hi Hai Yeh Political Masla Hai Aur Is Mein Jab Tak Mainstream Politician Sach Nahin Bolna Start Kareinge Tab Tak Mujhe Lagta Hai Mainstream Politics Ka Future Kashmir Mein.... *

3. 3rdMay 2019 Wire Shah Faesal: (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WskTlw_eorI) : If Article 370 Is repealed, India's relationship With Kashmir Will be no more , Imran deserved highest peace award: Jung Ke Mahol Mein Jo Koi Aman Ki Baat Karta Hai Koi - Esa Gesture Deekhat Hai Jo Gesture South Asian

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