Regd. No. JK/346/2019/2021

Three SHOs among five

U Inspectors transferred

Kansal reviews power sector in Jammu; penalty, disconnection drive against willful defaulters

Website: www.statetimes.in, Email: statetimes1@gmail.com

DC Samba suspends erring officials; withholds salary of DMO

Resolute efforts underway to defeat nefarious conspiracy of neighbouring country: LG



LG Manoj Sinha addressing gathering after releasing book authored by Jawaharlal Kaul.

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said resolute efforts are underway to defeat the nefarious conspiracy of the neighboring country by engaging the young population of Jammu and Kashmir in constructive

"The Government has launched a slew of schemes for the sustainable livelihood of youth, the Lt Governor said while releasing eminent journalist Jawaharlal Kaul's

The Wounded Kashmir: Paradise".

Bahadur Ram President, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) Trust presided over the function.

"J&K is indeed a paradise on earth, but it was deprived of progress and prosperity for decades. Now, we are on the path of regaining its lost glory. It is not just a piece of land but our consciousness, our way of life, and an integral part of our existence which still believes in universaid the Lt Governor.

For the first time in the history of Jammu and Kashmir, people are benefitting from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's development agenda. With the same spirit, the government is working for the socio-economic growth of Union Territory, the Lt Governor observed.

Sectors like Health infra-Education, structure, Industries, Food processing, Tourism, Power, Youth employment, development of ticulture are witnessing ground-breaking transformation. Progressive laws have been implemented for the growth of businesses and

farmers, he added. Referring to the author's reflection on the long industrial holiday in Jammu and Kashmir, the Lt Governor said that the Industrial Holiday is over now and Jammu Kashmir is open for business.

Under the guidance of the Prime Minister and Home Minister, the new industrial development scheme is attracting huge investments in J&K and in the last two months, proposals for investment of Rs 25,000 crore have been received from wellknown industries of the country. And, we are hopeful that by March next year, the figure will reach Rs 50,000 crore, providing employment opportunities to at least 10 lakh youth. Apart from

J&K reports 151 new COVID cases, 1 death

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 151 fresh COVID-19 cases Wednesday, taking the tally to 3,26,310, while the union territory registered its first death due to the virus in the past 96 hours, officials said. Out of the fresh cases, 21

were from the Jammu Division and 130 from the Kashmir Division of the union territory, they said The officials said

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

J&K Police carries out searches at houses

of 4 journalists STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Wednesday conducted searches at the houses of four journalists here, offi-

Raids were conducted at the residences of editor-inchief of a weekly magazine, a reporter working for a Turkish media outlet, a freelance reporter and a reporter who has been associated

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Rains lash Jammu bringing relief from humid condition

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Rains lashed large parts of the Jammu region early on Wednesday bringing relief to the people from humidity with the weather department intermittent light to moderate rainfall in the next two

An approach road leading to the Government Medical College in Kathua district was washed away by the heavy rains while several areas witnessed waterlogging



Vehicles passing through water-logged street of Jammu city.

due to overflowing drains

Katra town, the basecamp

Chowk, National Highway-1A, Jamesu. ORTHOPAEDIC OPD Dr. K.K. Singh

NEURO & SPINE OPD Dr. A.A. Mehra

CONTD ON PAGE 9

Farm laws: SC-appointed panel member says report 100 pc in favour of farmers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI/PUNE: Hopeful of an early resolution to the long-running farmers' protests on the national capital borders, a key member of the Supreme Court-appointed panel on contentious agri-laws on Wednesday said the report submitted by the committee

farmers and the apex court must take up the matter without any delay.

The panel acknowledged that the government and the Supreme Court have to consider the law and order issue that may arise with the release of the report for which they needed to take time, but "they

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Four-member panel to draw

roadmap for setting up JKIDC STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Friday set-up a four member committee to draw a roadmap for establishment of Jammu and Kashmir Industrial Development Corporation (JKIDC) along

with merging State Development Industrial Corporation (SIDCO) and

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Atal Dulloo appointed inquiry officer in construction of flats for Kashmiri migrants

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Wednesday appointed Additional Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo as the enquiry officer into the change in scope of construction work of flats from 1 BHK to 2 BHK for transit accommodation of Kashmiri migrants.

"Sanction is accorded to the appointment of Atal Dulloo, IAS, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Finance Department as Inquiry Officer to enquire into the change in scope of construction work of flats from 1 BHK to 2 BHK for

Govt constitutes committee for relocation of structures and rehabilitation of Dhalwas land owners

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Wednesday constituted committee for relocation of structures and rehabilitation of the owners of structures coming under land acquisition case at Dhalwas (Ramban-Nashri of NH-44).

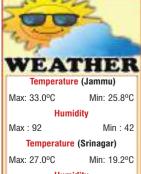
"The committee will be Divisional bv Commissioner, Jammu as its Chairman while Deputy Commissioner, Ramban as Member Convener and

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Two Special Scale officers promoted to Super Time Scale

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Wednesday promoted two Special Scale officers of and Kashmir Administrative Service to Super Time Scale. "Sanction is accorded to the promotion of Anil Koul and ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9



transit accommodation of

Kashmiri Migrants at Vessu, District Kulgam and Sheikhpura, District Budgam," reads an order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Commissioners/ Secretary, General Administ Department.

"The Director Finance, Department of Disaster Relief. Management. Rehabilitation Reconstruction shall be the Presenting Officer." it stated and added that the Enquiry Officer shall complete the report at an ear-

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Parliamentary

Standing Committee on the

Welfare of Scheduled Castes

and Scheduled Tribes on

Wednesday held several

interaction and deliberation

sessions with J&K Bank

management and employees

as well as officers and

Jawans of Border Security

Forces (BSF) to know about

the working conditions and

other issues of the commit-

On the outset, the study

group met employees of J&K

Bank who briefed about the

work culture of the bank and

talked about reservations.

tee's subject matters.

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: National Conference president Farooq

Abdullah on Wednesday said his party is committed to the struggle for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood and special status but will contest elections whenever they are held in the union ter-

He was speaking to reporters after paying his respects at NC founder and his father Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah's mausoleum at Naseem Bagh here on his 39th death anniversary. The Centre had abrogated

Article 370 of the Constitution and divided Jammu and Kashmir into two union territories on August 5, 2019. Parliamentary panel interacts with J&K Bank

management, employees; BSF personnel

recruitment and other issues

of Scheduled Castes and

Scheduled Tribes and welfare

measures and programmes

Speaking during discus-

sion, Chairman MP, Dr Kirit

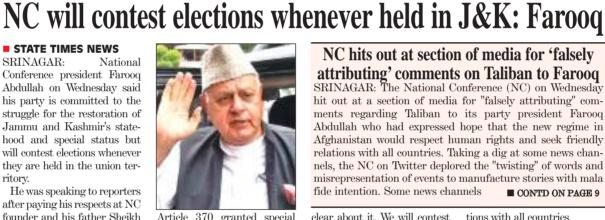
P Solanki enquired about the

issues and grievances of the

of the Bank.

Parliamentary Standing Committee during meeting with

BSF Jawans at Srinagar.



Article 370 granted special status to the erstwhile state.

Abdullah said the NC is committed to the struggle for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood and special status "We don't know when elec-

tions will be held, but we are

employees. Besides, the com-

mittee also enquired about

other important issues, viz

the mechanism to address

grievances of the employees

belonging to SC/ST cate-

gories. Also, the committee

held deliberations and

attributing' comments on Taliban to Farooq SRINAGAR: The National Conference (NC) on Wednesday hit out at a section of media for "falsely attributing" comments regarding Taliban to its party president Farooq Abdullah who had expressed hope that the new regime in Afghanistan would respect human rights and seek friendly relations with all countries. Taking a dig at some news channels, the NC on Twitter deplored the "twisting" of words and

misrepresentation of events to manufacture stories with mala

NC hits out at section of media for 'falsely

clear about it. We will contest elections whenever they are held in Jammu and Kashmir," he said. On the Taliban taking control of Afghanistan, the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said he hoped

that they will respect human rights and seek friendly rela-

Armed forces have decided to induct females in NDA,

fide intention. Some news channels

Centre tells SC **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The Centre informed the Supreme Court on Wednesday that the armed forces have decided to induct women into the National Defence Academy (NDA).

Solicitor Additional General Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for the Centre, told a bench headed by Justice S K Kaul that a decision has been taken at the highest level of the armed forces as also the government that females will be inducted for permanent commission through the NDA. The ASG sought

Committee constituted for revival/restoration

tions with all countries. "The Taliban have taken

over, and now they have to nurture the country. I hope that they (will) do justice with all," Abdullah said.

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

"They should seek friendly relations with all countries," he

Centre to conduct two-day capacity building workshop for Ladakh officials from today gramme would be to create a

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Centre will conduct a two-day workshop from Thursday on capacity building of Ladakh officials at Leh with an objective to familiarise them with the central laws, improving the service delivery mechanism and realisation of the goals of good governance.

Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh along with R K Mathur, Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh, will inaugurate the event, according to an official statement issued on Wednesday.

The objective of the pro-

civil service fully familiar with the Union laws on procurement and financial management. Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure (CSMOP), eOffice and also to usher in digital procurement practices and digital governance, keeping in view the government's mandate of transparency and ease of business, it said.

The capacity building workshop aims to benefit and upgrade the administrative and related skills of the officials of UT Ladakh, thereby increasing or enhancing the exposure and awareness

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

CS asks Mission Youth to empower, enable 50,000 youth through gainful employment

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday chaired a meeting to review the progress under Mission Youth, an ambitious programme to empower unemployed 50000 youth in J&K through gainful employment.

Commissioner Secretary, Labour & Employment Department and Chief Executive Officer, Mission Youth participated in the meeting.

It was informed that under the 'Mumkin' scheme while 503 beneficiaries have been provided vehicles so far,



CS Dr Arun Kumar Mehta chairing a review meeting.

another 1100 beneficiaries will be provided vehicles in the next 10 days.

Similarly, under Teiaswani Mission will provide financial support to 2,000 young women entrepreneurs to take up self-employment ventures across various sectors of the economy

scheme, the

It was further informed

that 4,524 youth clubs have been set up across J&K in which around 60000 youth have registered. These clubs will help channelize the

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Govt constitutes committee for monitoring HCI in J&K UT

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Wednesday constitution a committee for monitoring designation of School Education Department as Nodal Department for monitoring Human Capital Index (HCI) in the UT of J&K.

'Sanction is accorded to the designation of the School Education Department as the Nodal Department for monitoring of the Human Capital Index (HCI) in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir and constitution of a Committee for monitoring of the Human Capital Index (HCI) in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir," reads an order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Commissioners/

Secretary,

General

Administration Department. As per order, the committee will be headed by Principal Secretary, School Education Department as its Chairman Additional Secretary, Social Welfare Additional Department: Secretary, Higher Education Project Department; Director, Samagra Shikha Abhiyan, J&K; Additional Health and Secretary, Medical Education Department; and Additional Secretary, Skill Development Department will be its

Members. "The committee shall monitor the Human Capital Index in UT of J&K and progress and ensure improvement regarding reform actions.' the order stated and

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The government on Wednesday constituted Executive Committee and District Level Coordinationcum-implementation Committees for "Scheme for Revival. Restoration, Preservation Maintenance of Architecture and Heritage in Jammu & Kashmir" According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar

Commissioners/ Dwivedi, General Secretary, Administration Department, the Executive Committee will be headed by Chief Secretary, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir as Chairman while

Administrative Secretary, Department of Culture as Member Secretary. Other Members of the

Executive Committee are Commissioner, Financial Department; Administrative Secretary, Department: Revenue Administrative Secretary, Department; Tourism Divisional Commissioner. Divisional Jammu; Kashmir: Commissioner. Chief Architect, Jammu: Chief Architect, Kashmir; Chief Town Planner, Jammu; Planner, Town Kashmir; Director Tourism, Jammu Director Tourism, Kashmir; Director Archives, Archaeology & Museums. J&K; DG/Director IRD/ Planning, Department of Culture,

J&K besides five experts to

of architecture & heritage in J&K

Government. "District Level Coordination-cum-Implementation Committees will be headed by District Development Commissioner (concerned District) as Chairman while Additional Commissioner; Superintending Engineer PW(R&B) Department (concerned District); Deputy Director, Archives Archaeology & Museums of the respective Division; Representative Director Tourism, of the respective Division not below the rank of the Deputy Director; Chief Education Officer (concerned District) ; District Statistics and

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Taliban will have to follow true Sharia: Mehbooba



STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Taliban. which has taken over the reins of Afghanistan, must follow true Sharia, which guarantees rights of all, including women, PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said on Wednesday. The Taliban swept across

Afghanistan last month, seizing control of almost all key towns and cities in the backdrop of withdrawal of the US

forces that began on May 1. It took over Kabul on August 15 and on Tuesday, unveiled a hardline interim government led by Mullah Mohammad Hasan Akhund.

"Taliban has come to the fore as a reality. Its image in the first time in power was that of anti-human rights. If wants to govern Afghanistan, it will have to follow the true Sharia law as laid down in the Quran which guarantees rights of women, children and elderly," she told reporters after a function

If the Taliban follows the example of governance set by Prophet Muhammad in Madina, it will set an example for the world, the former Jammu and Kashmir

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Max: 132 Min: 63 Sunset: 18:46 Hours

Sunrise: 06:10 Hours