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No more sale of jobs will be allowed in J&K: LG

‘Governance for all and not for a select few’



LG Manoj Sinha addressing public gathering at Poonch on Tuesday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday asserted that no more sale of jobs will be allowed in Jammu and Kashmir.

During his visit to the border belt of Poonch, the Lieutenant Governor said that all the culprits in the alleged irregularities in recruitment examination of

Sub-Inspector, Financial Account Assistant and Junior Engineer will be punished severely.

He said the government is working on the principle of "Governance for all" and not for a select few. Dedicated efforts are being made to establish corruption free, drug free and job-oriented society, he added.

Sinha also expressed firm

resolve of the government to strengthen the connectivity in border villages.

"14 road projects worth Rs. 50 crore launched today will bring prosperity and help in overall development of the area", Sinha said while inaugurating and laying foundation stone of several projects, including roads, worth Rs.195 cores to accelerate the development of 229

Panchayats of the district.

On his arrival, the Lt Governor inaugurated Hockey Astro Turf at the Shaheed DySP Manjeet Singh memorial Government Higher Secondary School and a Boxing hall at the Sports Stadium and dedicated the facilities to the youth and sportspersons of the District.

During his visit to the border district, the Lt Governor launched projects worth Rs. 78.80 Crores for the welfare of tribal community and observed that several infrastructure projects, including bridge, roads, power sub-stations, smart class rooms, model villages will spearhead the cause of sustainable rural development.

14 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras will create local facilities for value addition to traditional forest products and empower tribal

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Rs 20-30 lakh paid for SI examination paper: CBI

CBI raids residences of Ex-Chairman J&K SSB, Controller Examination among 36 locations in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The CBI on Tuesday conducted searches at 36 locations in connection with alleged irregularities in Jammu and Kashmir sub-inspector posts' recruitment test in which some aspirants had allegedly coughed up Rs 20-30 lakh for accessing the question paper before the examination.

The searches were spread across Jammu, Srinagar, Karnal, Mahendergarh, Rewari, Gandhidham, Delhi, Ghaziabad and Bengaluru.

During the operations, searches took place at the government quarter of former chairman of JKSSB Khalid Jahangir at Gandhi Nagar and the palatial house of former Controller of Examination of JKSSB Ashok Kumar at 290, Lane no 2, Colonel's Colony, Talab Tillo.

The raids were also conducted at the residences of K.D Bhagat at Akhnour; Raman Sharma Constable JKAP; Kewal Krishan alias Vicky Constable JKAP; Sunil Pangotra Constable District Police; Amit Sharma CRPF; Jagdish Kumar, residence of Narayana Akhnour; Vijay Kumar, Suresh Kumar Sharma, Tonk Jagir Akhnour; Rakesh Kumar, residence of



CBI sleuths at the palatial house of former Controller of Examination J&K SSB Ashok Kumar at Colonel's Colony on Tuesday. (more pics on page 9)

CBI sleuths recover incriminating documents and digital evidences during searches

Mawa Brahmana Akhnour; Thoru Ram, resident of Khour, Pawan Kumar CRPF and Sunil Sharma CRPF, both at Akhnour.

The CBI teams also raided alleged gang members based in Haryana, teachers, retired officials of Jammu and Kashmir and CRPF during which the agency recovered "incriminating

documents" and digital evidences, CBI spokesperson said.

"Investigation has revealed the alleged payment of Rs 20 to 30 lakh (approx) by willing candidates and their families to the accused for accessing the question paper before commencement of the examination. "In this regard, involvement of a

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3 children injured in shell explosion at Shopian

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Three children were injured in an explosion near an encounter site in Shopian district on Tuesday, officials said here.

A leftover shell exploded at an encounter site at Heff Shirmal in Shopian, injuring three children who were playing nearby, the officials said. The children have been rushed to a hospital.

An encounter took place at Heff Shirmal on Monday in which one local militant was killed and a soldier was injured.

EWS quota breaches 50 pc ceiling: SC told

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Centre's decision to grant 10 per cent quota for the EWS category in admissions and jobs violates the basic structure of the Constitution on multiple counts including that it breaches the 50 per cent cap on reservation, the

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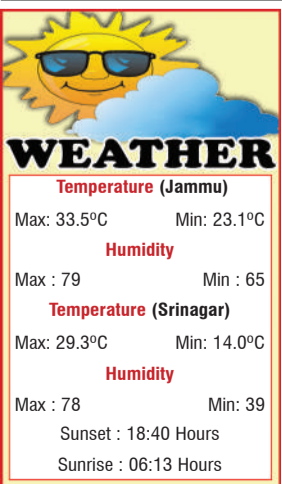
J&K reports 47 new COVID-19 cases

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported 47 new COVID-19 cases on Tuesday, taking the infection tally to 4,78,806, officials said here.

The death toll remained unchanged at 4,784 as no fresh death due to the infection was reported, they said.

Of the new cases, 13 were reported from Jammu and 34 from Kashmir, they said. There are 326 active Covid cases while the number of recoveries has reached 4,73,696, officials said.

There are 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in the Union Territory, they said.



WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 33.5°C Min: 23.1°C

Humidity

Max : 79 Min : 65

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 29.3°C Min: 14.0°C

Humidity

Max : 78 Min: 39

Sunset : 18:40 Hours

Sunrise : 06:13 Hours

105 corruption cases registered in J&K since January 1, 2022

64 officers caught red handed in Valley; 9 including lady Corporator in Jammu

■ VIVEK SHARMA

JAMMU: Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) has registered 105 cases across Jammu and Kashmir during the past over eight months. Of these, 77 FIRs have been lodged in the Valley, 21 in the Jammu division and seven got registered at the ACB's Central Police Station.

During this period since January 1, 2022, 73 officers and officials were booked for demanding and accepting bribe-64 in the Valley and 9 including a lady JMC Corporator, in the Jammu Province. The remaining cases pertain to offences like Disproportionate Assets and misappropriation of government funds.

Seven FIRs of ACB's Central Police Station have been registered vide FIR (01/2022) for issuance of Contractor Card in blatant disregard to the rules/ norms against Mohd Hanief Lone, son of Late Gh. Rasool Lone, resident of Rawalpura Srinagar; the then Chief Engr. UEED J&K, Bilal Ahmad,

son of Nabi Dar, resident of Kupwara and officials of UEED J&K/other beneficiaries;

FIR (02/2022) for misuse of official position by officers of Health and Medical Education Department, JKMSCL M/s Confident Dental Pvt. Ltd and others; FIR (03/2022) for misuse of official position by officers of Health and Medical



77 FIRs registered in Kashmir province; 21 in Jammu; 7 in ACB's Central Police Stn

Education Department, JKMSCL, M/s Confident Dental Pvt. Ltd. and others; FIR (04/2022) for misuse of official position. (Purchase of property by J&K Bank in Delhi at higher rates) against Rakesh Gandotra, Manager, JK Bank, Mushtaq Ahmad, then Chairman, J&K Bank and others;

FIR (05/2022) for demand and acceptance

of Rs 5,000 as bribe from the complainant by Arish Parvaiz, Patwari, Halqa, Digiana, Jammu and his associate Jatinder Kumar alias Jatin;

FIR (06/2022) for demand and acceptance of Rs 1.5 lakh as bribe by Ashok Sharma, Naib Tehsildar, Ravinder Bhagat, Patwari and Raman Gupta (Tbut); FIR (07/2022) for mis-

use of official position by Bashir Ahmad Bhat, Jamadar Gr-II, Posted in GAD, J&K; The 11 cases registered in ACB Jammu police station include FIR (01/2022) for construction of commercial flats without proper permission against officials of Jammu Development Authority and beneficiary Shahid Buch, son of Mohd Amin Buch, resident of Brein Nishat, Srinagar and others;

FIR (02/2022) for favouritism bestowed upon M/s Suvani Constructions by then Executive Engineer Urban Local Bodies Div-II Jammu who by abuse of his official position and in violation to norms and conditions has given undue benefit in the allotment of work to beneficiary Raman Uppal, Executive Engineer Urban Local Bodies, Division-II, Jammu and beneficiary Atul Mahajan Prop M/s Suvani Construction; FIR (03/2022) for possessing disproportionate assets by Tarsem Kumar Gupta, son of Late Madan Mohan Gupta, resident of H. No. 75, Chand Nagar Jammu at present W.No. 46, Rani Talab, Digiana, Jammu, the then Senior Assistant (now Head Assistant) in Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

FIR (04/2022) for possessing disproportionate assets by Satish Kumar Bhagat, son of Late Daya Ram, resident of 168, Sector No. 03, Club Road, Upper Roop Nagar JDA Colony Jammu, the then Incharge Executive

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Attachment of immovable properties of Ex-DyGM JKPC HC restrains ED from taking further action against Rekhi, others

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a petition filed by Suresh Rekhi, the then DyGM, Jammu and Kashmir

Project Construction Corporation (JKPCC) Limited and his wife seeking quashment of order of Enforcements Directorate, Justice Sanjay Dhar of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court after hearing Adv Ayushman Kotwal for petitioners, directed that till next date of hearing, no further action shall be taken by respondents against the petitioners on the

basis of impugned order dated August 25, 2022.

It is worthwhile to mention here that Enforcement Directorate Jammu acted on FIR (12/2013) registered by Anti-Corruption Bureau Jammu on August 5, 2013 against one Suresh Rekhi, the then DyGM of JKPC under section 5(1)(c) read with 5(2) J&K PC Act Samvat 2006 with allegation that Suresh Rekhi by indulging in corrupt and illegal practices accumulated huge wealth which was disproportionate to his legal

source of income.

Acting on charge-sheet of ACB, Enforcement Directorate Jammu registered a case against Suresh Kumar Rekhi and Kumud Rekhi under Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2002. The Enforcement Directorate during PMLA investigation has identified disproportionate assets acquired by accused persons which are taken as proceeds of Crime under PMLA Investigation. During PMLA investigation proceeds property tune of Rs 2,60,78,550

was provisionally attached vide PAO No. 01/2022 on January 31, 2022 in terms of section 2(1)(u) of the PMLA and are found involved in offence of money laundering. Further Adjudicating Authority PMLA New Delhi has confirmed the PAO No. 01/2022 issued on January 31, 2022 by pronouncing order of confirmation on August 25, 2022.

During the course of hearing Adv Ayushman Kotwal submitted that the impugned order dated August 25,

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India, China carry out verification of disengagement process at PP-15

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Indian and Chinese armies carried out a joint verification of the disengagement process at Patrolling Point 15 in the Gogra-Hotsprings area in eastern Ladakh after withdrawing their troops and dismantling temporary infrastructure from the friction point, people familiar with the development said on Tuesday.

Both sides completed the disengagement in a phased and coordinated manner, they said.

The local commanders of the two armies also held a meeting following the conclusion of the disengagement process from the friction point where the two sides were in a standoff for over two years.

Though the two sides disengaged from Patrolling Point 15 (PP-15), there has been no progress yet on resolving the standoff in Demchok and Depsang regions.

The Indian and Chinese armies on September 8 announced that they have kicked off the disengagement

process from the PP-15, in a significant forward movement in the stalled process to pull-out troops from the remaining friction points in the region.

The disengagement in the Gogra-Hotsprings area is an outcome of the 16th round of high-level military talks in July, the two armies said while announcing the beginning of the process on September 8.

Initially, around 30 soldiers from each side were locked in a face-off in PP-15 but

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Ninety faculty members of GMC Jammu/Srinagar promoted

Dr. Rahul Gupta (CD&TB) among 8 promoted as Professors in GMC Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Government on Tuesday ordered promotion of 90 faculty members of Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu/Srinagar.

"As recommended by the Departmental Promotion Committee/ J&K Public Service Commission, sanction is hereby accorded to the promotion/regularization of following faculty members of various disciplines of Government Medical Colleges, Srinagar/Jammu," reads an order issued by Bupinder Kumar, Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department.

In GMC Jammu, Associate Professors Dr. Rachna

Mangotra Dr. Anita Vig (Kohli), Dr. Rahul Gupta (CD & TB), Dr. Sonika Kanotra, Dr. Sanjay Kai, Dr. Sindhu Sharma, Dr. Rupali Bargotra and Dr. Ritu Gupta have been promoted as Professors; Assistant Professors Dr. Ashwani Kumar Sharma, Dr. Anjali Mehta, Dr. Renu Ganjoo Wakhloo, Dr. Shagufta Rahim, Dr. Deepa Hans, Dr. Gurmeet Kaur, Dr. Kiran Bala and Dr. Bhavna Langer as Associate Professors; Lecturers Dr. Sonia Jandial, Dr. Arti Mahajan, Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad, Dr. Shruti Gupta, Dr. Tania Kakkar, Dr. Neha, Dr. Vinay

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Right to contest election neither fundamental nor common law right: SC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The right to contest an election is neither a fundamental right nor a common law right, the Supreme Court has said while dismissing a petition which raised the issue regarding the filing of nomination for Rajya Sabha elections.

Observing that an individual cannot claim that he has a right to contest an election, the apex court noted that the Representation of People Act, 1950, read with the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, has contemplated the name of a candidate has to be proposed while fill-

ing the nomination form.

to file his nomination for the Rajya Sabha elections, 2022.

The petitioner had said that a notification for election to Rajya Sabha was issued on May 12, 2022, to fill up the seats of members retiring from June 21, 2022, to August 1, 2022, and the last date for submission of the nomination was May 31.

He said he had collected the nomination form but was not allowed to file his nomination without a proper



A bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia passed the order while hearing a plea challenging the June 10 order of the Delhi High Court which had dismissed a petition about deciding the candidature of the petitioner

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