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Zero tolerance policy against drug dealers, traffickers: LG 'Collective responsibility of society to fight drug menace'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday asserted that the administration has adopted zero tolerance policy against drug dealers and drug traffickers.

"It is a collective responsibility of the society to join this fight against drug menace", the Lt Governor said while launching a campaign for Nasha Mukt Jammu Kashmir at an event organized at the convention centre here.

Initiating a new campaign for 'drug-free city and drug-free village', the Lt Governor called upon the representatives from PRIs and Urban Local Bodies to work with the administration and ensure villages and wards are made drug-free with determined efforts and proactive approach.

Drug menace has emerged as a formidable threat to our



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at the launch of campaign for Nasha Mukt Jammu Kashmir.

socio-economic structure, and it is essential that the entire society must come together to uproot this menace and work as a strong unit to make J&K healthy and drug free, said the Lt Governor.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the mass movement is significant to make

against drug addiction has been intensified. J&K Government along with the police, army and other security agencies is working with resolute determination to thwart the neighbouring country's malafide intentions, he added.

Noting that public participation is significant to make

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Terrorist hideout busted in Baramulla



Ammunition recovered from hideout at Baramulla.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Security forces busted a terrorist hideout in Baramulla district on Thursday and recovered a

huge cache of ammunition, officials said. A joint team of police and the army launched a search operation

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J&K reports 147 fresh COVID cases

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday reported 147 fresh Covid cases-- 26 from the Jammu division and 121 from the Valley, thus taking the total number of positive cases to 477931 in the Union Territory.

According to the daily Media Bulletin, out of 477931 positive cases, 1051 are Active Positive, 472098 have recovered and 4782 have died; 2350 in the Jammu division and 2432 in the

Providing district-wise breakup for positive cases during the past 24 hours, the Bulletin informed that in the Kashmir division, Srinagar reported 44 cases Budgam 30, Baramulla 20, Kupwara 07, Anantnag and Ganderbal 06 cases each, Kulgam 03 while Shopian and Bandipora districts reported 02 fresh cases each and Pulwama district recorded one case.

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The proposal of Tribal Affairs Department, supported by the CWDB, includes establishment of two common facility centres (CFC) at an estimated cost of Rs 10 crore. One CFC each in Jammu and Kashmir provinces will be equipped with modern machinery for wool sorting, processing, grading and packaging.

The department is rolling out plan to train nearly 30,000 tribal sheep farmers in mechanised sheep shearing which will lead to increase in wool production, improvement in quality of wool and reduced cost of

Wool project to benefit 30,000 tribal sheep farmers in J&K

shearing.

Mechanical shearing units worth Rs 2 crore have been included in the project which will be provided to tribal Farmer groups. Each group will be provided machinery up to Rs 3 lakh.

Establishment of wool mandis at three locations and more than 40 centres for wool collections and transit support have been approved under the project.

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Four Pvt Secys among nine officials transferred

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Thursday transferred four Private Secretaries among nine officials.

As per order issued by GAD, Ghulam Rasool Mir, Private Secretary, J&K Institute of Management, Public Administration & Rural Development, has been transferred and posted in the Science & Technology Department; Babita Kumari Pandita, Private Secretary, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD, has been posted in the Youth Services & Sports Department; Ashok Kumar, Private Secretary, School Education

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After receiving the complaint, verification into the matter was conducted directly and on the basis of findings and recommendations of the enquiry officer, offences under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, was made out against the accused, the official said and FIR No. 26/2022 under section 7 of PC Act 1988 (as amended in 2018) was registered at Police Station ACB Baramulla.

"The team caught the accused official red handed while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 50,000 for preparing bill of the work executed by the complainant. He was arrested after completing all legal formalities," the spokesperson said.

Action against corrupt people creating new polarisation in national politics: PM

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KOCHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said that action against corrupt people in the country has resulted in a new polarisation in national politics with certain political groups openly trying to get organised into a unit to save those facing graft charges.

Modi, who arrived in Kerala on a two-day visit, said that corruption was the biggest hurdle in development and interests of the youth.

"However, what we see is that as we take action against the corrupt persons, there has emerged a new polarisation in national politics.

"To save these corrupt people, certain political groups are openly coming out and trying to get organised into a unit. People of India and Kerala have to be vigilant against such groups," he said.

Speaking to a large gathering



of supporters outside the Cochin International Airport at Nedumbassery near here, he further said that people in the state are viewing the BJP with renewed hope as they realise that it is working for change and development in India.

Modi also asserted that the

biggest priority of his government is to provide fundamental facilities to every citizen of the country and build modern infrastructure.

The union government is working to provide homes to the poor. Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana scheme, two lakh houses have been

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Minor's rape, murder: DB releases death sentenced accused by treating him juvenile

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Justice Rajesh Oswal and Justice Rajesh Sekri, released the accused namely Mohd Rashid who was awarded death sentence by the Trial Court, appellant at the time of commission of offence was a juvenile in conflict with law.

According to the prosecution case that on August 28, 2005, on the basis of source information, that an unidentified body of a young girl of about 12/13 years of age, lying near Kachhi Chawni crossing, outside

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'No Parking Zones' notified in Jammu City

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation, Rahul Yadav on Thursday notified several areas in Jammu City as No Parking Zones.

As per the notification issued by the JMC, the areas declared as No Parking Zones are alongside Ganpati Food Junction (Gandhi Nagar), alongside K.C. Theatre, opposite parking area, Amjhalla Chowk except Auto Stand, Aquaf Market Gandhi Nagar, around the crossing of D.C. Office Chowk opposite to parking, Bagh-e-Bahu Temple Road, Bahu Plaza Road, E.I.D

Gah-Road upto Hari Singh School, Fountain Chowk Greater Kailash, Indira Chowk, Jhulaka Mohalla both side no parking zone, Kachi Chawani Chowk except auto stand, Opposite City Square Mall, Opposite Gita Bhawan parade, Opposite Maharaja Hari Singh Park, Opposite parking area, Super Specialty Hospital, Panjirithi Chowk, Railway to Marble Market on both tubes, Vikas Nagar Road to Talli Morth, Medical College Chowk to Akhnoor Road and Pacc Danga

The notification/order reads that a committee was constituted consisting of the representatives from the Department of Transport, J&K Police, Traffic Police Jammu and Jammu Municipal Corporation for identification and declaration of No Parking Zone to ensure hassle free movement of vehicles to streamline traffic in the jurisdiction of Jammu Municipal Corporation.

After the Committee submitted its report vide endorsement no.

J M C / R B / 1 9 7 9 - 8 3 dated 29.07.2022 after a series of site inspections and deliberation, it recommended these locations to be declared as "No Parking Zone".

ACB nabs RDD official for accepting bribe of Rs 30,000

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Anti Corruption Bureau of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday arrested a Rural Development department official for accepting a bribe of Rs 30,000 for preparing the bill of a work executed by a contractor, officials said.

"The ACB received a complaint against one Ishfaq Razaq Sheikh, son of Abdul Razaq Sheikh, resident of Vilgam Handwara, presently working as Technical Assistant in Langate block of Kupwara district for demanding bribe of Rs 50,000 for preparing bill of the work executed by the complainant. He was arrested after completing all legal formalities," the spokesperson said.

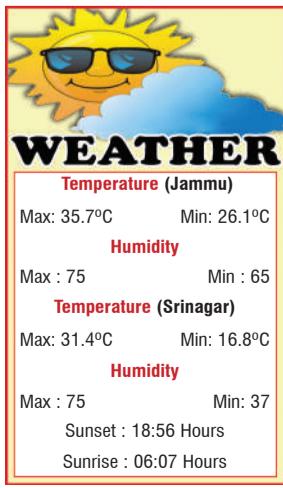
son said adding that searches were also conducted at the residence of the accused, the official said. On receipt of the complaint a discreet verification was conducted into the matter and on the basis of findings and recommendations of the enquiry officer prima facie offences u/s 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 (as amended in 2018) was made out against the alleged accused public servant. Accordingly, Case FIR No. 26/2022 U/S 7 of the PC Act 1988 (as amended in 2018) was registered at Police Station ACB Baramulla against above mentioned accused public servant and investigations started.



JCBs engaged in rescue operation at Janipur area on Thursday.

Jammu municipal corporation, civil defense, corporators of Ward Nos 35,36 & 37 reached there and coordinated rescue operations," the DC said, adding, "Some electric polls on the road near the spot also collapsed, disrupting power supply."

After hectic rescue operation of more than 3 hours, the DC said, 90% debris has been cleared. The road is being opened shortly after calling off the rescue operation, the DC added.



Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 35.7°C Min: 26.1°C
Humidity
Max : 75 Min : 65
Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 31.4°C Min: 16.8°C
Humidity
Max : 75 Min: 37
Sunrise : 06:07 Hours
Sunset : 18:56 Hours