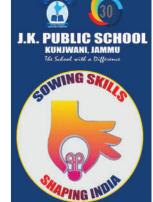


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New Education Policy to reorient India to UU global benchmarks: Dr Jitendra

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Lawyers on agitation, work remained suspended in all courts

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J&K Bank Academy recruit makes it to India U-17 Squad

Govt aims to transform Jammu

logical assets.

"Six projects have been initiated to harness the benefit of rich ecology, enhance the well being of citizens and resource efficiency by appropriate strategic approach", the Lt Governor said while inaugurating and laying foundation stone of 14 projects of Jammu Smart City worth Bs 113 crore.

Dedicating the Smart City Projects to the people, the Lt Governor said these projects

framework of smart cities



of 14 projects of Jammu Smart City.

has undergone a paradigm shift in the last two-three years and eco-cities have been envisaged to make the urban infrastructure sustainable, the Lt Governor said that Jammu Smart City projects have ensured that maximum green space is provided to the citizens.

The Lt Governor also impressed upon multi-stakeple's participation to make J&K UT's cities and towns resilient, competitive, and dynamic with strong social infrastructure to tackle the challenges of growing urbanization.

The Lt Governor further observed that the concept of Smart City without Smart Citizen is meaningless. From developing Smart City to infrastructure, the participation of every citizen at every level is vital. It is the responsibility of the community to preserve and protect the amenities, he added.

The Lt Governor directed the officials to ensure the completion of the projects within a set time frame and called for adopting a realistic

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Crimes against women in J&K go up by 15.62 pc

Terrorists open fire at non-local labourer in Pulwama

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Terrorists on

Friday opened fire at a nonlocal labourer in Pulwama district, a police official said. Victim Muneerul Islam hails from West Bengal. He has been shifted to hospital, the official said.

The incident took place in Ugergund area in the morning. An inquiry is being carried out, he added.

Punjab couple held with 7 Kg heroin in Udhampur

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: A couple from Punjab were arrested and seven kg of heroin seized from their possession in Udhampur district on Friday, a senior police officer

Additional General of Police, Jammu, Singh Mukesh Lovepreet Singh, son of Karnail Singh of Ram Tirth Road Amritsar and his wife Mandeep Kaur were travelling in a private car when they were intercepted

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Plea on 'genocide' of Hindus, Sikhs in J&K: SC asks NGO to make representation to Govt

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Supreme Court on Friday asked an NGO that raised the issue of the alleged genocide of Hindus and Sikhs in Jammu and Kashmir during 1989-2003 to make a representation before the Centre and the appropriate authori-

In its plea, the NGO We the Citizens sought the constitution of a Special Investigation Team to identify the perpetrators who were involved, aided and abetted the alleged

The plea was heard by a bench of Justices B R Gavai and C T Ravikumar.

genocide.

The petitioner's counsel argued before the apex court that the genocide and exodus of over one lakh Sikhs and Hindus from the Kashmir Valley during that period had

attempted acid attacks came

There were 1,013 cases of

abduction of women. Of

these, in 447 cases, women

were kidnapped for mar-

Nine cases related to

women-centric cybercrimes

such as publishing or trans-

mitting sexually explicit

material and blackmailing or

morphing/fake profiles were

registered, 20 cases related

to miscarriage, infanticide

and foeticide and three cases

of human trafficking, the

report said. It said 7,109

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people, including

to light during the year.

riage.

BJP National Spokesperson R P Singh has asked Home Ministry to constitute Commission of Inquiry so that perpetrators of genocide are identified and punished.

state administration at that

ment?" the bench asked.

"Have you made a representation to the govern-

government and the appropriate authority. At the outset, the bench said, "It is purely in the domain of the executive.

the petitioner to withdraw

the plea with the liberty to

make a representation to the

approach the government.' The counsel referred to Article 370 of the Constitution, which was abrogated by the

Centre in August 2019,

and also Article 35-A. While the provisions of Article 370 granted special autonomous

status to Jammu and Kashmir, Article 35-A provided special rights and privileges to natives of the erst-

The top court, which dis-

The counsel said they have

"You withdraw it and make

a representation," the court

while state. The petitioner's lawyer ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Man hangs himself in police custody at Rajouri; magisterial probe ordered

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A 42-year-old man allegedly hanged himself inside a police lock-up in Rajouri district on Friday, a senior police officer said.

A magisterial probe has been initiated into the death of Abdul Majeed, a resident of Pargal village, at Darhal police station in the morning, Rajouri Superintendent of Police

(SSP) Mohammad Aslam He said Majeed was arrested by police in connection with a case registered at the

police station last year under

Section 341 (Punishment for

wrongful restraint) and 354

knowing it to be likely that he will there by outrage her modesty) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). He was also wanted in another case under section 452 (house-trespass after

(whoever assaults or uses

criminal force to any woman.

intending to outrage or

or wrongful restraint) and 376 (punishment for rape) of the IPC, also registered last "At around 9.15 am, Majeed hanged himself in the

preparation for hurt, assault

washroom of the lock-up of Darhal police station," the

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Increase in drugs smuggling from Pakistan

as eco-city: LG Calls for multi-stakeholders' contribution, people's participation to tackle urbanization

STATE TIMES NEWS

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said the government is endeavouring to transform Jammu as an eco-city for sustainable economic activities and to also nurture eco-

will create smart living by improving quality of life, better public services, opportunities for local economic development and easier accessibility to everyone. Observing that the global

Gool Blast Case: Two grenades recovered on kingpin's discloure **STATE TIMES NEWS** Police Station Gool and was

RAMBAN: Two grenades

were recovered from Jabbar forests of Gool area in the Ind (Gool) blast case on the disclosure of main conspirator of the case namely Shoket Ali Laiwal, son of Latief Laiwal, resident of Thakrakot Reasi. The grenades were con-

cealed in the Jabbar forests of Gool area with the intention of being used on security forces in near future. Shoket Ali Laiwal was arrested few days back in case FIR No. 69/2022 under sections 307/120-B/121 IPC. 16/17/18/18B/19/20/38/39 UAPA, 4/5 Explosive Act of

Universities should accept Class-12 marksheets, certificates available in DigiLocker: CBSE to UGC

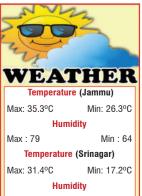
STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The CBSE has urged the University Grants Commission (UGC) to direct all universities and colleges to accept digital copies of the Class-12 migration certificates as well as the marksheets-cum-passing certificates of students available in DigiLocker for admissions, saving the documents are legally valid.

The board's clarification came after some universities asked their students to submit a paper-printed copy of the migration certificate.

"It has come to the notice that certain universities are asking the students to submit the paper-printed copy of the migration certificate. Though the CBSE is supplying the printed copy to the students shortly, however, it is informed that documents such as marksheet-cumpassing certificate

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subjected to sustained questioning during which he confessed of being the main conspirator by hatching the criminal conspiracy of lobbying the grenade on security forces and disclosed that he had hidden two live grenades in the Jabbar forest of Gool Immediately, a special team

was rushed to the spot along with Shoket Ali laiwal & Naib Tehsildar Gool and the two live grenades were recovered from the spot in the presence of SP Ramban Mohita Sharma IPS & SDPO Gool Nihar Ranjan.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Admitting the

presence of about three splin-

ter terror groups in the twin

border districts of Rajouri

and Poonch, a senior police

officer said security forces

are making efforts to neu-

Deputy Inspector General

of Police, Rajouri-Poonch

range, Haseeb Mughal said

search and cordon operations

in broader areas are taking

place on almost daily basis to

provide a sense of security

among the people and to

ensure they continue their

normal activities without any

tralise them.

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Three terror splinter groups operating

in one year, over 7,000 accused arrested **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Crimes against women in Jammu and Kashmir recorded an increase of 15.62 per cent in 2021 compared to the preceding year, with over 7,000 people being arrested, the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) said in its latest report.

However, the conviction rate remained low as only 95 people were awarded sentences, while cases under investigation touched 6,275 by the end of last year. These include 2,329 cases pending investigation from 2020 and nine cases that reopened for investigation, the report said. It said crimes against women marked a steady rise from 2019 to 2021, with the highest 3,937 such cases reported in 2021 against 3,405 cases in 2020. In 2019, there were 3,069 such

According to the 2011 census, there are 64 lakh women in Jammu and Kashmir, and the crime rate per lakh population in 2021 stood at 61.6, the report said.

The report said 315 cases of rape, 1,414 incidents of attempt to rape and 14 dowry deaths were lodged in 2021, and incidentally, 91.4

vegetation, a normal phe-

soon...After that attack (on

August 11), security was fur-

ther heightened and an alert

was sounded in view of the

presence of two to three more

splinter terrorist groups in

the Pir Panjal region," the

police officer said during an

interaction on social net-

He said the terror groups

are on the radar of security

agencies and are being regu-

larly followed to neutralise

"A contact was established

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them as soon as possible.

with one such group

working site Facebook.

during mon-

nomenon

per cent of the accused involved in rape were known to the victim, the report said. As many as 1.851 cases were also registered in connection with assault on women with the intention to outrage their modesty. Of these, 14 cases were reported from shelter homes for women and children, and five rape cases were reported in

Two cases of voyeurism and 26 cases of stalking were also reported during the last year, the report said.

It said 501 cases of cruelty by husband or his relatives, one case of acid attack, two

COVID: J&K reports 152 new cases

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported 152 new cases of coronavirus on Friday, taking the infection tally to 4,78,083, officials

The death toll remain unchanged at 4,782 as no fresh death due virus was reported, they said.

Of the new cases, 40 were reported from Jammu and 112 from Kashmir.

There are 1.039 active cases of the disease, while the number of recoveries has reached 4,72,262, officials said. There are 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis in the Union Territory,

to fund terrorism in Kashmir: DGP **STATE TIMES NEWS** SRINAGAR: Smuggling of

drugs from across the border is on the rise and Pakistan is using it to fund militancy in Kashmir, Director General of Police Dilbag Singh said on Friday.

He, however, said the infiltration along the Line of Control has come down.

"Drugs smuggling has increased from before. Pakistan is using this smuggling for funding the militancy. The people have to fight this strongly as many youth are falling prey to drugs and in that case, our society will also be destroyed. If our soci-

ety falls ill due to drug abuse, then no one can set it right," Singh told reporters in Kupwara.

He said the society is paying a huge price and the people should support the police in its endeavour to stop drugs smuggling.

"I want the elders, socioreligious leaders, religious preachers to make the youth aware about (drugs) its effects and keep them away from it. If anyone is indulging in this trade, then police should be supported so that we take strong action,"

Singh said the infiltration

along the LoC has decreased and was almost zero.

"There have been some attempts but they were crushed and foiled. A couple of infiltrations were successful also. The border grid is strong, it will be strengthened and made more stronger," he added.

He congratulated the people of Kupwara district, in north Kashmir, for staying away from militancy. "Today, there is zero mili-

tancy in Kupwara. I want it to be kept at zero only. The youth of the district should continue to support

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PM Commissions INS Vikrant

STATE TIMES NEWS

KOCHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi commissioned India's first indigenously designed and built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant here on Friday, that put India into a select league of countries with domestic capability to build such large war ships. The Prime Minister com-

missioned the carrier, built at a cost of Rs 20,000 crore, at a function organised at the Cochin Shipyard Limited With the commissioning of

Vikrant, India joined a select group of nations having the niche capability to indigenously design and build an aircraft carrier. The commissioning cere-

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PM Narendra Modi during the commissioning of the first indigenous aircraft carrier as INS Vikrant, in Kochi, Kerela on Friday

Two men held for blackmailing, circulating woman's pyt video in Srinagar STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Two people

have been arrested here for allegedly blackmailing and extorting money from a woman using her private video and also circulating it on social media, police said on Friday. Danish Majeed Bhat and

Aadil Ahmed Rather, residents of Shunglipora Noorbagh area here, had been extorting money from the woman on a regular basis after threatening her that they would upload the video on social media if she refused However, recently, they

shared it with some locals on WhatsApp, police said. Based on a complaint

lodged by the victim's

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Max: 75 Min: 45 Sunset: 18:56 Hours

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Supreme Court Friday agreed to hear a plea that alleged that relatives of former judges and staff were favoured in the appointments in judicial institutions and courts in Jammu and

STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI:

Kashmir. A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and Hima Kohli issued notice and sought a response from the Jammu and Kashmir High Court on its administrative

side, saying it should be vetted by the Chief Justice of the High Court. The bench said the response to the plea shall be filed within six weeks.

The PIL filed by an NGO $\,$ 'Jammu and Kashmir People's Forum has alleged

On August 11, two suspected terrorists of Pakistanbased Jaish-e-Mohammed terror outfit launched a predawn suicide attack on an Army camp in Rajouri, marking the return of fidayeen' to Jammu and Kashmir after more than three years.

in Rajouri-Poonch: Police

Both the terrorists were shot dead after an over fourhour gunbattle, while five soldiers were also killed in the incident.

"Police and other (security)

agencies have prior information about movement of terrorists who took advantage of the natural camouflage in the shape of wild growth and

SC agrees to hear plea alleging 'backdoor appointments' in judicial institutions of J&K

that several qualified youths

were not considered by the

High Court in appointments

for several administrative posts to various judicial institutions including the judicial academy, legal services authorities, and courts from district level to the High The plea claimed that instead of going by the regular recruitment process, contractual workers and daily

wagers who were a decade back have since been absorbed against the vacancies as regular employees without affording a chance for the general public. It said that reservation

the High Court even though many of the posts were ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

rules were also bypassed by