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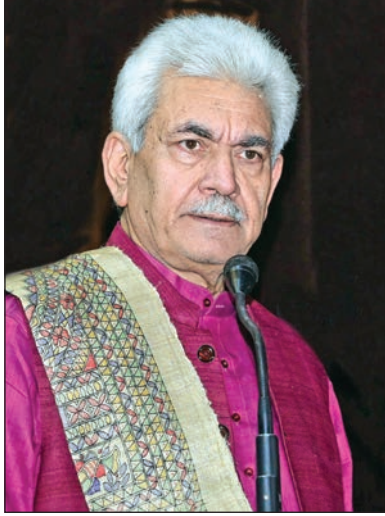
J&K registers 14.5 pc increase in school enrolment in 2021-22: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: As a part of the National Education Policy, a new enrolment drive to bring the children to schools under 'Aao School Chalein Campaign' witnessed 14.5 per cent increase in the enrolment in 2021-22 in Jammu and Kashmir as compared to 2020-21, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said earlier on Sunday.

"1,65,000 students have been enrolled in various schools of J&K UT. Under the unique initiative of the School Education Department, TALAASH Survey was launched. Through this initiative 20 Lakh children have been surveyed and out of which, 93,508 students have been found out of schools or never enrolled. Mainstreaming of out-of-school children has been initiated in the appropriate age schools. We are committed to provide education with a value system to all meritorious students," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor said that the focus is also laid on vulnerable segments for enrolment of students in pre-primary classes and primary classes which includes nomadic children, children of far-flung areas, girls and SC and ST categories. He said at least 100 best teachers, lecturers of J&K UT are being



sent outside UT for training this year, who shall act as master trainers, mentor teachers, and will work to improve the cognitive skill of the mapped children.

"For capacity building of Teachers, a student mentorship programme, Student and Teacher Engagement for Educational Reinforcement (STEER) has been launched in the UT which focuses on student performance in academics and to strengthen the learning outcome. As a Unique Initiative, Matri

Bhojan Yojana has been implemented in UT, whereunder mothers are visiting the schools to ensure quality of cooked meal. MoU has been signed with Akshaya Patra for Community Kitchen in Jammu & Samba and it will be replicated in other districts too," the Lt Governor added.

70,000 students enrolled in 714 government schools are being imparted vocational education in 14 different trades. 803 vocational labs have been established and 1122 more labs and 1352 smart class rooms are being established during the current financial year. A revolutionary step has been taken to establish 127 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) and 1420 Computer Aided Learning (CAL) Centres. 500 additional Atal Tinkering Labs to be established this year to translate commitment into action.

"An MoU has been signed with HCL TechBee, for providing skill training to the class 12th pass out students in the UT. Our effort is to instill creativity, inquisitiveness, scientific temper, entrepreneurial and moral leadership among students as per the recommendation of National Education Policy," the Lt Governor observed. The Lt Governor said the quality **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**

Fight for justice for people of J&K will continue: Azad

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Former chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad on Sunday said his fight to ensure justice to the people of Jammu and Kashmir will continue till his last breath as he called for united efforts to bring down the "walls of hatred" for prosperity and development.

Azad dismissed the remarks of Apni Party president Altaf Bukhari that he had voted for the abrogation of Article 370 in Parliament on August 5, 2019, as a deliberate attempt to "mislead the public" due to growing support of the people and leaders for him. "My fight for people to ensure justice to them will continue till my last breath," he said addressing a public rally, his first in Jammu after ending the five-decade-long association with the Congress.

Thousands of his supporters including several former ministers and legislators accorded a warm welcome to



Former Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing a public rally in Jammu on Sunday.

SPELLS OUT AGENDA OF HIS NEW PARTY

JAMMU: In his first rally since quitting the Congress, Ghulam Nabi Azad on Sunday spelled out the agenda of his yet-to-be-named party – the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood, protection of land and job rights of its residents, and the return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits.

Addressing the well-attended rally at Sainik Colony on the outskirts of Jammu City, the veteran leader said he would announce the name of his new party after consulting people and leaders of Jammu and Kashmir, but added "it will be in neither Maulana's Urdu nor Pandit's Sanskrit". The new party will focus on the restoration of Jammu and **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**

Azad at the Jammu Airport and the venue of the public meeting, amid high pitch sloganising in his favour.

"We need support from each other. We have to get united and bring down the sand walls of hatred and **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**

Kashmiri carpets to adorn new parliament building

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KHAG (J-K): The famed traditional hand-made Kashmiri carpets are all set to adorn the new Parliament building in the national capital as artists in a remote village in Budgam district are in the final stages of completing the work.

A group of 50 weavers and artisans in Khag in this central Kashmir district have been working for the last about a year to complete the project which was assigned to them by a New Delhi-based company.

The government has maintained that the Winter Session of Parliament will be

held in the new building being built under the Narendra Modi government's ambitious Central Vista redevelopment project.

We had received the order for 12 carpets from the company in October last year for carpets for the new Parliament building after we submitted the samples, Qamar Ali Khan of Tahiri Carpets told PTL.

Khan, whose family has been running the unit involved in making and exporting carpets for 32 years, said making carpets for the Parliament was an honour and a matter **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**

Sticky bombs recovered from a hybrid terrorist in Sopore

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a first such instance in the Kashmir valley, security forces have recovered sticky bombs or magnetic IEDs from a hybrid terrorist in Sopore township of Baramulla district, police said on Sunday. The militant, identified as Saqib Shakeel Dar, was arrested Saturday evening. He is working as a hybrid terrorist of proscribed terrorist organization LeT and was in a constant search of an opportunity to carry out attacks on security forces and civilians.

Hybrid terrorist is a term coined by security forces in

Jammu and Kashmir to describe those ultras who carry out a subversive task assigned to them by their handlers before slipping back into normal life.

Speaking to reporters in Sopore, in north Kashmir, SP Sopore, Shabir Nawab, said the security forces laid a naka in Shangergund area of Sopore on a specific input about the movement of a hybrid terrorist on Saturday evening. The hybrid terrorist was arrested and a pistol, a pistol magazine, eight pistol rounds were seized from his possession, while sticky bombs were recovered from a location

told by him, the officer said. Nawab said after questioning the arrested ultra, security forces recovered three sticky bombs or magnetic bombs and seven detonators from an orchard of village Chek-i-Brath area. Further investigation is on, he said.

The SP said it was for the first time that sticky bombs were recovered in Sopore.

Officials said it was the first instance that the sticky bombs were recovered in the valley. There have been a couple of such instances in Jammu region of the UT earlier.

Sticky bomb is a magnetic bomb, which sticks to a vehi-

cle, it is a high explosive and very destructive and dangerous to security forces and civilians and can cause huge loss of life and property, the SP said. Nawab said the recovery of the bombs was a huge success for the security forces.

Earlier, on July 3, six sticky bombs along with other arms and ammunition were recovered from a terrorist hideout in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir. In May, four Hindu pilgrims were killed and at least 20 injured when their bus caught fire near Katra in Jammu. Police suspect a sticky bomb might have been used to trigger the fire.

103 fresh COVID cases, one more death in J&K

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir's COVID-19 tally climbed to 4,78,323 on Sunday with 103 fresh cases and the death toll increased to 4,783 as one more person succumbed to the disease, officials said.

Of the new cases, 16 were reported from Jammu and 87 from Kashmir, they said.

There are 900 active COVID-19 cases in the union territory, the officials said.

So far, 4,72,640 people have recovered from the disease, they said.

1,200 youth shortlisted, 150 selected for training, 15 given offer letters at Srinagar Mega Job Fair

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SRINAGAR: A divisional level Mega Job Fair was inaugurated by Commissioner Secretary Labour and Employment, Sarita Chauhan at Amar Singh College.

This was a first of its kind Mega event where a platform was provided to educated unemployed Youth of Kashmir Division who came face to face with Job providers like private sector companies.

More than 40 companies participated in the event and around 2000 Job seekers from all 10 districts of

Kashmir division participated in the event who also interacted with company representatives.

Speaking to media on the sidelines of the job fair, Sarita Chauhan spoke at length about bridging the Gap between the demand and supply in the job market. She impressed upon stakeholders to counsel and guide the students to take up skill oriented courses to enhance their employability.

While addressing the industry representatives, she emphasized on the registration of private companies as job providers on

Employment portal (www.jakemp.nic.in). She further directed the private company representatives to list out the skill requirements in their respective sectors and notify the vacancies available with them from time to time.

The Commissioner Secretary further instructed the Director Employment to strengthen and diversify the Counselling of youth and try to build a connect with the industry. The representatives from various companies and industries also spoke at the occasion and showed **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**

India lodged over 1.64 lakh suicides in 2021, highest ever in a calendar year: Govt data

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India recorded over 1.64 lakh deaths due to suicides in 2021 an average of nearly 450 daily or 18 every hour, with the figures reaching highest for any calendar year so far, according to official data.

Of those who died by suicide, there were nearly 1.19 lakh males, 45,026 females and 28 transgenders, data from the National Crime Records Bureau's 'Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India 2021' report showed.

A sharp rise in such deaths has been noticed in 2020 and 2021 as compared to years before the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, the data suggested.

In 2020, 1.53 lakh deaths by suicide were recorded across the country, according to the data of NCRB, which functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs. The report showed that the number **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**

Heavy rains in Jammu cause landslides, block NH

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Several landslides on Sunday blocked the 270-km Jammu-Srinagar national highway in Ramban district as heavy rains lashed wide parts of Jammu province overnight, officials said.

Landslides and shooting of stones from hillocks overlooking the strategic highway at Cafeteria and Mehad forced the suspension of vehicular traffic, the officials said.

The fresh landslides were triggered by the heavy rains overnight, they said.

The officials said efforts

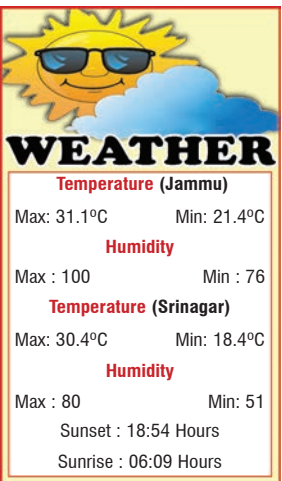


were on to ensure early restoration of the highway the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country.

Jammu city and other parts of the district received

heavy rains overnight, rendering many roads waterlogged and commuters incapacitated.

Jammu city recorded 95.7 mm, Udhampur 92.6 mm, **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**



WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 31.1°C Min: 21.4°C

Humidity

Max: 100 Min: 76

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 30.4°C Min: 18.4°C

Humidity

Max: 80 Min: 51

Sunset: 18:54 Hours

Sunrise: 06:09 Hours

Cyrus Mistry killed in car crash

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MUMBAI: Cyrus Mistry, who burst onto India's business stage big time with his appointment as the chairman of Tata Sons in 2012 before a boardroom feud forced his exit, was killed in a car crash in Maharashtra's Palghar district near Mumbai on Friday.

Mistry, 54, and a man identified as Jahangir Pandole were killed when his luxury car hit a road divider, while eminent gynecologist, Anahita Pandole (55), and her husband Darius Pandole (60) survived the crash.

Jahangir is the brother of Darius, a former independent director of the Tata Group of companies who had opposed Cyrus Mistry's removal as the chairman. **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**

Mistry, an Irish citizen and scion of the real estate behemoth Shapoorji Pallonji Group, who was already heading family-owned companies when he was appointed to succeed Ratan Tata as the head of the over USD 100 billion Tata Group, was on his way from Ahmedabad to Mumbai when the tragedy occurred

around 3:15 PM on the bridge on the Surya river at Charoti Naka, 120 km away from Mumbai. The accident occurred on the bridge over the Surya river, killing Mistry and another person on the spot while two others have been shifted to Gujarat for further treatment, said Palghar district superintendent

"Our country has seen and benefitted from legal talents, **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**

CJI recalls lawyers' contribution in drafting Constitution, freedom struggle, says percentage of lawyers in Parliament declining

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NAGPUR: Chief Justice of India UU Lalit on Sunday said the percentage of lawyers in Parliament was declining, while a majority of the founding fathers associated with the country's Constitution were from the legal profession.

He was speaking at a felicitation programme organised here by Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur.

Recalling the great leaders of the past who were lawyers and their participation in the drafting of the Constitution, the CJI said the percentage of lawyers was declining in both Houses of the Parliament.

"Our country has seen and benefitted from legal talents,



right from its freedom struggle. A lawyer normally has been exposed to the correct way of thinking on how to find solutions for social problems or constitutional issues. He is better equipped than others to deal with situations facing society," the CJI said.

"That is why the old servants of India and its society

as well as the freedom struggle were predominantly lawyers. Today, the percentage of lawyers in both the Houses are declining," he said.

He said the pyramid of the judicial structure must be bottom heavy, whereas it was top-heavy at the moment in the country. "All the talent is at the top level, while, unfortunately, in the mid and lower levels, talented youngsters and lawyers are not coming. We must have a bottom-heavy pyramid of the judicial structure," he asserted.

Replying to a query, while interacting with law students, on whether the judiciary was headed in the right direction, the CJI said, "Ours is a coun-

try governed by the rule of law. Whatever is right shall prevail and that is the kind of ethos that this country stands for and the judiciary is no exception."

When a matter arrives in court, the hammer must fall on the guilty and whoever has been wronged must get the umbrella of protection, he said.

"That is the job of the judiciary and we will strive to do that," the CJI asserted.

Stating that there is a disconnect between district judges and the higher judiciary, he said there must be a system where the two groups can mingle as "this disconnect has to go". Registrar of MNLU Ramesh **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**

Mentally-challenged man repatriated by Pakistan in Poonch

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A 30-year-old mentally-challenged man was repatriated by Pakistan after he inadvertently crossed the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district, officials said on Sunday. Mohd Rashid, a resident of Degwar-Terwan village in Poonch, was reported missing by his family on August 30, the officials said.

The Pakistani army handed him over to their Indian counterparts at Chakan Da Bagh crossing point on the LoC in presence of civil officials and police on Saturday. He was later united with his family, officials said. They said this was the second time in the past few years that the man slipped across the border but was safely returned to his family.