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'People will be able to approach apex court sitting at home' Govt working on having 4 Regional benches of SC, similar practice for HCs: Law Minister

*Mediation bill in next session, will reduce pendency by 40-45 pc
 Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Apr 8: Union Law and Justice Minister Kiren Rijiju said today that the Government is working on a system to have four regional benches of Supreme Court in

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North, South, East and West India and to put a system in place by which people can approach the apex court while sitting at home through virtual mode.

"A similar practice can later also be extended to the High

Minister's car collides with truck
 Excelsior Correspondent

RAMBAN, Apr 8: The vehicle of Union Minister, Kiren Rijiju collided with a truck near

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Sita Ram Passi, Matooq falling under Ramban Police Station
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HC stays dismissal of Lambardars
 Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Apr 8: The High Court has stayed the order of dismissal of Lambardars and issued notice to authorities for reply.

The aggrieved Lambardars (70) through the medium of present petition had sought quashment of order bearing No. (Contd on page 4 Col 5)

CJ's directives on reducing arrears of pending cases

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 8: In order to reduce the arrears of pending cases in the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Chief Justice N Kotiswar Singh has issued slew of directions.

As per the circular issued in this regard, all final hearing matters above 10 years will be listed on Tuesday and Thursday, and these days will be kept exclusive as final hearing days on which days no other non-hearing matter will be taken unless permitted by the Chief Justice.

Such matters shall be reflected in the cause list as "Target Cases" and the cases which are more than 20 years old will remain on board of the roster bench till final disposal.

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Moreover, on the final hearing days---Tuesday and Thursday, the urgent matters will be listed before the roster benches, subject to mentioning.

Mention for listing of urgent matters in the two wings of the High Court shall be made before the Chief Justice or a Senior Judge assigned by the Chief Justice. For the time being, admission and order matters, which are listed on final hearing days because of earlier judicial orders will be taken up only after the final hearing matters are concluded.

A fast track Single Bench will be constituted from time to time in both wings of the High Court to hear the "Target Cases" irrespective of roster. The Bench Secretaries/Readers of the

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Govt only giving excuses on polls: Farooq
 Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR Apr 8: National Conference president Dr Farooq Abdullah today said

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the Government of India was only giving one or other excuse.

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77 Corona cases reported in J&K
 Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 8: Jammu and Kashmir today reported 77 new COVID positive cases taking total number of active positive cases in the Union Territory to 349. Kashmir division accounted for 51 fresh cases today while Jammu region accounted for 26. Among 349 active positive cases, 230 are in Kashmir and 119 in Jammu.

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing a CME on THYROCON at GMC Jammu on Saturday. -Excelsior/Rakesh

today Dr Jitendra Singh said preventive healthcare is essential to build healthy India at 2047 when country will be celebrating hundredth year of India's independence.

The Union Minister, who termed the PM a great visionary

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'J&K most preferred tourist destination' No dearth of budget for development of J&K under PM's leadership: LG

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 8: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated Tulip Garden at Sanasar, the first such park for Jammu division, today.

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Congratulating the tourists and local residents on the occasion, Sinha said the Garden spread over 40 kanals with 2.75 lakh Tulip Bulbs of 25 different varieties, situated amid lush green woods in Ramban district will provide major impetus to tourism & trade activities.

Observing that the tourism

potential of Jammu is unique in many ways, he said with breathtaking natural beauty, rich cultural heritage, magnificent cuisine and warm hospitality, it can



create a niche for itself on global tourism map and administration is committed to ensure all the necessary infrastructure & resources.

"As a "Tourism Mission" initiative, 75 new destinations, 75 Sufi/religious sites, 75 new

cultural, heritage sites and 75 new tracks are being developed in J&K UT to open up new economic avenues for fulfilling the aspirations of the people," he said.

Development of water parks at twin cities of Jammu & Srinagar, establishment of cultural centres at Ramban, Udhampur, Kathua, Jammu, Rajouri & Poonch will help in building local capacities, boost employment & favourable climate to entrepreneurship, he added.

The Lt Governor said that today even small and remote villages are dreaming big and with ample opportunities, people-focused inclusive and sustain-

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'Spl Secy Horticulture under scanner' CHO, pvt person arrested by CBI; Rs 13.5 lakh cash seized

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 8: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) today arrested Chief Horticulture Officer (CHO) Jammu and a private person in connection with Rs 10 lakh corruption allegedly taken for Special Secretary Horticulture Mohammad Farooq Dar, a senior officer of Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Services (JKAS).

A CBI team conducted raid at the residence of CHO Sarabjeet Singh at Sector 4 in Model Town Gangyal this afternoon after getting complaint from a senior officer of the Horticulture Department that

Singh and a private person Gowhar Ahmad Dar son of Bashir Ahmad Dar of Sector 6 Channi Himmat sought Rs 10 lakh from him for the Special Secretary Horticulture for his promotion and choice posting.

The complainant was senior from the CHO, official sources told the Excelsior. The CBI team caught Sarabjeet Singh red handed while taking corruption of Rs 10 lakh from the senior officer and immediately took him into custody.

Subsequently, the CBI sleuths raided the residence of Gowhar Ahmad Dar at Channi Himmat and recovered Rs 3.5 lakh from the house. Dar, as per the sources, (Contd on page 4 Col 5)

Gujarat police to probe conman's edu background

AHMEDABAD, Apr 8:

The Ahmedabad Crime Branch will probe the educational qualifications of alleged conman Kiran Patel who was arrested in Jammu and Kashmir last month for posing as a PMO official and brought to Gujarat

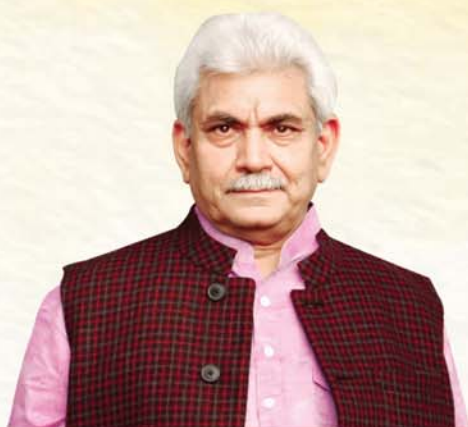
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India logs 6,155 new COVID cases

NEW DELHI, Apr 8:

India today recorded 6,155 fresh COVID-19 infections, while the number of active cases increased to 31,194, according to Union Health Ministry data.

India's COVID-19 tally now stands at 4.47 crore (4,47,51,259). The death toll (Contd on page 11 Col 1)



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