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**CBI nabs Govt official taking graft**  
Excelsior Correspondent  
SAMBHA, Feb 11: A Government official was allegedly caught red-handed by sleuths of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) while he was taking bribe here today.  
Junior Assistant, District Industries Centre (DIC), Gopal Raj Sharma was trapped on the basis of a complaint that he was demanding Rs 20,000 as bribe for issuance of No Objection Certificate (NOC) to avail subsidy in respect of a loan, an official said.  
He said the complainant had taken a loan of Rs 10 lakh from a bank under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation (Contd on page 2 Col 5)

**SE promoted as I/C CE, 3 shifted**  
Excelsior Correspondent  
JAMMU, Feb 11: Public Works Department and Jal Shakti Department today reshuffled four Engineers.  
As per an order, today Sajjad Naqib, In-charge Superintending Engineer (R&B) Ganderal-Bandipora Circle shall hold the charge of Superintending Engineer, CRP Circle Srinagar in addition to his own duties till further orders; Nayeem Khan, In-charge SE (R&B), Srinagar-Budgam Circle shall hold the charge of Joint Commissioner Works, SMC Srinagar in addition to his own duties till further orders and Dinesh Kumar Nayyar, Executive Engineer (Civil) has been recalled from JKPC who shall report to the Higher Education Department for further posting in University (Contd on page 2 Col 5)

**Two killed in mishap**  
Excelsior Correspondent  
JAMMU, Feb 11: Two youth died after the bike they were travelling on skidded off the road and collided with a wall on the roadside here today at Akhnora area of this District.  
As per a police spokesperson, Rohit Kumar (20) and Aman Sharma (19) were going from Bomal to Devipur when they lost control over their bike at Nai Basti Nud area of Akhnora, resulting in injuries to the duo.  
"They were taken to Choudhary Hospital, Akhnora by the locals, from where they were referred to Government Medical College and Hospital Jammu, where one of the youth, Rohit Kumar was declared as dead on arrival," said the police spokesperson, adding, "the other youth, Aman Sharma, (Contd on page 2 Col 7)

Successor to be named by MHA in couple of days  
**Ladakh LG shifted amid intensification of agitation by LAB, KDA; 'Chalo Delhi' call**

**Sanjeev Pargal**  
JAMMU, Feb 11: Amidst intensification of agitation by Leh Apex Body (LAB) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) with call to 'Chalo Delhi' on February 15, the Union Home Ministry today shifted Ladakh Lieutenant Governor Radha Krishna Mathur and his successor is expected to be named in next couple of days amid hectic consultations over the name including whether he would be retired bureaucrat, mainly strategic expert, or a political personality.  
Following marching orders from the Centre, Mathur, the first Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, today left Leh for New Delhi briefing his staff and senior Government officers that he has been shifted from the Union Territory after about three years and four months tenure. The LGs, like the Governors, have five-year tenure.  
Official sources told the Excelsior that Mathur was conveyed about his shifting as the

**Mathur leaves Leh, returns to New Delhi**  
Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh by the Union Home Ministry after which he packed his luggage and returned to Delhi. He, however, briefed senior bureaucrats, personal staff and important political functionaries in Leh and Kargil districts about his shifting.  
However, no official order was available either in New Delhi or in Ladakh about the shifting of Mathur but sources confirmed that it has been issued.  
On appointment of his successor, sources said, several names, both retired bureaucrats and political leaders, are under consideration at the Centre. Successor of Mathur could be named in the next couple of days, they added.  
Mathur had served as Defence Secretary as well as Chief Information Commissioner.  
Sources don't rule out the ongoing agitation in Ladakh being one of the reasons for premature shifting of the Lieutenant Governor as the organizers have decided to intensify it with 'Chalo Delhi' call on February 15 when the LAB and KDA leaders propose to hold dharna at Jantar Mantar in support of their four major demands including Statehood for Ladakh, Sixth Schedule status, two Lok Sabha seats and job opportunities.  
The agitation was going on for last more than two years with Leh and Kargil representatives keeping aside their political rivalry and joining hands for the demands by observing hartals, holding protest in Jammu and not giving call for 'Chalo Delhi' on February 15.  
Mathur was appointed as first Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh on October 25, 2019 along with Girish Chandra Murmu as the LG of Jammu and Kashmir. Till then, Satya Pal Malik was functioning as Governor of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. It was on August 5, 2019 that

**Sinha addresses SJCE Mysuru's inaugural function**  
**Knowledge economy is gateway towards prosperity: LG**

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
MYSURU, Feb 11: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha addressed the inaugural function of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE), Mysuru today.  
On the occasion, Sinha paid his respectful obeisance to Jagadguru Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji and Jagadguru Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji.  
"Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering has contributed immensely to the nation-building and has achieved recognition for playing a unique role in societal transformation," he said.  
Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor said, India is prime mover of peace and prosperity in today's world and the educational institutions like SJCE has helped in technological advances that are taking place now.  
"SJCE under the aegis of JSS Mahavidyapeetha is transforming lives through its education, societal outreach and spirituali-



LG Manoj Sinha at a function in SJCE Mysuru on Saturday. Mahavidyapeetha has contributed to India's spiritual and knowledge heritage while guiding several generations to cherish its roots, our heritage with pride," he said.  
Sinha said in the last 8 years, the world has witnessed emergence of a new India which has resolved to regain its past glory, be the economic powerhouse and become the driving force for all-round development of humanity.  
He also highlighted the key role of educational institutions to realize the undiscovered potential of the students.  
"Education is the journey of the inner-self. This whole world is a university and every experience of life is education," observed the Lt Governor.  
Sharing the message of Mahatma Gandhi with the students, the Lt Governor said, the real meaning of education is to find the inner voice of oneself.  
"The inner voice is the only guide in your journey and through this inner voice one can achieve excellence in life. When (Contd on page 2 Col 1)

**New era of development has begun in J&K, huge reduction in terror incidents: Shah**

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, Feb 11: Union Home Minister Amit Shah said today that a new era of development has begun in Jammu and Kashmir as there has been huge reduction in terror incidents in the Union Territory following abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution of India which granted special status to erstwhile State.  
"When we assess internal security scenario of the country eight years ago, the terrorist incidents in Jammu and Kashmir, insurgency inside the



Northeast and increasing violence in the Left wing extremism areas, were three major challenges to a large extent," Shah said addressing the Passing Out Parade of 74th batch of the Indian Police Service (IPS) probationers at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy in Hyderabad.  
He said a new era of development has begun today in Jammu and Kashmir and terror incidents have come down significantly after abrogation of Article 370.  
He said under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the main reasons for reduction in terror incidents across the country, are the policy

of zero tolerance against terrorism, strong framework of counter-terror laws, empowerment of all agencies and strong political will.  
"Holding of the Interpol General Assembly in New Delhi and India's leadership in the field of terrorism and finance in 'No Money for Terror' conference symbolises the acceptance of our security agencies globally," he said.  
He said that at present the security scenario is changing from geographical to thematic, now multi-dimensional policing will have to be accepted instead (Contd on page 2 Col 1)

**Calls for reaching out to beneficiaries of Modi's schemes**  
**Khadi emerging as new, lucrative StartUp avenue: Dr Jitendra**

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
UDHAMPUR, Feb 11: Calling upon party activists to reach out to the beneficiaries of PM Narendra Modi's developmental and welfare schemes in the UT of J&K, Union Minister of State in PMO with independent Charge of Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh today asserted that these schemes have strengthened the party's base all over the country.  
Addressing a party's district Working Committee meeting here today, Dr Jitendra Singh said party activists should redouble their efforts to make



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh distributing subsidy amount to a beneficiary at Udhampur on Saturday. Government under PM Modi has strictly worked on the mantra of justice to all and appeasement to none by (Contd on page 2 Col 3)

people aware of these schemes while making special reference to PM Awas Yojna and Ujjwala Yojna.  
Taking a dig at opposition parties, he said unlike previous Congress Governments, BJP Government under PM Modi has strictly worked on the mantra of justice to all and appeasement to none by (Contd on page 2 Col 3)

**MG Hector showroom demolished in Jammu**  
**Water bodies' encroachers issued notices in Sgr, Bla, Sopore**

**Bivek Mathur**  
JAMMU/SRINAGAR, Feb 11: Amid heavy deployment of police and paramilitary personnel, a prominent showroom of a car brand was demolished here in Jammu today as part of an ongoing anti-encroachment drive being launched across the UT to retrieve the State land.  
The Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) and



A JCB bulldozing an illegal structure in Jammu on Saturday. (Contd on page 2 Col 5)

Irrigation and Flood Control (I&FC) Department have also issued notices to the encroachers in order to retrieve the water bodies encroached upon illegally in Srinagar, Baramulla and Sopore.  
The eviction drive in Jammu earlier last week had to be halted in view of stone pelting by the miscreants on the revenue and police teams. While one police man was injured in the stone pelting, several protesters were also arrested by the police.  
SDM Jammu (South), Abhishek Abrol told the Excelsior that the drive that started at around 8 am today to demolish the MG Hector (Contd on page 2 Col 5)

**Written exam carries maximum weightage**  
**JKPSC amends recruitment Rules for Higher Education, H&ME**

**Nishikant Khajuria**  
JAMMU, Feb 11: Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) has amended the existing recruitment Rules and substituted the same with new one introducing written examination as main criterion for positions in Higher Education as well as Health & Medical Education Department.  
Besides, for the positions in various other departments where selection is already being made on the basis of written examination followed by an interview,

weightage for different qualifications has been slightly changed. More points have been added to written examination while weightage to interview has been considerably reduced.  
In substitution of its Rules 43, 44 and 45 (Business and Procedural) Rules, 2021, JKPSC has notified the amendments in pursuance of the provisions contained in sub section (1) of Section 93 of the J&K Reorganization Act 2019, read with Article 320(1) of the Constitution of India.  
As per the new Rules in respect of selection criteria for the posts of Assistant Professor/Librarian/PTI in the Higher Education Department, there will be written examination of 70 points while maximum 12 points have been earmarked for interview, 11 points for academic merit and seven points for research & publication, awards, experience etc.  
Weightage of academic merit will be on the basis of Ph.D (05 points), M Phil (02 points), Post Doctoral (01 point), SET/SLET (Contd on page 2 Col 5)

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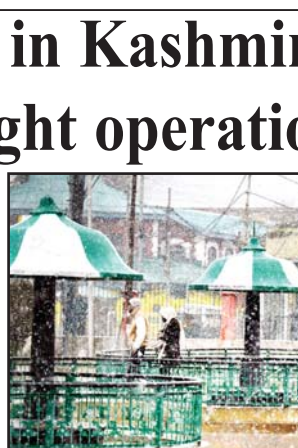
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**WEATHER**  
JAMMU: Mainly dry  
TEMPERATURE  
Max: 22.1 Degree C  
Min: 9.5 Degree C  
RELATIVE HUMIDITY  
RH-I (Morning): 70.0 per cent  
RH-II (Evening): 27.0 per cent  
Sunset on Sunday: 06.14 p.m  
Sunrise on Monday: 07.17 a.m  
SRINAGAR: Mainly dry  
TEMPERATURE  
Max: 6.8 Degree C  
Min: 0.5 Degree C  
RELATIVE HUMIDITY  
RH-I (Morning): 93.0 per cent  
RH-II (Evening): 74.0 per cent  
LEH: Mainly dry  
TEMPERATURE  
Max: -3.6 Degree C  
Min: -10.4 Degree C

**Avalanche warning issued for hills**  
**Snowfall in Kashmir disrupts flight operations**

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
SRINAGAR, Feb 11: The hills of Kashmir experienced heavy snow while there was light snowfall in parts of the Valley this morning leading to delay in morning flights at Srinagar airport while administration issued fresh avalanche warning.  
There was fresh snowfall in Kashmir this morning including Srinagar and later the weather



Light snowfall in Srinagar on Saturday. (UNI)

areas of Jammu with chances of heavy snowfall over higher reaches during next 24 hours," a Meteorological department said.  
The flight operations at Srinagar airport were disrupted due to snowfall and low visibility but the operations resumed later. "Our peak hour passenger (Contd on page 2 Col 3)

**HC seeks personal affidavit of AAG; appearance of DC, ADC**  
**Sr AAG fakes ADC as DC**  
**Anantnag before court**

**Fayaz Bukhari**  
SRINAGAR, Feb 11: In a professional misconduct, Senior Additional Advocate General AR Malik faked Additional Deputy Commissioner Anantnag as Deputy Commissioner Anantnag and produced him before the High Court.  
Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal took serious note of professional misconduct by the Sr AAG. The court had sought personal appearance of the DC in a matter but Malik produced ADC Anantnag, Mohammad Ashraf,

in such a manner making the court to believe that as if the DC Anantnag, is making his presence before the court.  
The court came to know about the professional misconduct of the Sr AAG after hearing of the case was over.  
Justice Nargal directed the Senior AAG to file his personal affidavit by Monday explaining therein as to why he during the proceedings of the case didn't bring to the notice of the court about the antecedents of the official instead having passed on the slip to the employee without informing the court after the

hearing of the matter was over.  
Court added that neither the Senior AAG nor the ADC bothered to inform the court that instead of the DC Anantnag, the ADC is present before the court and they behaved in such a way as if the DC is present.  
"Both of them were under legal obligation to have apprised the court that the District Magistrate could not appear for whatever reasons and in his place, the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag, is making his presence before the (Contd on page 2 Col 3)