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Complete geo-referencing, digitization of retrieved land: CS Govt puts on hold anti-encroachment drive till consolidation of actions taken so far

Mohinder Verma
 JAMMU, Feb 18: The Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has put on hold anti-encroachment drive till the consolidation of actions taken so far and has directed for geo-referencing and digitization of retrieved land at the earliest so that evicted land can be used by various departments for public purposes.

Evicted land to be used by depts for public purposes

asked Secretary Revenue Department to furnish a status report on the agricultural, commercial, rural and urban State land retrieved during the anti-encroachment drive till date. Emphasizing that anti-encroachment drive must be handled carefully, the Chief Secretary, as per the sources, directed that if any house has been demolished, the details of such demolitions should be compiled by the Divisional Commissioners and furnished to the office of the Chief Secretary. "The Chief Secretary has further directed that geo-referencing and digitization of all

'Violence down, investments up' Stone pelting has ended, now theatres running in Kashmir: HM

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Feb 18: Union Home Minister Amit Shah said today that stone pelting has stopped in Kashmir and now there are theatres running and tourists visiting the Valley. "There used to be stone pelting and violence in Kashmir but now these things have stopped. There are theatres running and 1.8 crore tourists have visited the Valley in a year," he said while speaking at an event in Nagpur, Maharashtra. Shah said when Article 370 of the Constitution of India granting special status to Jammu and Kashmir was abrogated, speeches were made in Parliament that blood will flow in Kashmir. But no one even pelted a single stone, leave aside



the pool of blood, he asserted. The Home Minister said the country has seen an 80 per cent reduction in violence from terrorism in Kashmir, insurgency
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NIA seizes 3 cars

Excelsior Correspondent
 SRINAGAR, Feb 18: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) today seized three vehicles used by a senior police officer in transporting arms and Hizbul Mujahideen militants to

2 killed, 19 hurt in bus mishap
Excelsior Correspondent
 REASI, Feb 18: A 13-year old boy among two persons were killed while 19 others got injured when a minibus carrying pilgrims to Shiv Khori

3 HM associates arrested
Excelsior Correspondent
 SRINAGAR, Feb 18: Police today arrested three militant associates of Hizbul-Mujahideen in South Kashmir's Kulgam district.

All vacancies to be filled up in calendar year

Govt splits files into 3 Levels for speedy disposal, decisions

Sanjeev Pargal
 JAMMU, Feb 18: The Government will now have a calendar for filling up of all vacancies in the Government departments in every financial year and the departments have been asked to refer all vacancies by 31st March. The Government has also created three Levels of disposing files under which very important files only will go to the Lieutenant Governor while rest will be disposed of by the Chief Secretary and Administrative Secretaries

Guidelines being released for use of SM by officials

leading to early disposal of cases. Official sources told the Excelsior that the Government, in a major decision aimed at helping the unemployed youth, has directed all Government departments to refer all vacancies by 31st March of every year. "All such vacancies will be

filled up in a calendar year beginning April 1. All out efforts will be made that the vacancies advertised are filled up in the same year with timelines fixed for written tests and other processes," they said, adding the unemployed youth aspiring for the Government jobs will be well aware in advance about the vacancies for the year and will prepare themselves accordingly. However, if some vacancies are to be filled up in emergency mode, they will be an exception, they said, adding number of such vacancies will be bare minimum.
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Searches in Poonch areas

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Feb 18: Security forces conducted search operation after a car driver claimed that three gun holding youth boarded his vehicle at Thandi Kassi in Rajouri district and boarded at Bhatta Durrian in
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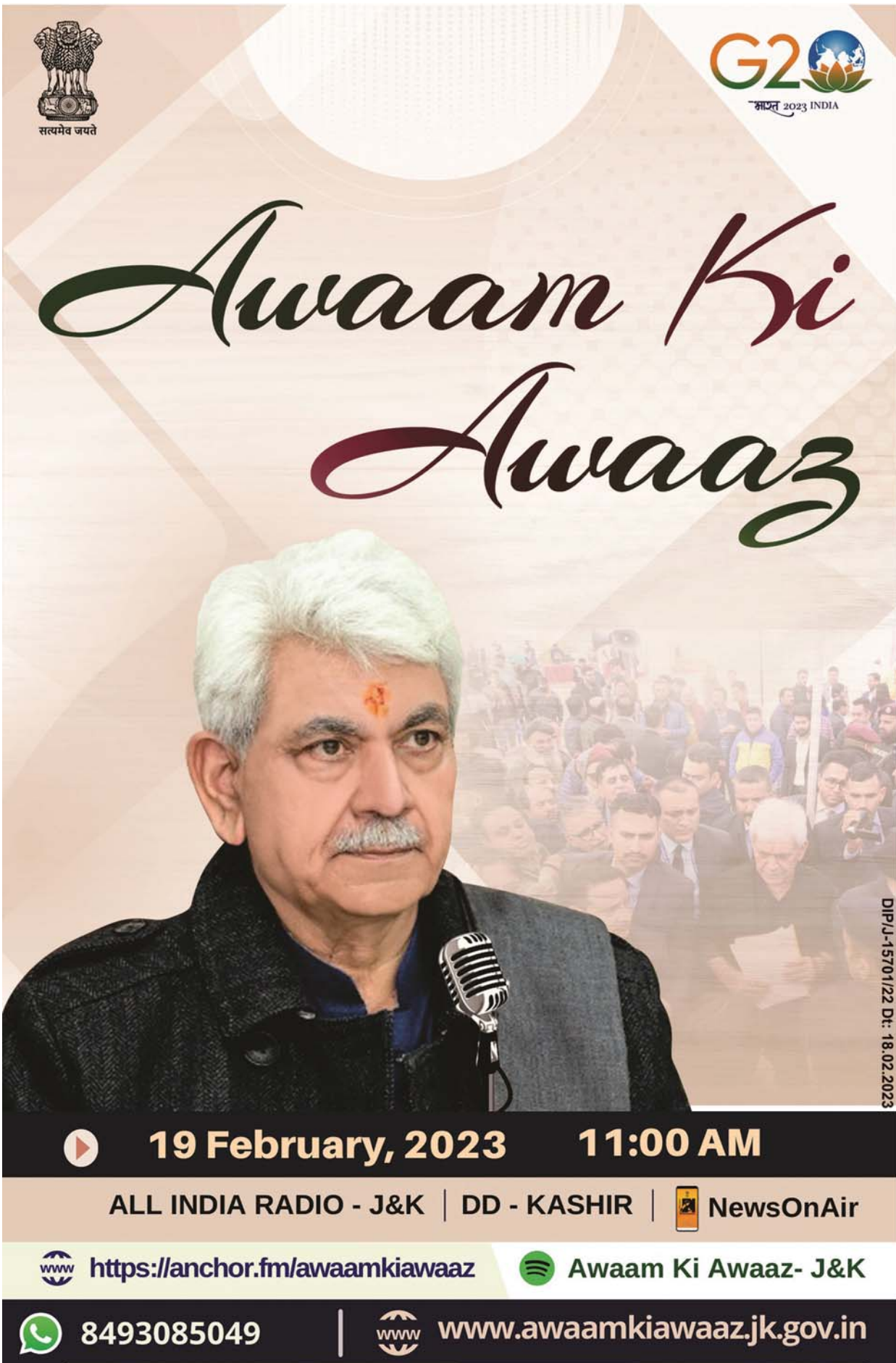


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