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## SKIMS loses autonomy

*Excelsior Correspondent*  
SRINAGAR, Feb 27: The Government has ended the autonomy of SKIMS and its administrative control has been given to the Health and Medical Education Department.  
The General Administration Department's (GAD) Monitoring Section has written to the Director SKIMS, Soura, that all the matters of SKIMS, Soura must be submitted for the necessary action of the Competent Authority through

## After HM, Al Badr terrorist shot dead in Pak

NEW DELHI, Feb 27: A former commander of terror outfit Al Badr was killed by unidentified gunmen in Karachi on Sunday within a week after a top Hizbul Mujahideen commander was killed in similar fashion in Pakistan's Rawalpindi last Monday.  
Syed Khalid Raza was gunned down in what police described as a 'targeted attack' in Gulistan-i-Jauhar on Sunday evening, reports said.

## Exit Polls predict different results

KOLKATA/AGARTALA/SHILLONG/KOHIMA, Feb 27: Exit polls by various channels predicted a hung house in Meghalaya, a win for NDDP, backed by the BJP in Nagaland, the two States that went to polls today, and seemed to oscillate between predicting a clean sweep for the BJP to a hung House in the State of Tripura, where a new party the Tipra Motha may emerge as a potential king-maker in the polls, held a week back.

## SIU attaches 4 houses for sheltering militants

*Excelsior Correspondent*  
SRINAGAR, Feb 27: The State Investigation Unit (SIU) today attached four houses in

*\*Pics on page 4 Video on www.excelsiornews.com*

Srinagar for providing "willful" shelter to The Resistance Front and Lashkar-e-Toiba militants. Police said that SIU-II, Srinagar today attached four

## SC raps MoD over OROP arrears

NEW DELHI, Feb 27: The Supreme Court today pulled up the Ministry of Defence over the delay in payment of arrears of One Rank-One Pension (OROP) to eligible pensioners of the armed forces and sought an explanation from the Secretary concerned for issuing a communication extending the timeline for payments fixed by the court.  
On January 9, the top court granted time till March 15 to the

## Govt gives final opportunity to employees to file APRs

*Excelsior Correspondent*  
JAMMU, Feb 27: Jammu and Kashmir Government has granted its employees the "last and final opportunity" to file the Annual Property Returns (APRs) on the Property Return System (PRS) portal.  
"Thereafter, no more opportunity shall be granted and action under law shall be initiated against the defaulters," read a General Administration Department (GAD) order issued today.  
The failure/non-submission of the property returns by the Government employees invites a punitive action under the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Public Men and Public Servants Declaration of Assets Act and

## 'Working on 360-degree alert security' No property tax for 40% population, rest has to pay nominal: LG

*Fayaz Bukhari*  
SRINAGAR, Feb 27: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today said that 40 per cent of the population of Jammu and Kashmir will have to pay no property tax and the remaining 60 per cent have to pay a nominal amount with maximum Rs 1000 per annum.

*\*Watch video on www.excelsiornews.com*

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a function at the SKICC here in Srinagar, Sinha said that J&K residents will have to pay lowest tax on their properties and that concerns of common man have been duly taken care of while formulating the law. He said that the tax amount fixed is one-tenth of the tax being paid by the people in Shimla, Ambala and Dehradun.

"People will have to pay the lowest property tax. If we compare Shimla, Ambala and Dehradun with J&K, the UT has to pay only 1/10th of these States which is very low," he said.

"We have 520000 houses in Jammu, Srinagar and other

## \* Power infra projects worth Rs 192 cr inaugurated



LG Manoj Sinha addressing a function in Srinagar on Monday.

Municipal Committees out of which 206000 fall below 1000 square feet which means 40 percent will not have to pay property tax. Further, we have 203600 houses that fall below 1500 square feet. Such houses have to pay maximum Rs 1000 annually as property tax," he added.

He said similarly there are 101000 shops in Jammu, Srinagar and other areas falling

## Raina, Mehbooba visit bereaved family

## Last rites of KP bank guard performed at native village



Hundreds of local Muslims participating in last rites of Sanjay Sharma at his native village in Achan, Pulwama on Monday.

community members in performing the last rites of the martyr. However, tight security measures were made by the administration on the occasion and a big contingent of police was deployed in the area. The pall of gloom had descended on the poor family after the killing of their bread earner by militants yesterday.

The words of political leaders and local residents who also strongly condemned the dastardly act failed to console the family members who were in total shock and trauma. They were wailing and sobbing as the

## Will be referred to PSC, SSB shortly Govt identifies 26,000 vacancies in various Departments

*Excelsior Correspondent*  
JAMMU, Feb 27: In what could be a good news for unemployed youth, the Jammu and Kashmir Government has so far identified 26,000 vacancies in various departments for filling up in the current year including Gazetted, non-Gazetted and Class-IV.  
"Majority of the posts identified for recruitment during the current year are in non-Gazetted cadre and Class-IV while rest will be for Gazetted Officers," official sources told the Excelsior.  
A detailed exercise has been carried out by various Government departments to identify vacancies in different cadres including Gazetted, non-Gazetted and Class-IV and the figure has come around 26,000. However, the exercise is still on in some departments.  
Following clearance by the Government, the posts will be referred to the Public Service Commission (PSC) and Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB), sources said.  
The recruitment agencies will initiate exercise for filling up of vacancies only after receiving a detailed note from the Government.  
"Number of the vacancies might go up slightly as some departments could revise the list in next few days," sources said.



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## Will meet LG, top officials to review security, development High-level MHA team deputed by Shah to J&K arrives today on 3-day visit

*Sanjeev Pargal*  
JAMMU, Feb 27: Union Home Minister Amit Shah has deputed a high-level team of top officers of the Home Ministry to Jammu and Kashmir on a three-day visit for review of security situation, developmental works, Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP) and issues pertaining to Kashmiri Pandit migrants, Pakistan occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK), West Pakistani refugees and displaced persons (DPs).

The team headed by Prashant Lokhande, Joint Secretary (Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh), Union Ministry of Home Affairs and other senior officers will reach here on February 28 and will return on March 2.

Official sources told the Excelsior that the MHA team will call on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan and discuss with him various issues related to development and security of Jammu and Kashmir.

"A detailed review of security situation and development works especially under the PMDP and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes is likely to take place during the meeting," sources said.

The team will have separate meeting with Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on host of issues pertaining to Jammu and Kashmir including requirements projected by the Union Territory administration before the Home Ministry from time-to-time.

## HC notifies Rules to imbue greater transparency, inclusivity

## Now, proceedings of courts across J&K, Ladakh UTs to be live streamed, recorded

*Mohinder Verma*  
JAMMU, Feb 27: To imbue greater transparency, inclusivity and foster access to justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has notified Live Streaming and Recording of Court Proceedings Rules, which will apply to all the courts and tribunals across both the Union Territories.  
These Rules have been framed in exercise of the powers under Article 225 and Article 227 of the Constitution of India and have come into force with immediate effect. The Information Technology Committee of the High Court

addressing the court. As far as remote location is concerned, appropriate hardware will be deployed to the extent practicable and where proceedings are conducted through web-links including video conferencing services, appropriate software and hardware will be employed to generate an integrated feed for live streaming.

Matrimonial matters, child adoption and child custody including transfer petitions arising there under; cases concerning sexual offences including proceedings instituted under Section 376, Indian Penal Code, 1860; cases con-

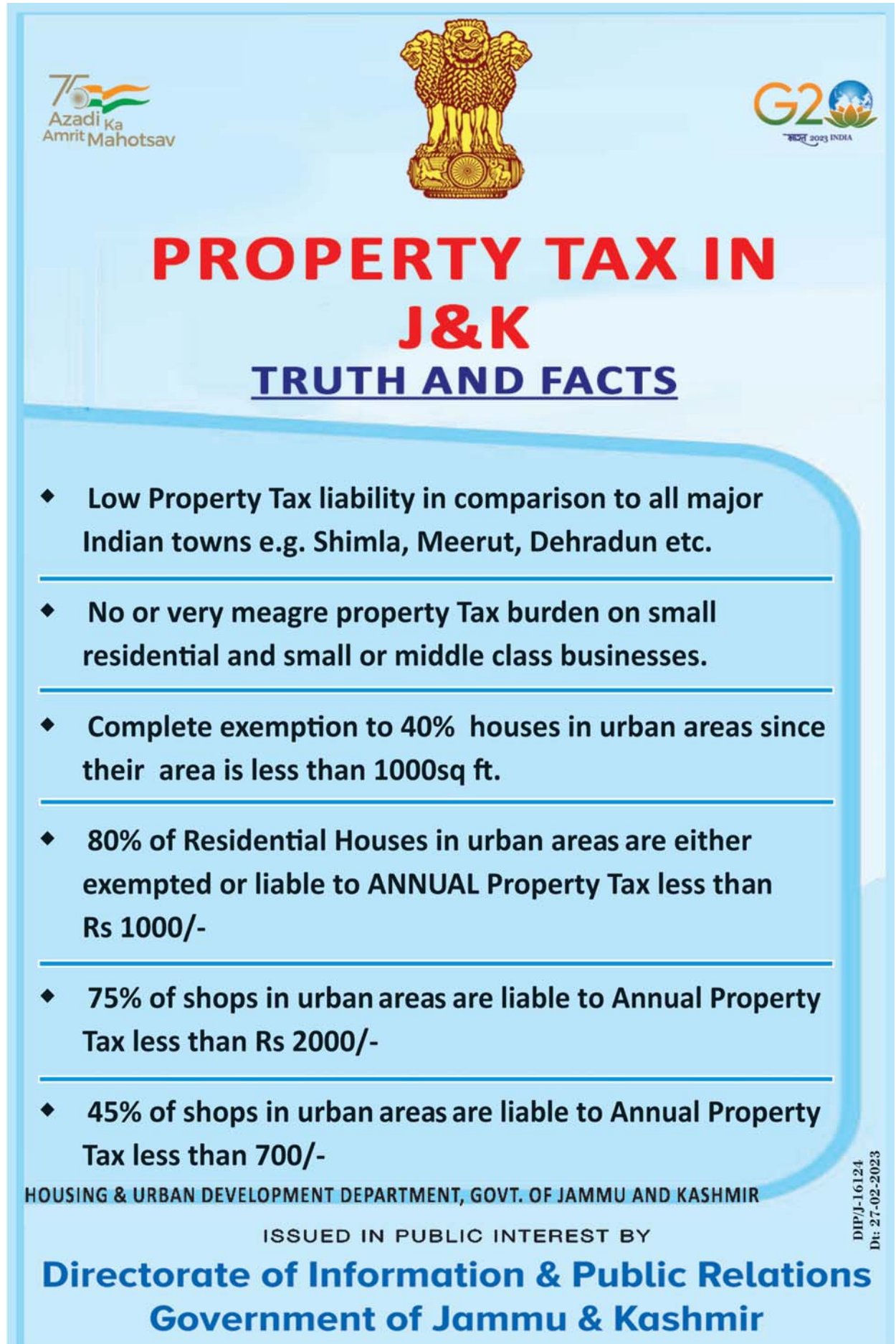
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**PROPERTY TAX IN J&K TRUTH AND FACTS**

- ◆ Low Property Tax liability in comparison to all major Indian towns e.g. Shimla, Meerut, Dehradun etc.
- ◆ No or very meagre property Tax burden on small residential and small or middle class businesses.
- ◆ Complete exemption to 40% houses in urban areas since their area is less than 1000sq ft.
- ◆ 80% of Residential Houses in urban areas are either exempted or liable to ANNUAL Property Tax less than Rs 1000/-
- ◆ 75% of shops in urban areas are liable to Annual Property Tax less than Rs 2000/-
- ◆ 45% of shops in urban areas are liable to Annual Property Tax less than 700/-

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