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Sisodia, Jain quit Cabinet

NEW DELHI, Feb 28: In a significant turn of events, arrested Delhi Ministers Manish Sisodia and Satyendra Jain today resigned from the Arvind Kejriwal-led Cabinet amidst BJP's persistent onslaught against the AAP over the corruption charges against its leaders.

The resignations came minutes after the SC refused to entertain the bail plea of Sisodia, who is in CBI custody in the now-scrapped excise policy case, saying it would set a "wrong precedent" and (Contd on page 11 Col 3)

Rains in Valley, light snowfall in hills

SRINAGAR, Feb 28: There was light rain in the Valley and light snowfall in the hills leading to drop in the temperatures with authorities issuing avalanche warning for the hills.

Kashmir valley had intermittent rains this afternoon with the hills experiencing light snowfall leading to drop in temperatures.

"Intermittent light to moderate snowfall/rain (thunderstorm with rain in Jammu region) is (Contd on page 11 Col 1)

HC directs for Govt decision on issues of Dal lake

SRINAGAR, Feb 28: The High Court today directed the Government to submit the decision before the court with regard to the directions passed on examining the buffer zones of Dal lake as notified in the new Master Plan and other issues of the water body.

Justice Rajnesh Oswal and Justice Mohan Lal directed for placing on record the decisions taken by the Government with regard to (Contd on page 11 Col 5)

DC orders inquiry into Councillor's misbehaviour

SRINAGAR, Feb 28: After a video of a Councillor, allegedly misbehaving with a doctor on duty at the District Hospital (DH) Pulwama, went viral, the authorities in the district have ordered an inquiry into the matter.

In this regard, the Deputy Commissioner, Pulwama has tasked the ADC concerned to probe the matter and submit the report within 2 days, after (Contd on page 11 Col 5)

36 JKAS officers get Spl Scale, 52 Selection Grade

JAMMU, Feb 28: Issuing two separate orders, Government today released Special Scale (Non-Functional) in favour of 36 officers of Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) and Selection Grade (Non-Functional) in favour of 52 others with effect from 01-01-2023.

The JKAS officers in whose favour Special Scale has been released are Priyanka Bhat, Romin Ahmad, Hitesh Gupta, Sukh Pal Singh, Chand Kishore Sharma, Amit Vermani, Bashir Ahmad Bhat, Shah Nawaz Shah, Jagdish Singh, Renu Kumari, Qazi Irfan Rasool, Waseem Raja, Naresh Kumar, Ghulam Nabi Bhat, Narinder Kour, Veedushi Kapoor, Dr Zahoor Ahmad Raina, Sanjeev Rana, Reyaz Ahmad Malik, Pankaj Kumar Anand, Reyaz Ahmad Beigh, Abdul Satar, Anil Kumar Chandail, Sammer Naik, Kartar Singh, Shahid Mehmood, Raj Mohammad, Ajeet Singh, Zamir Ahmed Reshu, Nissar Ahmad Malik, Sushil Kumar Khajuria, Mohammad Aslam, Pardeep Singh Chib, Navdeep Wazir, Dhirender Sharma and Ashwani Kumar.

Selection Grade has been released in favour of Swaran Singh, Ram Lal Sharma,

Soldier martyred, another injured Militants involved in killing of KP shot dead in Pulwama

JAMMU, Feb 28: Two local militants involved in the killing of a Pandit bank guard were killed and a soldier martyred in a gunfight that broke out in Padgampora, Awantipora in Pulwama district today.

A joint team of police, Army and CRPF on a specific input about the presence of militants in the village, launched a search operation in Padgampora, Awantipora during the night.

As the security forces intensified searches towards the suspected spot, the hiding militants fired upon the party, which retaliated, thus triggering an encounter.

Additional Director General



Security personnel during encounter in Pulwama on Tuesday. (Inset) Martyr soldier.

of Police Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said that during exchange of fire two militants were killed and they have been identified as Aqib Mushtaq Bhat of Malangpora who was associated with HM and for past few months working with TRF and Aijaz Bhat of Pastuna, Tral who was associated with JeM and also working in coordination TRF. "Aqib was active since January 2021 and Aijaz was active since May 2022," he said. He added that they were involved in the killing of Sanjay Pandita at Achan, Pulwama.

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Launches Jio True 5G services in J&K

Technology will realize PM's vision of digital India: LG

JAMMU, Feb 28: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched Jio True 5G Services for Jammu & Kashmir today.

Congratulating the citizens of J&K, Sinha said the 5G Services will play an active role in socio-economic development, enable integrated action for prosperity and bring transformational benefits to the people.

"The 5G technology for the common man will realize the Prime Minister's vision of Digital India and give a boost to

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LG Manoj Sinha launching Jio True 5G Services for J&K on Tuesday.

growth opportunities in tourism, e-governance, agriculture, education, healthcare, information technology and small & micro enterprises," Sinha said.

He underscored the significance of adopting future technology and small & micro (Contd on page 11 Col 1)

MHA team calls on LG; discusses development, security situation

Progress on power projects, investments too figure

JAMMU, Feb 28: A high-level team of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on first day of its three-day visit here today called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta separately and held two to three meetings in the Civil Secretariat with senior officers reviewing with them progress

and comprising Director Security among others, the team called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan this (Contd on page 11 Col 3)

Meets CS, Admn Secys; reviews issues of KPs, refugees

on industrial investments, power projects, tourism, transit accommodation for Kashmiri migrants and other important schemes being implemented for Kashmiri migrants, Pakistan occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK) and West Pakistani refugees and other displaced persons.

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