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CBI books Tehsildar, complainant; raids house

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Mar 29: The Central Bureau of Investigations (CBI) today registered two First Information Reports (FIRs) against a Tehsildar on the charges of corruption and one private person for trying to grab prime land and conducted search in the house of latter.

Those booked by the CBI include Rohit Sharma, former Tehsildar Bahu who was caught red handed by the Anti Corruption (Contd on page 4 Col 5)

SIU charge sheets 5 militant associates

Excelsior Correspondent
 SRINAGAR, Mar 29: The State Intelligence Unit (SIU) Shopian today presented a charge sheet before the Court of Special Judge Kulgam against five accused militant associates.

The accused persons include Aaqib Hussain Nanda son of Aashiq Hussain Nanda, Gowhar Manzoor Bhat son of Manzoor Ahmad Bhat, residents of Drabgam Pulwama, Asif Lateef son of Lateef Ahmed Naik, resident of Babapora Zainapora, Afloq Yousuf Digoo son of (Contd on page 4 Col 5)

Govt orders inquiry into conman's visits

Excelsior Correspondent
 SRINAGAR, Mar 29: The Government today ordered a time-bound inquiry into the various aspects related to the visits of Kiran Patel who conned the security establishment in Kashmir into believing him to be a PMO official and enjoyed security protocol. "Sanction is hereby accorded to the appointment of Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, as Inquiry Officer to inquire into the (Contd on page 4 Col 5)

Industrial development proposals worth Rs 70,000 cr received Security scenario has improved, large number of tourists visited J&K: LG

UT budget to give priority to last person standing in queue

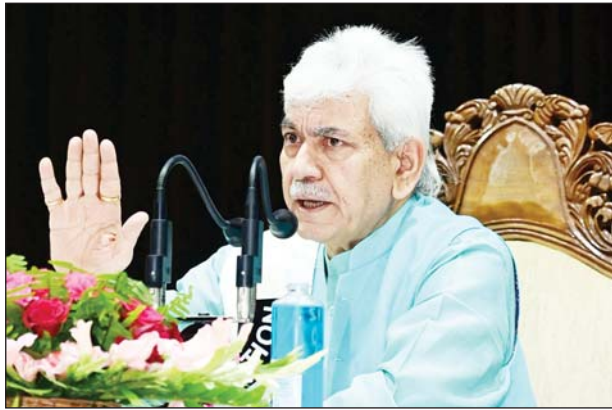
Govt to ensure G20 delegates return with good experience

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Mar 29: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said today that security scenario has improved in Jammu and Kashmir and that a large number of tourists visited the Union Territory last year while proposals to the tune of Rs 70,000 crore have been received for industrial development.

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Addressing a press conference here on annual budget of Jammu and Kashmir for the financial year of 2023-24 which was recently approved in the Parliament, Sinha



LG Manoj Sinha addressing a press conference in Jammu on Wednesday.

Sinha said law and order situation has witnessed significant improvement. "An unprecedented number of

1.88 crore tourists visited Jammu and Kashmir. This is the previous year's figure," he said, adding the UT has also received industrial investment proposals to the tune of Rs 70,000 crore.

"Till late night, people are enjoying Shikara rides. They are taking dinners at restaurants and hotels. Cinemas are running smoothly," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Asserting that night bus services have started in Kashmir, Sinha said: "I think this has been done after 30 years. Schools and colleges and universities are running smoothly. Shops remain open". On over Rs 1 lakh crore budget (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

Collegium recommends Justice Sreedharan's posting in J&K HC

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Mar 29: The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended that Justice Atul Sreedharan, a Judge in the High Court of Madhya Pradesh be transferred to the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

The Collegium made the recommendation on the request of Justice Sreedharan who sought his transfer out of the State of Madhya Pradesh on the ground that his elder daughter would enter practice next year and would be appearing before the district court and Indore bench of the High Court.

Justice Sreedharan, who was (Contd on page 4 Col 5)

MeT forecasts snow, rain

Excelsior Correspondent
 SRINAGAR, Mar 29 : Weatherman today forecast intermittent rain and thunderstorm in 2022; under this 25% of plots are provisioned for various reserved categories including SC/ST 5%, Handicapped persons 2%, war widows 1% and recent widows 2%.

Further post 2019, Jammu and Kashmir Housing, Affordable Housing, Slum Redevelopment and Rehabilitation and Township Policy 2020 has also been notified wherein private developers and Government Agencies including Development Authorities have to reserve a minimum of 20% of the dwelling units in all their housing (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

Blast near BPP in Hiranagar, jawan injured

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Mar 29: Suspected militants tonight targeted Border Police Post (BPP) Sanyal in Hiranagar tehsil of Kathua district causing injuries to a police personnel.

Additional DGP Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh said reportedly

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 sound of a blast was heard near BPP Sanyal, close to the International Border under the jurisdiction of Hiranagar Police Station in Kathua district. The blast took place around 10 pm.

DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua range Shakti Pathak said a police jawan has been injured in the blast. "Entire border village of Sanyal (Contd on page 4 Col 5)



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'There is vacuum that needs to be filled'

Fresh revision of electoral rolls won't disturb polls schedule in J&K: CEC

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 29: Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar today said the fresh revision of electoral rolls in Jammu and Kashmir does not disturb schedule or conduct part of polls and the poll panel is aware that there is a "vacuum" in the Union Territory which needs to be filled.

Kumar said in Jammu and Kashmir, the special summary revision took place taking October 1 as the qualifying date, whereas in the rest of the country, January 1 is the qualifying or cut-off date.

"We went for October 1 as the qualifying date there (J-K) as we wanted to complete the process as fast as possible. This process (fresh special summary revision) (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

*Karnataka elections on May 10



Kumar was responding to a question on the fresh special summary revision of electoral rolls in the Union Territory.

"But nonetheless, it does not disturb the scheduled part, the conduct part that depends on various other factors which will come back to you. We are aware that there is a vacuum that needs to be filled," the CEC said.

A few days ago, the poll panel had ordered a fresh special summary revision of the electoral rolls (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

Wasteful expenditure of Rs 5.28 cr CAG pulls up J&K Bank for hiring Broadway hotel for operations

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Mar 29: The Comptroller and Auditor General of India has pulled up the Jammu & Kashmir Bank for incurring a wasteful expenditure of Rs 5.28 crore by hiring hotel Broadway in Srinagar, which was not used at all for its operations.

In its report tabled in the Parliament, the CAG said that the Bank entered into a lease agreement with the M/s Broad Way Enterprises Private Limited (firm) in December 2017 and March 2019 for hiring of space in Hotel Broadway for the opening of High Net worth Individual (HNI) branch and housing its International Banking Division (IBD), respectively, at a monthly rent of Rs 150 per square feet.

It hired the space for housing its International Banking Division (IBD) citing space constraints at the existing premises at Air Cargo Complex, Srinagar. The Bank also placed a work order at a cost of Rs two crore for development of the hired premises in February 2019. According to the report, the Bank, however, in January 2020 (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

decided to de-hire the premises due to a host of reasons. "The Bank, decided (January 2020) to de-hire the premises on the ground that shifting of IBD would not translate into phenomenal growth of foreign exchange business as the forex business in Srinagar was limited. Further, the yearly rental outflow was considered very high vis-à-vis the business opportunities in the opening of HNI branch due to prevailing situation in Kashmir region," the report stated. "By the time the Bank de-hired (June 2020) premises, it (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

No housing colonies developed by J&K HUDD prior to 2019: MoS Home

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 29: The Government has stated that no housing colonies and commercial sites have been developed by the Housing and Urban Development Department during the past more than two decades for any category prior to 2019.

This was disclosed by Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai in response to a question by Bharatiya Janata Party MP of Rajya Sabha Gulam Ali on development of Housing Infrastructure in J&K.

Ali wanted to know as to how many Housing Colonies have been established by Housing Department, JK Housing Board, Srinagar Development Authority, Jammu Development Authority for SCs, STs, OBCs, EWS and poor in J&K during last five years- how many commercial sites have been developed for SCs, STs, OBCs, EWS, tribals and poor in J&K and allotted to them- whether there is any proposal for setting up and allotting (Contd on page 4 Col 5)

affordable housing units and which were the housing colonies set up by J&K Government and how many housing units were allotted.

In his reply, Nityanand Rai informed that post 2019, Srinagar Development Authority (SDA) has developed multi-storied housing project at Bemina namely Shehjar Apartments comprising 140 flats spread across five residential blocks/towers and these apartments have been allotted to the general public through draw of lots and no provision of reservation for any category was kept in the allotment process.

The SDA has also recently invited applications for allotment of plots in Srinagar Satellite Township in December 2022; under this 25% of plots are provisioned for various reserved categories including SC/ST 5%, Handicapped persons 2%, war widows 1% and recent widows 2%.

Further post 2019, Jammu and Kashmir Housing, Affordable Housing, Slum Redevelopment and Rehabilitation and Township Policy 2020 has also been notified wherein private developers and Government Agencies including Development Authorities have to reserve a minimum of 20% of the dwelling units in all their housing (Contd on page 4 Col 5)

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 Sunrise on Friday: 06.22 a.m.
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