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For govt job, J&K now wants CID nod, amendment in Union Territory administration in the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Verification of Character and Antecedents) Instructions, 1997

From now on, no person can get a government job in Jammu and Kashmir without a satisfactory CID report on their antecedents, following an amendment by the Union Territory administration in the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Verification of Character and Antecedents) Instructions, 1997.

One will be required to also disclose whether any family member or close relative is associated with any political party or organisation, or has participated in any political activity, or has had links with a foreign mission or organisation, or any prescribed/ prohibited/ banned organisation such as the Jamaat-e-Islami.

The amendment follows the UT administration's dismissal from service recently of three government officials, including an assistant professor, over alleged anti-State activities. It was the first such action after the administration formed a committee last month to look into allegations of anti-State activities against government employees.

Launch of mYoga app

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the mYoga app on 21st June 2021 to promote the Indian practice worldwide and mark the 7th International Yoga Day.

“In collaboration with WHO, India has taken another important step. We will be launching the mYoga app which will have yoga training videos in different languages for people across the world. This will help us achieve our ‘One World, One Health’ motto,” he said at a virtual press conference.

This year, the theme is ‘Yoga For Wellness’, which emphasises physical and mental well-being, especially amid the pandemic.

Kerala rolls out its first LNG-powered bus service

In a major step towards minimising dependence on fossil fuels, Kerala on Monday rolled out its first ever public bus to be powered by liquefied natural gas (LNG).

Transport Minister Antony Raju flagged off the green bus service Monday from Thiruvananthapuram's central bus station. The bus would be operated on the Thiruvananthapuram-Ernakulam and Ernakulam-Kozhikode routes.

For the cash-strapped Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), the novel initiative serves two purposes — cutting back on mounting operational losses by switching to cheaper fuel and promoting an energy source considered to be far less damaging to the environment.