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We won't rest till wiping out terrorism completely: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said that the brave Security Forces will neutralize every terror threat, strive to preserve the communal fabric of Jammu and Kashmir and won't rest till terrorism is completely wiped out.

"Attempts are being made by the neighbouring country to disrupt the process of peace and development in J&K," said the Lt Governor while attending the Police Commemoration Day Parade at Armed Police Complex, Zewan, Srinagar and laid floral wreath at Martyrs' Memorial.

He paid tributes to the Police Personnel who have made supreme sacrifice in the line of duty.

Valour of brave-hearts of J&K Police and their unparalleled courage is an inspiration for all. From maintaining Law and Order to providing assistance in disasters & to



Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha laying floral wreath at Martyrs Memorial in Srinagar.

being at the forefront during the Covid pandemic, J&K Police is dedicated to serve and secure the lives of the people of the UT, observed the Lt Governor.

Our valiant police personnel selflessly put their lives at

stake, work 24X7 for ensuring a safe environment for the people of J&K. The nation will always remain indebted to their sacrifices, the Lt Governor added.

We are committed to peace, strengthening the social fab-

ric and maintaining cultural harmony. Befitting reply will be given to the forces threatening sovereignty and integrity of the country," added the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor

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Govt hikes DA by 3 pc
for central employees

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Thursday hiked dearness allowance and dearness relief by 3 per cent to 31 per cent to benefit 47.14 lakh central government employees and 68.62 lakh pensioners.

This was informed by Minister of Information & Broadcasting Anurag Singh Thakur.

This decision to hike the allowance will put an annual burden of Rs 9,488 crore

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**IEDs planted
in Baramulla,
Poonch defused**

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A major tragedy was averted as security forces detected and defused an improvised explosive device (IED) in Baramulla district on Thursday, officials said.

"Security forces detected an IED planted by terrorists from a passenger shed at a bus stop at Saidpora in Rafiabad area of Baramulla," they said.

The officials said a

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History Scripted: PM on 100 Cr vaccine doses

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India has scripted history, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday as the COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the country surpassed the 100 crore milestone, and asserted that it now has a strong protective shield to combat the biggest pandemic in 100 years.

Modi hailed the vaccination landmark as a triumph of Indian science, enterprise and collective spirit of 130 crore Indians and visited Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) Hospital where he interacted with healthcare and frontline workers besides those being administered the jabs.

Speaking via video conferencing after inaugurating the Infosys Foundation Vishram Sadan at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) on the Jhajjar Campus of New Delhi AIIMS, Modi said this day of October 21, 2021 has been recorded in history.

"To combat the biggest

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Modi holds 'Chintan Shivir' with council of ministers

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday chaired a meeting with the Union Council of Ministers, during which two its members made presentations that focussed on governance and policy making. This meeting was the third 'chintan shivir' organised to help ministers better understand issues of governance. The presentations highlighted ways to make the process of policy-making more efficient and effective, sources aware of the developments in the meeting said.

These meetings or 'chintan shivirs' also act as an orientation programme for newly inducted ministers in the Union Cabinet, they said.

During the last meeting on September 28, Union ministers Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Piyush Goyal made presentations on focussed implementation of projects, policies and government announcements. In meeting on September 14, Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan made presentations on efficiency and time management.

**Petrol, diesel prices
hiked again; diesel
above Rs 99/litre from
Srinagar to Chennai**

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Petrol and diesel prices on Thursday were hiked by 35 paise per litre each, the second consecutive day of increase that took pump rates across the country to record high levels.

The price of petrol in Delhi rose to its highest-ever level of Rs 106.54 a litre and Rs 112.44 per litre in Mumbai, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers.

In Mumbai, diesel now comes for Rs 103.26 a

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**President MC
Pahalgam arrested
for accepting bribe**

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Anti-Corruption Bureau on Thursday arrested a President, Municipal Committee, Pahalgam, Owais Ahmad while demanding and accepting Rs. 80,000 as bribe for release of payments for supply of garbage vehicles.

"Anti Corruption Bureau received a complaint alleging that President, Municipal Committee, Pahalgam

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UT Delhi gives 20,000 Lt/month water free to domestic consumers, why can't UT of J&K also give?

► **Can it be a 2021 Deepawali gift to residents of UT of J&K?**

■ DAYA SAGAR

No doubt better means need be devised to reduce the water losses / capacity loss due to system breakdowns, to draw out maximum possible benefit out of the hydraulic modelling got done through J&K Economic Reconstruction Agency employing 'Consultant Teams' and replacement of the old/irregular system lines, making it mandatory for the field departments to attend the individual consumer complaints within set time limit but surely also recording the "Connection Number of the Consumer" while taking the complaint in and disposing the same in the records (with this the unauthorised connections could be better identified, the undue water losses will reduce and ofcourse the revenue will also increase) and to impose as low as possible domestic drinking water supply tariffs.

J&K State Water Resources Regulatory Authority has vide order number Order No. 75/WRRA of 2021 of 23-08-2021 revised the water usage charges for the year 2021-2022 to domestic users on flat rate for ½ inch Domestic connection to Rs.3000 per year for Urban users and for ¾ inch Urban Domestic connection to Rs.

5700/ year. Near about the same the Chief Minister NCT of Delhi has announced continuing supply free of cost drinking water to domestic consumers using upto 20000 litre water month.

Kejriwal out in the field for 2022 legislative Assembly Elections to Punjab Legislative Assembly has also thrown similar welfare scheme for Punjab in case APP is voted to power. Ofcourse Kejriwal Government has in Delhi extended no electricity charges for 200 unit per month consumption.

Arvind Kejriwal government extending some more freebies has reasoned its having been able to do so with good governance, better operating and money use efficiency without loading the community with any additional taxes. Without going into the controversies on his claims and minute ground data one thing is sure that he has been giving 20000 litre water per month to domestic users and has made some 'more' political leaders to think on his lines.

No doubt in earlier years even a King used to try for supplying drinking water with no burdening costs. So , any one who makes effort to supply minimum water needs at no cost must be appreciated, the need had become even more acute in

view of the Corona-19/ Lockdowns during 2020 as well as 2021 when many households got their income reduced/ income cut (no doubt the government employees / pensioners had to face lesser burnt) but the J&K Government even revised on higher side the tariff for 2020 as well 2021 (please see Table-A).

(Table-A) Potable drinking water charges for ½ inch domestic connection in J&K has increased substantially over the years				
Year	Water Charges /Year	Year	Water Charges per year	Remarks
1990-1997	Rs.30	2012	Rs. 800	Charges to be collected on 6monthly basis. Plus taxes as applicable
1998-1999	Rs.120	2018-19	Rs. 2100	
2000-2005	Rs.180	2019-20	Rs. 2415	
2006-2011	Rs.360	2020-21	Rs.2777.20	
2016	Rs.1400	2021-22	Rs.3000	

Ofcourse the demands, infrastructure have largely grown over the years could be seen from the fact that in 1954 Jammu city had hardly about 3500 water connections and today in 2020 the domestic connections

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It's time sections in Kashmir overcome selective dementia, condemn civilian killings: Lt Gen Dhillon

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Amid a spate of targeted killings by terrorists, a senior army officer has said the time has come for some sections in Kashmir to overcome "selective dementia" and condemn the killing of civilians so that future generations are saved and there is an end to people's sufferings.

Lt Gen K J S Dhillon, Director General of Defence Intelligence Agency and Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff, said the perpetrators of such attacks on innocent civilians are targeting the roots of the society



and that such people can never be friends of Kashmir.

Addressing a seminar here on Wednesday, Lt Gen Dhillon said, "Over the past three decades, the Kashmiri society suffered and the very base and root of Kashmir

suffered.... We have the right to (have own) feelings but whenever there is a killing by terrorists, selective dementia happens."

"Anyone not speaking against this (killing of innocents), that man or woman has lost the right to speak about everything else. The world would later ask when you were silent on innocent killings, why should you be heard now," he said and urged people to overcome the syndrome of "selective dementia".

Lt Gen Dhillon, who was also heading the strategic Kashmir-based XV Corps of

the army during the crucial phase of abrogation of Article 370, highlighted that 66 per cent of the population of Kashmir is below 32 years of age and they could be referred to as "children of conflict" and "we need to understand their psychology".

He said there is a need to understand the psychology of the younger population and the pain of the mothers.

"The 2011 census puts the population of Kashmir below 32 years of age at 62 per cent and today it would have been around 66 per cent,

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BJP spreading hate to win UP assembly polls: Farooq Abdullah



NC President, Farooq Abdullah briefing media persons.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Describing "hate" as a weapon to win elections in India, National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Thursday alleged that the BJP is

spreading it to win the assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh early next year.

Abdullah called upon people to fight hate to save Jammu and Kashmir as well as the country, and warned

Rejects as lie Malik's charge on Roshni scheme

JAMMU: National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Thursday rejected as "lies" former Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik's charge that he and his son Omar Abdullah were beneficiaries of the Roshni scheme.

In a video clip that

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that if hatred continues to grow, India's

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