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LG inaugurates Retreat Ceremony at Octroi Post, Suchetgarh IB SFs protecting India's territorial integrity, effectively countering conspiracies of neighbouring country: Sinha



LG Manoj Sinha at the Retreat Ceremony at Octroi Post, Suchetgarh on India-Pak International Border.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a historic event, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday inaugurated Retreat Ceremony at Octroi Post, Suchetgarh on the India-Pak International Border.

The event was witnessed by hundreds of tourists and local residents of Jammu and

Kashmir.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor observed that the ceremony on the lines of Amritsar's Wagah Border reflects the great legacy and valour of Border Security Force, India's first line of defence.

On the auspicious occasion of the birth anniversaries of

Gandhi ji and Lal Bahadur Shastri ji, Border Security Force has made a new beginning that will ensure a massive push to the border tourism in the UT, besides putting Suchetgarh into the global tourism map, the Lt Governor said.

With the beginning of retreat ceremony, the long

pending demand of the people of Suchetgarh has been fulfilled. Now, the tourism potential of Suchetgarh will be fully tapped, giving a fillip to the economic development of the area, said the Lt Governor.

I firmly believe that the expansion of tourism industry to Suchetgarh will add prosperity to the region ushering a new era of development. I also thank the Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Department for contributing to this initiative of national importance, the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor paid homage to the brave-hearts of security forces. While the nation is celebrating the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, we must remember all the martyrs who sacrificed their lives to protect the integrity and sovereignty of the country, he added. Our great

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JKSSB schedules to hold various skill tests, CBTs during October

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) during the month of October, 2021 has scheduled Skill Test/Computer Based Written Test examinations of posts of Drivers, Junior Assistants & Junior Scale Stenographers notified by virtue of various Advertisement Notifications issued during 2020

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COVID-19: 124 fresh cases in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday recorded 124 fresh COVID-19 cases, which took the tally to 3,29,687, while one more death was reported in the past 24 hours, officials said.

Out of the fresh cases, 32 were from the Jammu division and 92 from the Kashmir division of the Union Territory, they said.

The officials said Srinagar district recorded the

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3 terrorist attacks in Kashmir; civilian killed, another injured

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A civilian was killed and another was injured when terrorists opened fire here in two separate incidents in Srinagar on Saturday, police said.

Terrorists also hurled a grenade towards a CRPF bunker in Anantnag district but there was no damage due to the explosion, they said.

In the first incident at about 5.50 PM, terrorists fired at Majid Ahmad Gajri son of Abdul Rehman resident of Chattabal Srinagar



at Karan Nagar, injuring him critically, a police official said.

Ahmad was shifted to the nearby SMHS hospital

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India-China military talks likely to be held next week: Officials

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The next round of high-level military talks between India and China to take forward the disengagement process in remaining friction points along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh is expected to take place next week, officials said on Saturday.

Officials said both sides have exchanged notes as part of preparations for the 13th round of military talks to push for disengagement

ment in the remaining friction points.

Military sources said disengagement in Hot Springs and some other areas are expected to be discussed at the next round of Corps Commander-level talks.

"A clarity on the date and venue for the talks is expected in the next three-four days," said a source.

The talks are expected to take place in the second week of October, officials said.

Meanwhile, after a

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Temple desecrated in Anantnag district, matter being probed: Police

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Police on Saturday registered a case after a temple was allegedly desecrated in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

Senior officials of the police and civil administration visited the Bargheshekha Bhagwati Mata Temple in the Mattan area of the south Kashmir district for an on-the-spot inquiry, they said.

Police have registered a case and the matter is being investigated, the officials said.

Anantnag Deputy Commissioner Piyush Singla said the culprits will be punished

ished and no one will be allowed to harm social and communal harmony.

"Such immoral and illegal acts will not be tolerated and the culprits will be penalised as per relevant provisions of the law. Nobody will be allowed to harm or disrupt the social and communal harmony in society," he said.

National Conference (NC) vice-president Omar Abdullah condemned the incident and urged police to prosecute the culprits.

"Unacceptable. I strongly condemn this vandalism and urge the administration, especially @JmuKmrPolice

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Quit electoral politics, support JKPC to consolidate Muslim votes in J&K: Sajad Lone to Farooq Abdullah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir People's Conference (JKPC) chief Sajad Lone on Saturday said that National Conference president Farooq Abdullah should quit electoral politics and support his party in order to consolidate Muslim votes in Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking to reporters here after former legislator and senior Peoples Democratic Party leader Nizam-ud-Din Bhat joined the JKPC, Lone was responding to a question about Abdullah's remarks that attempts are being made to divide Muslim votes

in J-K by propping up new political parties.

"If he (Abdullah) thinks that way, then let him not contest elections and support us. That way the Muslim vote will not get divided," the JKPC chief said.

"His (Abdullah's) daddy (Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah) was a chief minister, he himself was and his son (Omar Abdullah) also (was a chief minister). So now if a poor man's son becomes a chief minister... is there any objection to it?" he asked.

The JKPC chairman said his party is ready to take the

NC's support.

"Let them support us. I will do whatever he (Abdullah) says (then)," Lone said.

He said if Abdullah wants to prevent the division of Muslim votes, "then let him support us and we are ready to take that support".

Earlier, Bhat joined the JKPC along with scores of his supporters.

Lone said it is a remarkable moment for him and the JKPC cadres to have Bhat back in the party.

"There is a certain level of emotion in welcoming Nizamuddin sahib back into the party fold. Nizam sahib

was one of the founding members of the JKPC and the party archives remember him as an idealistic young man driven by a desire for change," he said.

Bhat will complement the party's efforts to script an agenda for change and help navigate J-K out of the "web of disempowerment" in a dignified manner, Lone said.

Bhat is bestowed with intellectual and analytical qualities and his connection with the masses will play a significant role in the party's overall growth on the ground, he added. Lone said that

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CB books KAS officer, Govt teacher among 4 for illegally drawing relief

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Crime Branch Jammu has registered a case against female JKAS officer Neha Kashyap Pandita and her sister Meenakshi Pandita, a Government teacher besides their father Roshan Lal Pandita for drawing relief meant for Kashmiri migrants despite being Government servants. The FIR No. 27/2021 has been registered against a total of four accused including JKAS officer, Government teacher and their parents under Sections 420 and 12-B of RPC.

Giving details, the Crime Branch officials said that Neha Kashyap Pandita has

also served as Camp Commander Jagti for almost a year while her sister Meenakshi Pandita is serving as a Government teacher in Kashmir valley. "The Relief Commissioner in a written communication to Crime Branch, in response to a query, has confirmed that all four family members have drawn relief meant for Kashmiri migrants, including two sisters, who were Government officer/teacher and not entitled to relief under rules," the officials said. After registration FIR, the Crime Branch authorities have entrusted investigation of the case to Inspector Bhagwan Dass.

Centre cleared 7 out of 106 names recommended for judgeship in HCs: CJI

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Centre has cleared seven out of 106 names for judgeships in higher judiciary and one for the appointment as the Chief Justice of a High Court out of nine names recommended by the Supreme Court collegium recently,

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Duration of Ladakhi content telecast on DD Kashir increased to one hour everyday

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The duration of Ladakhi content telecast on DD Kashir has been increased from thirty minutes to one hour daily from October 1, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting said on Saturday.

"The additional telecast includes a news bulletin and programmes in Ladakhi

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 31.6°C Min: 22.1°C

Humidity

Max: 93 Min: 69

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 28.8°C Min: 17.0°C

Humidity

Max: 70 Min: 45

Sunset: 18:15 Hours

Sunrise: 06:28 Hours

Nothing is greater than nation: Bhagwat

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Asserting that there is a change in system after the abrogation of Article 370, which scrapped the special status granted to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Saturday said people also needed to change their mindset. Addressing a seminar at General Zorawar Singh auditorium of Jammu University, Bhagwat expressed his apprehension that although the special status has been scrapped, if it has gone from the people's mind or not.

"Mere changes in the system are not enough, we need to change our mindset," Bhagwat said during his first visit to J&K after the abrogation of Article 370.

He added that the joy of seeing the sacrifice of Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee



RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat addressing a gathering of intellectuals in Jammu.

bearing fruit in the form of abrogation of Article 370 is fairly visible in the country.

"Since the days of Jan Sangh (which demanded one nation one constitution), it has been our dream to see the abrogation of Article 370," Bhagwat said.

It is to be noted that Mookerjee, the

leader of Jan Sangh, the precursor to the BJP, died in custody in Jammu and Kashmir while leading an agitation against the provision.

Bhagwat further stated that India is a very diverse nation, and nobody has ever snatched the "indigenous culture of places having

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Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla railway line will be game-changer for J&K: Union Minister

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla railway line in Jammu and Kashmir will be a game-changer for the Union Territory and 80 per cent of the work on the project has been completed while the rest will be completed by 2023, Union Minister Darshana Jardosh said on Saturday.

The minister of state for railways is on a visit to Kashmir as part of the Centre's public outreach programme.

"The Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail project is very



Union Minister Darshana Jardosh during visit to Banihal Railway Station on Saturday.

important for us as well as for Prime Minister Narendra

Modi and the railways. It

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J&K celebrates birth anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi, Lal Bahadur Shastri

LG leads celebrations by administering Swachhta Pledge to UT officers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: To commemorate the 152nd birth anniversary of the Father of Nation-Mahatma Gandhi, and 117th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha led the celebrations by administering the Swachhta Pledge to officers and officials at Raj Bhavan and Civil Secretariat here on Saturday.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor said that the pledge is a resolve of the J&K Government and every individual to take forward the ideals espoused by the two great leaders.

The Lt Governor said



LG Manoj Sinha administering Swachhta Pledge to UT officers.

Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) Urban-2.0 and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)-2.0 launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 01, 2021, envisions clean urban spaces and water secure cities and we need to

work on a mission mode to meet the targets in a time bound manner.

He also stressed for completing the prestigious projects under AMRUT Mission 1.0 at the earliest.

Following the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi a Swachhta Pakhwada shall

be observed across the UT. From 3rd to 18th October various cleanliness activities will be conducted in the civil secretariat and field offices across the UT in a planned manner.

The Lt Governor advised the Deputy Commissioners to generate a sense of compe-

tion among the people of their respective districts. It is necessary to have competition in all the 20 districts, so that residents are motivated to keep their cities, towns, and mohallas clean and free from waste, he added.

Underlining the significant role of the PRIs and Urban Local Bodies to make the Swachh Abhiyan successful, the Lt Governor urged the members of PRIs and government officers to work on innovative ideas like adoption of a lake/ water body, adoption of a school or places of public importance for cleanliness drive, Dr. Arun

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