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LG calls for ensuring adequate, reliable power supply during winter



LG Manoj Sinha reviewing power scenario in Jammu & Kashmir on Tuesday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Discussing comprehensive strategy of Power Development Department to meet the peak electricity demand, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday directed for enhancing sustainability and efficiency to ensure adequate and reliable power supply during winter season.

Reviewing the performance of Power Development Department and taking stock of power scenario in the Union Territory, the Lt Governor also directed the officials for concrete measures to ensure maximum power supply to smart meter saturated feeders and bring down the AT&C losses in these areas to single digit. Smart meter saturation of Jammu, Srinagar and District Headquarters should be done on priority. PDD should ensure metered areas receive reliable services and quality electricity, he added.

It was informed that around 4 lakh smart meters have been installed across the UT.

The Lt Governor directed for compliance of curtailment plans and timely replacement of the damaged transformers to avoid inconvenience to the consumers. An advance buffer stock of transformers for border and far flung areas should be kept in view of the upcoming winter season, he added.

Power theft should be tackled through effective enforcement on the ground, he said.

The Lt Governor further directed for tapping the potential of new and renewable energy and effective

implementation of Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) in the UT.

H. Rajesh Prasad, Principal Secretary, Power Development Department briefed the chair on the interventions of the department to reduce the demand and supply gap. He said, massive capacity addition was accomplished after the previous winter to enable the system to meet additional peak demand.

The Lt Governor stressed on the need to ensure resource adequacy in terms of availability of additional power capacity to meet the increasing demand during winter.

It was informed that from Financial Year 2020-21 to 2023-24, the peak demand has gone up by over 28 per cent, while the peak deficit has decreased from 22 per cent to 12 per cent. Dr Arun Kumar Mehta,

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Two LeT terrorists killed in Shopian encounter



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two terrorists of the proscribed Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) were killed in an encounter with security forces in Shopian district on Tuesday, police said.

Based on specific information regarding presence of terrorists in village Alshipora area of district Shopian, a joint cordon and search operation was launched by Shopian Police, Army (44RR) and CRPF (178BN) in the area, an official hand-

out stated.

During the search operation, as the joint search party approached towards the suspected spot, the hiding terrorists fired indiscriminately upon them, which was retaliated effectively leading to an encounter.

The bodies of the killed terrorists were retrieved from the site of encounter. They have been identified as Marifat Maqbool son of Mohammad Mangloo resident of Cheigund Keegam,

Justice done: KP's wife thanks SFs

JAMMU: Sunita Sharma, wife of ATM guard Sanjay Sharma who was gunned down by terrorists in February, on Tuesday thanked security forces for eliminating the killer of her husband and said justice has been done with her.

Sanjay Sharma (40), a Kashmiri Pandit, was shot dead by terrorists in the Achan area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district on February 26. Expressing satisfaction, Sunita Sharma said that no innocent person should be killed the way her husband was gunned down in the valley.

"I thank the security forces for eliminating the terrorist involved in the killing of my husband. My husband was innocent. I was waiting for the elimination of the terrorist who killed my husband. They gave me justice today," Sunita Sharma told PTI. Sunita Sharma said that her trauma has ended today. "We have got respite from this pain that my husband's killer was alive. We still don't know why my husband was killed. He was ill. I had been waiting for the past seven-eight months to hear the news of the killing of that terrorist," she said.

Sunita Sharma said they (terrorists) snatched these minor children's father from them. "I lost my husband, and also my house in Kashmir. Government gave me a job and compensation, but the pain of losing my husband will never end," she said.

Shopian and Jazim Farooq alias Abrar son of Farooq Ahmad Wani resident of Heff Shirmal, Shopian. As per the police records, both the killed terrorists were

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Israel pounds Gaza neighbourhoods, as people scramble for safety in sealed-off territory



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JERUSALEM: Israeli warplanes hammered the Gaza Strip neighbourhood on Tuesday, reducing buildings to rubble and sending people scrambling to find safety in the tiny, sealed-off territory as Israel vowed a retaliation for Hamas' surprise weekend attack that would "reverberate...for generations".

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President on 2-day visit to J&K from today; to attend KU convocation; visit Vaishno Devi shrine

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: President Droupadi Murmu will attend the convocation of Kashmir University and also visit the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine during her two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir beginning Wednesday, officials said.

Murmu will also inaugurate a remodelled Parvati Bhawan and skywalk at the revered shrine atop Trikuta hills in Reasi district before concluding her visit, a spokesperson of the Rashtrapati Bhawan said Tuesday.

The work on the much-needed skywalk, which would help separate the pilgrims coming to and leaving the shrine near the Bhawan area, started in August last year.

The facility, 20 feet above the track level, will help overcome the problem of

multidirectional flow of the pilgrims and a chaotic condition between Manokamna Bhawan and Gate No-3,



the scene of stampede on New Year's Day in 2022 in which 12 people lost their lives and 16 were injured.

The skywalk with a length of 200 m and width of 2.5 m was completed at a cost of over Rs 9.89 crore, a shrine

board official said.

Embarking on her two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir on October 11, the president will grace the 20th convocation of the University of Kashmir at Srinagar immediately after her arrival in the city, the spokesperson said.

On the same day, she will interact with members of local tribal groups and women of self-help groups at Raj Bhawan besides attending a civic reception to be hosted in her honour there.

On October 12, the president will visit the Vaishno Devi shrine where she will inaugurate the remodelled Parvati Bhawan.

Last year, the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine board introduced Radio Frequency Identity Cards (RFID) to keep a track on

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Bhagwat to undertake 3-day tour of J&K from Friday

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat will be in Jammu and Kashmir for a three-day tour beginning October 13, the organisation said in a statement on Tuesday.

Bhagwat's visit to the Union territory comes amid RSS leaders travelling across the country to review the functioning of the organisation, according to the statement.

During the tour, the statement said, the RSS chief will chair a workers

meeting on October 14 to review the functioning of the organization in the Union territory and the



social upliftment activities being conducted by it. He will also chair a coordination meeting the next day and address a gathering of volunteers in Kathua district, the statement said.

Illegal structure used by terrorists demolished

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Authorities have demolished an illegally constructed building of a religious seminary constructed on government land in Pulwama district, a year after two terrorists were killed there in a gunfight with security forces, officials said Tuesday.

The building at Chewa Kalan village in Pulwama district was demolished Monday night by revenue authorities based on recommendations of the National Investigating Agency, the officials said.

According to the officials, the seminary was defunct after the gunfight last year.

Officials recalled that Police and Army had conducted an operation during intervening night of 11/12th March in 2022 in a Darul Uloom located at Chewa Kalan Pulwama in which one local terrorist Aqib Mushtaq resident of Kareemabad and one foreign terrorist got killed. In this connection, investigation of case FIR No 50/2022

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Nature of offence in financial fraud cases changing with use of technology: SC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court said on Tuesday the nature of offence in financial fraud cases involving siphoning off funds is changing globally with the use of technology, and the State has to deal with 'all spectrums'.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia observed this while dealing with a plea by an accused challenging the Delhi High Court order denying him bail in a case of alleged fraud resulting in misappropriation of public

money of over Rs 5,000 crore. The Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO)



probed the case.

Noting that over 14 months have elapsed since the filing of the charge sheet but charges have not been framed yet, the court granted him bail. It noted out of the

92 accused, over 50 have either been enlarged on bail or have got protective orders.

"If for 14 months, charges cannot be framed can we keep somebody behind the bars for it?" observed the bench, and added the accused was entitled to bail.

"The system can't frame charges but we will not grant bail till we decide the charge?" Justice Kaul said, adding, "I am not at this stage blaming anybody. I am just looking at the factual scenario."

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Union MoS visits religious sites, inspects dev scenario

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: The second day of public outreach programme of Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, Meenakshi Lekhi, on Tuesday began with her visit to the ancient Buddhist site, Anbaran.

She inspected the Buddhist stupa, Akhnor fort and the Jio-Pota Ghat, situated on the banks of river Chenab signifying the rich historical and cultural heritage of the region.

Afterwards, Meenakshi Lekhi visited ancient Narsingh Dham Temple, Ghagwal in Samba and offered prayers there.

Later, Union Minister inaugurated an exhibition of women Self Help Groups (SHGs) stalls in Nakshatra Gardens of Narsingh Dham. She inspected the stalls and



Union Minister Meenakshi Lekhi during visit to a temple at Samba on Tuesday.

interacted with the officials of handloom and handicrafts Department stall. She witnessed a live demonstration of Calico Block printing on fabric and even printed a fabric herself. She appreciated the unique talent of calico printers and provided valuable suggestions on contemporary fabrics and styles. She also commended the

work done by NRLM UMEED.

In a heart-warming gesture, she prepared traditional Bajra Rotis on a Chulha, demonstrating her respect for local traditions and culinary practices.

On the occasion, Meenakshi Lekhi interacted with a large gathering of PRIs and SHG members at

the Nakshatra Yoga center, speaking highly of the NRLM's role in empowering women and providing them with a platform and identity.

Addressing the gathering, Union Minister stated that various government initiatives, such as the Ujjwala Yojana, creation of toilets and Ayushman cards have played an instrumental role in empowering the women. She passionately urged upon women to reduce plastic use, emphasizing the importance of environmental sustainability. She also highlighted the significance of promoting the use of millets due to their nutritional and cost-effective benefits. She recommended the use of bamboo cultivation and products in the district.

Union Minister, SHG members, along with

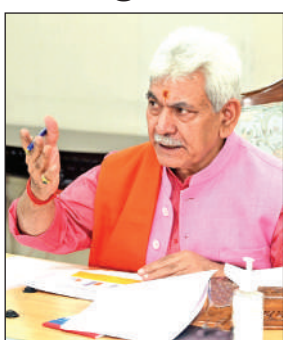
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Implementation, progress on CSS reviewed Transparency, speed of implementation played key role in transforming J&K in past 3 years: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said that transparency and speed of implementation have played a pivotal role in enabling transformation of Jammu and Kashmir in the last three years.

Chairing a high-level meeting to review the implementation and sector-wise progress of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the Union Territory, the Lieutenant Governor said that 100 per cent utilization of allocation under various flagship programmes of the Government of India is critical for inclusive growth and



unlocking the potential of our Union Territory.

The Lt Governor appraised the performance, financial outlays and expenditures of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) in various sectors including agriculture, education, health, social wel-

fare, livelihood mission, border area development, Rurban mission, skill development etc.

He directed the officials to track set indicators at district level, organize workshops for Deputy Commissioners and District officers, and monitor the delivery machinery.

We need to make dedicated efforts for on-ground execution for 100 per cent saturation of all schemes to ensure all entitled beneficiaries get facilities and no one is left behind, the Lt Governor said.

"Well-ordered functioning and implementation of the schemes, tracking and

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 31.2°C Min: 15.9°C

Humidity
Max: 59 Min: 48

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 20.8°C Min: 9.5°C

Humidity
Max: 88 Min: 67

Sunset : 17:59 Hours
Sunrise : 06:25 Hours

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