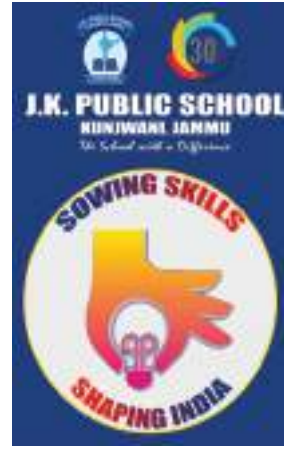




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Sales Tax Dept inks MoU with ICAI

J&K's GST revenue growth much higher than national average: Sinha



LG Manoj Sinha speaking during MoU signing ceremony between J&K State Taxes Department and ICAI at Srinagar on Sunday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: J&K State Taxes Department on Sunday inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)

for knowledge sharing and capacity building of the officers of State Taxes Department, in presence of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

In his address, the Lt Governor complimented the

high standards of professionalism shown by the J&K State Taxes Department and ICAI.

He said the MoU signed marked the beginning of a new partnership between ICAI and Jammu Kashmir.

The support and assistance of the ICAI to the State Taxes Department in future policy making and various other aspects related to taxation will strengthen the ongoing reforms in ease of doing business and economy, he added.

At the inaugural session of the Capacity Building Programme on GST, the Lt Governor lauded the honest taxpayers for their contribution in development of J&K and shared the efforts of the government for creating a favorable environment for economy and business.

The GST revenue growth of Jammu Kashmir has been much higher than the national average and we have reasons to be confident about future prospects due to reforms we carried out in the last few years to accelerate economic growth with

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Azad dispels 'rumours' about being next LG of J&K DPAP emerges as major, effective alternative political party in 1 year

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Former chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad on Sunday said he was not interested in becoming the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, dispelling "rumours" in this regard.

The former Congress leader said he was not looking for employment but wanted to serve the people of J&K.

"I will request people not to trust the rumour mills which are working in overdrive. There is a fresh rumour here that Ghulam Nabi Azad is going to be the next LG.

"I have not come (to JK) looking for a job, I want to



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing gathering at Srinagar on Sunday.

serve the people," Azad said addressing a rally to mark the foundation day of his Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) which he formed last year after parting ways with the

Congress. Azad said some people were trying to give the impression that he was looking for rehabilitation. "When I came here in 2005 (as chief minister),

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Cocaine worth Rs 300 Cr seized in Ramban, 2 Punjab residents arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BANIHAL: Police have recovered 30 kg of cocaine worth Rs 300 crore in international market from a vehicle in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district, a senior police officer said on Sunday, claiming to have busted a narco-terror module.

According to the official, two Punjab residents were arrested following the recovery of one of the biggest narcotic haul this year from Banihal area along Jammu-Srinagar national highway.

Earlier, the recovered narcotics was believed to be heroin but after investigation it turned out to be cocaine.

"At about 10.30 pm on Saturday, Ramban police led by Senior Superintendent of Police, Mohita Sharma intercepted one vehicle at Railway Chowk Banihal coming from Kashmir towards Jammu and recovered about 30 kg cocaine, having an approximate value of Rs 300 crore in international black market and apprehended

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 24.8°C Min: 13.2°C

Humidity
Max: 71 Min: 69

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 6.8°C Min: 2.8°C

Humidity
Max: 94 Min: 83

Sunset : 17:27 Hours
Sunrise : 07:23 Hours

J&K receiving Center's focused approach; education, health, nutrition, infrastructure get huge push: Union Secy



Union Secretary V Srinivas delivering key note address on Prelude Conference organized by IIPA, JK Regional Branch on Sunday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: "India is marching fast towards digital empowerment of citizens besides cybernated transformation of institutions to optimize transparency and accountability in day-to-day functioning", stated Union Secretary,

Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, V Srinivas, while delivering key note address on Prelude Conference on "New Paradigms of Governance" organized by Indian Institute of Public Administration, JK Regional Branch on Sunday.

He said that good governance include technology usage, secretariat reforms, special campaigns, benchmark of governance and services, redressal of public grievances and improving service delivery, recognizing meritocracy and replication of good governance practices of the country.

Srinivas said that the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), is at the forefront of driving transformative changes in governance, embracing digitization

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Swachh revolution across J&K creating new livelihood opportunities: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said the Swachh revolution across Jammu and Kashmir is creating new livelihood opportunities, generating more revenues and improving the quality of life. Participating in the One-Hour of citizen-led Shramdaan for Swachhata campaign and leading the cleanliness and de-weeding drive at Dal Lake, the Lieutenant Governor reiterated the commitment of the Administration to strengthen the Swachhata movement in the Union Territory.

'Swachhata Hi Seva' Campaign, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has become a Jan-Andolan in the UT of



LG Manoj Sinha participating in 1-Hour of citizen-led Shramdaan for Swachhata in Srinagar on Sunday.

Jammu and Kashmir. It is our collective responsibility to protect our surroundings, our lakes & rivers and spread awareness on cleanliness, he added.

He joined the citizens from

all walks of life who were gathered in large numbers to pay 'swachhanjali' to Mahatma Gandhi.

"The way we see the surroundings becomes the

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LG greets people on Gandhi Jayanti

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has greeted the people on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti.

In a message the Lt Governor said: "The birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi is an occasion for all of us to rededicate ourselves to his teachings of non-violence, peace, truth tolerance, communal harmony and work for the nation building.

Pujya Bapu's lifelong mission was to transform the lives of people and rural India. His life and thoughts represent the eternal values of humanity, which are guiding different societies

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Modi pitches for blending well-being, health with cleanliness drive

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday pitched for blending fitness and well-being with cleanliness as he led a nationwide 'Swachhata hi Seva' campaign that saw thousands participate in an hour-long "shramdaan" across the country.

Wielding a broom, the prime minister took part in the drive along with fitness influencer Ankit Baiyanpuriya.

Sharing a four-minute video on his official 'X' account, Modi said, "Today, as the nation focuses on Swachhata, Ankit Baiyanpuriya and I did the same! Beyond just cleanliness, we blended fitness and well-being also into the mix. It is all about that Swachh and Swasth Bharat vibe!"

People from all walks of life, from politicians to students, took up brooms and participated in the campaign

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PM Narendra Modi participating in special cleanliness programme 'Ek Taarikh, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath' in New Delhi on Sunday.

Like Chandrayaan, Indo-US relationship will go to moon and even beyond: Jaishankar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

WASHINGTON: The India-US relationship is at an all-time high and the two nations have moved to a position where they see each other as very desirable, optimal and comfortable partners, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said, stressing that like the Chandrayaan, bilateral ties will go to the moon and maybe even beyond.

Jaishankar made the remarks while addressing



several hundred Indian-Americans who had gathered at the India House from var-

ious parts of the US to attend the 'Celebrating Colours of Friendship' event organised by the Embassy of India here on Saturday.

"There is one clear message today that our relationship is at an all-time high. But as they say in America, you ain't seen anything yet. So, we are going to take this relationship to a different level, to a different place," he said at the largest-ever gathering of Indian-Americans at

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Addl SP, DySP suspended

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Home Department on Sunday suspended Addl SP Gowhar Ahmad Khan and DySP Adil Mushtaq.

As per order issued by Raj Kumar Goyal, IAS Financial Commissioner Additional Chief Secretary, "In terms of Rule 31(2) of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification Control & Appeal) Rules, 1956, Adil Mushtaq, Deputy Superintendent of Police, PID No.KPS 155772,

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Nation pays tribute to Gandhi ji and Shastri ji on their Birth Anniversary

Mahatma Gandhi ji's thoughts have inspired the entire world. Bapu's speciality was to connect with people and make them connected with him. In the same way, Lal Bahadur Shastri ji will always be remembered for his tough leadership at a very crucial time of our history.

- Narendra Modi

