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Upliftment of marginalised is mission of J&K Administration: LG

For decades opportunists betrayed minorities in name of religion, used them only as vote banks



LG Manoj Sinha speaking during the 'Sadbhavana' event organised by Indian Minorities Foundation at Srinagar on Saturday.

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SRINAGAR: Reiterating government's commitment to ensure equitable and inclusive development with no section of society being left behind, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said that upliftment of mar-

ginalised is the mission of J&K Administration.

"Today, benefits of growth are not provided on the basis of caste or community but on the principle of inclusivity," the Lt Governor said while speaking at 'Sadbhavana' event organised by Indian

Minorities Foundation (IMF), at Srinagar.

He added that equal opportunity to all, especially the deprived section is our aim so that they are empowered and contribute in the journey of Viksit Bharat.

The Lt Governor lauded

the crucial role of Indian Minorities Foundation in empowering minorities, promoting Sufism and fostering brotherhood, peace and harmony as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Prime Minister gave us a vision 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'. The Government has only one religion-India first, one holy book- constitution and one ritual-well being of all. It defines our ancient civilization, respect to all religious beliefs and practices and our determination of inclusive growth," the Lt Governor said.

He expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister for ending the policy of appeasement and ensuring the

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Charge-sheet filed against man accused of defrauding many with loan-job scam

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police Crime Branch on Saturday filed a charge sheet against a man for allegedly duping unemployed youths promising them government jobs and bank loans, an official said.

A 166-page charge sheet was filed against Vicky Dogra, a resident of Bishnah, in a case registered against him early this year; a spokesman of the Crime Branch said.

"The accused is a notorious habitual criminal who is cheating innocent people, particularly the unemployed youth with false promises of arranging government jobs," the spokesman said.

Dogra was booked at the complaint of one Parma Nand of Hiranagar area of Kathua, who alleged

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BSF lodges strong protest with Pakistani counterpart over unprovoked firing along IB in Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Border Security Force (BSF) on Saturday lodged a strong protest with the Pakistan Rangers over the recent unprovoked firing and mortar shelling on forward posts and villages along the International Border here, officials said.

The cross-border shelling by Pakistan Rangers, the first major ceasefire violation since 2021, started around 8 pm Thursday in the Arnia area of R S Pura sector and lasted around seven hours, leaving a BSF jawan and a woman injured.

"A wing commander-commandant level flag meeting was held between BSF and Pakistan Rangers at BOP (Border Outpost) Octroi. BSF delegation leader



File Photo

lodge a strong protest to Pakistan Rangers for unprovoked firing in Arnia area in the night intervening October 26-27," the BSF said in a statement here Saturday evening.

The statement said the meeting ended in a cordial atmosphere to maintain peace and tranquillity along the International Border.

Earlier, officials said the hour-long meeting was attended by seven members each of the BSF and the Pakistan Rangers.

This was the second flag meeting between the two sides in 10 days after two BSF personnel were injured when their post in Arnia came under fire from

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CEO FSSAI calls for constant monitoring of food, storage standards

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

PAHALGAM: Chief Executive Officer (CEO), FSSAI, Kamala Vardhana Rao on Saturday called for constant monitoring of food and storage standards, saying that inspections of street food must be ensured on a large scale.

"The Central government is ready to provide food safety labs, infrastructure, technology and knowledge sharing required for conducting food safety tests" the CEO said while virtually chairing the 42nd meeting of Central Advisory Committee (CAC)

of Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), held here.

The CEO asked the officials to expedite the certification process for food sold in restaurants and fast food centres.

Executive Director, FSSAI, Inosha Sharma participated in the meeting at Pahalgam, which was also attended by CAC Members, special invitees from different ministries, members from consumer organisations, research bodies and food industry.

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Modi all set to return for third term with clear majority in 2024: Rajnath

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LUCKNOW: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday exuded confidence that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is all set to return for a third term with a clear majority in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

"The faith of the people of the entire country is with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and it is not just me but several political observers have also accepted this fact that he is coming back with a clear majority in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections," Singh, on a two-day visit to his parliamentary constituency Lucknow, told reporters. He was reacting to a question on the challenge posed by the opposition

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Justice Tashi Rabstan visits site of new Munsif court complex Bishnah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Administrative Judge for District Jammu on Saturday visited the newly acquired land site for the construction of new Munsif court complex at Tehsil Bishnah, here.

During the visit, Justice Tashi Rabstan was briefed about the steps initiated by district administration and engineering wing of govern-



Justice Tashi Rabstan during visit to newly acquired land site for construction of new Munsif court complex, Bishnah.

ment with regard to construction of court complex.

Justice Tashi

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■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Saturday reiterated that the LG Administration is fully committed to provide corruption free governance system to its citizens and would leave no stone unturned in this pursuit.

"During the current dispensation, concerted efforts were made to transfer the power in the hands of common people from official corridors", the Chief Secretary said while taking stock of the preparations for the upcoming



CS A K Mehta reviewing preparations for upcoming 'Vigilance Awareness Week' in Jammu on Saturday.

'Vigilance Awareness Week' to be celebrated nationally from October 31 in presence of Administrative Secretaries and Deputy Commissioners.

Outstation based officers participated through video

Army jawan arrested for killing wife

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: An Army jawan visiting home on leave was arrested for allegedly murdering his wife in Kathua district on Saturday, police said.

Sarabjeet Kour was found strangled to death at her residence in Kunde Chak Marheen Saturday morning, following which a case was registered at Rajbagh police station, a police official said.

During the course of investigation, Kour's husband Bhopinder Singh

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Div Com, IGP visit border villages

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar alongwith Inspector General of Police Jammu Zone, Anand Jain on Saturday visited Border villages affected by Pak shelling and assessed losses caused to property.

Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya; SSP Jammu, Vinod Kumar, S.P HQ, Rammish Gupta, SDM R.S. Pura and other concerned officers accompanied the Div Com and IGP.



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar alongwith IGP Jammu Zone, Anand Jain interacting with border dwellers.

DDC Member Suchetgarh, Taranjeet Singh Tony, PRI members and locals were also present on the occasion.

The Div Com and IGP interacted with affected families at village Bhulla

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Govt boosted employment in traditional as well as emerging sectors: Modi



PM Narendra Modi addressing at National Rozgar Mela via video conferencing on Saturday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted on Saturday that his government has boosted employment opportunities in traditional as well as emerg-

ing sectors like renewable energy, defence industry and automation.

He made the remarks as he distributed appointment let-

ters to nearly 51,000 youths recruited in different government departments.

He said his government and states ruled by the BJP

and its allies have been holding 'Rozgar Mela' since October last year, and lakhs

of youngsters have

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Union MoS distributes appointment letters to J&K youth at Jammu

JAMMU: In a momentous event held at Gulshan Ground, here as part of Rozgar Mela held across country, Union Minister of State for Cooperation and Development of North Eastern Region, B.L. Verma, on Saturday distributed more than 314 job appointment letters across various departments to youth of Jammu & Kashmir.

Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Jugal Kishore Sharma; Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana; Chairman, District Development Council, Jammu, Bharat Bhushan; JMC Mayor, Rajinder



Union MoS B.L. Verma distributing appointment letter to a youth at Jammu on Saturday.

Sharma and other senior officers of J&K Administration were also present on the occasion. This ceremony, hosted at 37 locations across the country, represents a

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 26.7°C Min: 15.6°C

Humidity
Max: 83 Min: 81

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 22.0°C Min: 3.7°C

Humidity
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