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J&K has potential to become highly-skilled human resource capital of country: LG



LG Manoj Sinha addressing first Convocation of ITI Graduates at Srinagar on Sunday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Highlighting the demographic advantage of the Union Territory, the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said that Jammu and Kashmir has potential to become the highly-skilled human resource capital of the country. "In order to convert its potential into reality and create a future workforce, the skill ecosystem like ITIs and polytechnics will have to play a crucial role, Sinha said while addressing the first Convocation of Industrial Training Institutes (ITI) graduates, who have cleared the All India Trade Test 2023.

He said a skilled workforce will drive the growth of the economy in the future. Therefore, the skills our workforce possesses should be future-ready, he added. The Lt Governor felicitated the national-level toppers and wished them success in their future endeavours. He also launched several new initiatives including Portal for ranking of Polytechnics, JK Innovation Hub portal, Centralised Academic Monitoring & Improvement System and implementation of revised curriculum as per National Educational Policy 2020. A holistic and quality-driven ITI ecosystem should be strengthened in line with the increasing demand for skilled workforce in J&K, he said. "For many decades ITIs served as a backbone of the skill sector and made immense contributions

3 DCs among 41 IAS, JKAS officers transferred

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Three Deputy Commissioners were among 41 IAS and JKAS officers transferred by the J&K government on Sunday. According to the order issued by Sanjeev Verma, Baseer-ul-Haq Promotion Organization, shall hold the charge of the post of Director, Entrepreneurship Development Institute, J&K, in addition to his own duties, till further orders. Aijaz Director Sericulture; Harvinder DC Doda; Arun Dir Industries; Savak given addl charge of Dir Agri; Vishesh DC Reasi; Kishori Dir Estates; Babila Mission Director NHM; Magotra Dir Geology; Ansuya Addl DC Jammu; Puri Jt Dir Info (Hqr); Naresh Jt Dir Hospitality J&K, Director General, Sericulture, J&K, has been transferred and posted as Managing Director, J&K Agro Industries Development Corporation; Om Prakash, JKAS, Director, Geology and Mining, J&K, has been transferred and posted as Managing Director, J&K Jammu; Ali Afsar Khan, JKAS, Additional District Development Commissioner, Bandipore, has been transferred and posted as Additional Commissioner, State Taxes (Tax Planning, Policy and Advance Ruling), J&K; Ajay Kumar, JKAS, Managing Director, Financial Corporation; Arun Kumar Manhas, JKAS, Managing Director, J&K Agro Industries Development Corporation, has been transferred and posted as Director, Industries and Commerce, J&K.

Police inspector playing cricket shot by terrorist in downtown Srinagar, critically wounded

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A Jammu and Kashmir Police inspector was battling for life at a hospital after he was shot and wounded by a Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist on a cricket field in downtown Srinagar on Sunday, officials said. The officer, identified as Masroor Ahmad Wani, was playing cricket at the Eidgah playground when the lone terrorist fired three shots in the eye, abdomen and neck from close range, they said.

Nationwide platform 'Mera Yuva Bharat' to be launched on Sardar Patel's birth anniversary: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday announced that a nationwide 'Mera Yuva Bharat' platform will be launched on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary on October 31 to give the youth an opportunity to play an active role in various nation building events. In his Mann Ki Baat radio broadcast, Modi said the 'Mera Yuva Bharat' website is also going to be launched and the youth should register on MYBharat.Gov.in. "MYBharat will provide an opportunity to the youth of India to play an



active role in various nation building events. This is a unique effort of integrating the youth power of India in building a developed India," the prime minister said.

He also noted that October 31 marks former prime minister Indira Gandhi's death anniversary and paid tributes to her. In his remarks, Modi reiterated his strong pitch for being 'vocal for local' "Like every time, this time too, during festivals, our priority should be 'Vocal for Local,'" he said. "I want to reiterate my request that wherever you go on tourism or pilgrimage buy products made by local artisans," he said. Modi also said that on Gandhi Jayanti, Khadi witnessed record sales.

Women in J&K village working overtime to make diyas of cow dung for Diwali

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A group of rural women in Jammu and Kashmir are toiling hard to make diyas of cow dung to ensure an eco-friendly Diwali. A young social activist-turned-entrepreneur has taken the initiative

Illegal vehicle modification shops raided, sealed by SSP Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A Joint team of Revenue, Motor Vehicles and Police Departments on Sunday took swift action against two establishments, Prince Accessories and Quickway Modifications near Wave Mall for unauthorised vehicle modification, which is in direct violation of Section 182 (A) of the Motor Vehicles Act. The operation resulted in the seizure of both shops and various items used in the illegal trade. Taking cognizance of the illegal businesses being promoted through social media, SSP Jammu, Dr. Vinod Kumar, directed teams to take immediate action against these establishments, ensuring that the law was upheld.

Don't allow religion in politics: Azad 'Only DPAP Govt can usher an era of development in J&K'

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAMBAN: Chairman DPAP Ghulam Nabi Azad on Sunday promised people that his politics would always be based on moral and social values and he would never discriminate among his people on the basis of religion. He said the foundation of DPAP is itself based on the same principles since he believes in inclusiveness and equality and only promotes merit. "In my political career I have never been discriminative and helping anyone for being from a particular religion. Because if we practice such tactics it can prove disastrous and insidious," he said while addressing a public meeting at Ramban. Azad said his works are itself advocating for my plurality since districts, colleges, hospitals and other developmental works he did

J&K border residents take to cleaning bunkers in wake of Pakistan shelling

STATE TIMES NEWS
ARNIA: Days after Pakistan Rangers violated ceasefire by targeting forward posts and villages along the International border here, the border residents have taken to cleaning underground bunkers, constructed over the years, to take shelter in. A massive cleaning operation is underway to make the bunkers habitable, with locals demanding more such constructions to escape the cross-border shelling. "We cannot trust Pakistan and have started a drive to clean the bunkers to make them usable," Sarpanch, Treva village of Arnia, Balbir Kour told PTI. India shares a 3,323 km-long

Jammu cricketer handed 2-year ban for submitting multiple birth certificates

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Young cricketer Vanshaj Sharma, a resident of Jammu, has been handed a two-year ban by the BCCI for submitting multiple birth certificates with different dates of birth. Sharma, who belongs to Jammu's Bishnah, had migrated to Bihar and was presently playing under the state association there. "He is presently with Bihar Cricket Association. He is not a JKCA player," Brigadier Anil

Chugh reaffirms BC nominee as CM in Telangana Says KCR and his supporters getting nervous

STATE TIMES NEWS
CHANDIGARH: BJP National Secretary Tarun Chugh, who is also Incharge in Telangana, on Sunday reaffirmed his party's commitment to have a chief minister from backward classes, saying the ruling KCR government has become nervous with it. The BRS party, he said, has started showing signs of panic over it. He said, adding, "A party which never did anything for the welfare of backward classes and that has only pro-

Narendra Modi has always kept welfare of the backward classes uppermost in his mind. Be it the central welfare schemes or otherwise he has always protected the deprived section of the society, he added. "As the KCR government has failed on all fronts by promoting corruption and nepotism, it has lost vision to rule the state and it's time for his government to pack up lock stock and barrel", Chugh added.

Two dead, 51 injured in IED blasts at Christian prayer meeting in Kerala

STATE TIMES NEWS
KOCHI: Two women died and 51 persons were injured, some seriously, in multiple blasts at a Christian religious gathering in a convention centre near this port city on Sunday morning, sending shockwaves across Kerala. The blasts took place at an international convention centre in Kalamassery where hundreds of followers of the minority Christian group Jehovah's Witnesses had assembled on the concluding day of a three-day-long

WEATHER
Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 29.0°C Min: 15.3°C
Humidity
Max: 92 Min: 72
Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 21.5°C Min: 3.8°C
Humidity
Max: 95 Min: 71
Sunset : 17:37 Hours
Sunrise : 06:41 Hours

