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# We are witnessing revival of J&K's cultural identity: LG

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: "We are witnessing revival of Jammu and Kashmir's cultural identity and spiritual traditions which have always promoted co-existence of almost all major religions, spiritual streams known to humankind and gave the ideals of humanism, communal harmony and peace to the world," Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Wednesday.

Sinha was speaking at a function after inaugurating Jagadguru Sri Ramanujacharya Saraswathi Bhandaram Digital Library and Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt Branch, Kashmir at Shivpora, Srinagar.

He shared the resolve of the UT Government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, to restore the past glory of Jammu Kashmir.

Sinha congratulated the Sri



LG Manoj Sinha addressing gathering after inaugurating Jagadguru Sri Ramanujacharya Saraswathi Bhandaram Digital Library and Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt Branch, Kashmir.

Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt and followers of Jagadguru Sri Ramanujacharya on the occasion.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has conveyed his best wishes and assured that he will personally visit Mutt's Kashmir branch, the Lt Governor said.

He recalled the immense contribution of Jagadguru

Sri Ramanujacharya to the society.

"Sri Ramanujacharya through his philosophy of vishishtadvaita preached love, peace, compassion, universal brotherhood and social equality. He showed the society path of righteousness, virtue and devotionism that influenced 'Bhakti Movement'," the Lt Governor

said.

He also highlighted Sri Ramanujacharya ji's deep spiritual connect with Kashmir.

While composing the epic 'Sri Bhasya', Jagadguru had travelled to Kashmir to refer to Bodhayana Vritti Grantha on Brahman Sutras. When this voluminous and his most famous work was complete,

he again visited Kashmir and dedicate Sri Bhasya' to Maa Sharada, the Lt Governor observed.

He said the Mutt's Kashmir Branch and treasure of eternal wisdom being made available through digital library will inspire us in building a peaceful and harmonious society.

The Lt Governor commended the noble initiative to provide medical services at the Mutt's Kashmir Branch.

H.H Sri Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Narayana Ramanuja Jeeyar Swami Ji of Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt, on behalf of the Mutt, expressed gratitude to Lt Governor and the UT Administration for the support to the Mutt.

Jagadguru Sri Ramanujacharya preached the message of unity, peace, equality, devotion to the world and inspired us to serve the society.

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# Two HM terrorists killed in Kulgam encounter

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Two terrorists were killed in a gunfight with security forces in Kulgam district on Wednesday, police said.

The killed terrorists of proscribed outfit HM have been identified as Basit Amin Bhat of Frisal and Saqib Ahmad Lone of Hawoora, Kulgam.

The encounter started earlier in the day when security forces launched a cordon and search operation at Kujjar following information about the presence of ultras there.

"02 terrorists killed. Bodies of the killed terrorists being retrieved from the site of encounter. Cordon & search operation is still in progress. Further details shall follow," Kashmir Zone police posted on X.

The search operation had turned into an encounter after the terrorists opened fire on the security forces, which retaliated.



According to an official handout, a joint cordon and search operation was launched by Kulgam Police on a specific input regarding the presence of terrorists in Kujjar area of Kulgam.

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. In the ensuing encounter, two terrorists

linked with proscribed terrorist outfit IIM were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site of encounter.

As per police records, both the killed terrorists were involved in several terror crime cases. Terrorist Basit was involved in case FIR No 93/2016 under section 147, 148, 149, 336, 332 RPC, Case FIR No 95/2016 under section 147, 148, 149, 336, 332 RPC, Case FIR No 35/2021 under section

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## 77.61 pc voter turnout recorded in Ladakh Hill Council elections

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KARGIL/JAMMU: More than 77 per cent voter turnout was recorded in the elections to Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Kargil, the first key poll in the region after abrogation of Article 370.

Polling for the elections which began at 8 am concluded at 4 pm smoothly, officials said.

Voters across age groups turned out in large numbers to cast their vote in the 5th LAHDC elections in which 87 candidates are trying their luck for 26 seats of the 30-member hill council. Four

councillors with voting rights are nominated by the administration.

The counting of votes is scheduled for October 8 and the new council will be in place before October 11. The existing council headed by National Conference's Feroz Ahmad Khan completed its five-year term on October 1.

"There was polling of 77.61 per cent in the elections to LAHDC Kargil today. Barring a few incidents, polling concluded smoothly in all the constituencies," Deputy Commissioner, Kargil, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse told PTI.

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## 8 dead, 22 armymen among 69 missing as flash flood wreaks havoc in Sikkim; Modi dials CM

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
GANGTOK: At least eight people died and 69 others, including 22 army personnel, went missing on Wednesday after a cloudburst over Lhonak Lake in north Sikkim triggered a flash flood in the Teesta River basin, officials said.

Three of the dead were washed up in north Bengal, they said.

The flood in Sikkim that started around 1.30 am was made worse by the release of water from Chungthang dam, the officials said.

"Five bodies have been recovered from Golitar and



A JCB rescuing people from flash floods in Sikkim on Wednesday.

Singtam region," Gangtok Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Mahendra Chettri said.

Another official said besides the 22 army personnel, 47 civilians were also missing, while 166 people

have so far been rescued, including an armyman.

"The health condition of the rescued soldier is stable," Defence Spokesperson Lt Col Mahendra Rawat said.

Bodies, including that of a child, were seen fished out

from the flood plains of the Teesta river at Golitar in Singtam by rescue personnel, the officials said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang on Wednesday to take stock of the situation in the state, and assured him of all possible support.

"Spoke to Sikkim CM Shri @PSTamangGolay and took stock of the situation in the wake of the unfortunate natural calamity in parts of the state. Assured all possible support in addressing the challenge. I pray for the

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## Civilian shot at by terrorists

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: A civilian was shot at by terrorists in Anantnag district on Wednesday, police said.


"Terrorists fired upon one person namely Sahil Bashir Dar son of Bashir Ah Dar, resident of Wanihama in Anantnag district," Kashmir Zone Police said in a post on X. The police said the injured person is being shifted to a hospital for treatment. The area has been cordoned off, and further details shall follow, the police added.

## LPG subsidy for Ujjwala beneficiaries hiked to Rs 300

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The government on Wednesday raised the subsidy provided to poor women, who got free cooking gas connections under the Ujjwala Yojana, to Rs 300 per cylinder as it looked to blunt opposition criticism of high fuel prices.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs raised the subsidy from Rs 200

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**WEATHER**

**Temperature (Jammu)**  
Max: 33.3°C Min: 19.7°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 76 Min: 55

**Temperature (Srinagar)**  
Max: 28.0°C Min: 9.6°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 68 Min: 36

Sunset : 18:07 Hours  
Sunrise : 06:21 Hours

## BJP alleges Gupkar parties attempting to create unrest by calling Dharna on Oct 10

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Slamming the opposition alliance for calling a dharna on October 10, Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief Ravinder Raina on Wednesday questioned why they did not protest against the bloodshed in J-K when it was reeling under terrorism.

He alleged that National Conference, Congress and PDP leaders under the Gupkar alliance were hatching conspiracies against peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir and the call for protest was an attempt to vitiate the atmosphere.



J&K BJP Chief Ravinder Raina briefing media at party headquarters in Jammu on Wednesday.

"When the whole of Jammu and Kashmir was in deep turmoil, and there was uncertainty and bloodshed (due to terrorism), these

leaders belonging to the Gupkar alliance were in deep slumber and never cared for the people's welfare.

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## GI tag to Basohli Pashmina, Udhampur's Kaladi: LG congratulates people

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday extended his hearty congratulations to the weavers, producers and families associated with Basohli Pashmina and Kaladi dairy product from Udhampur for getting the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. In a tweet, the Lt Governor said: "A moment of pride for J&K. Basohli Pashmina & Udhampur Kaladi get Geographical Indication (GI) Tag. It will boost morale of weavers and producers, families associated with Kaladi dairy

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## SC says will examine immunity to lawmakers from prosecution if criminality attached to their acts

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court said on Wednesday it will examine whether the immunity granted to lawmakers from prosecution for taking bribe to make a speech or vote in Parliament and state legislatures extends to them even if criminality is attached to their actions, as it began reconsideration of its 1998 judgement in the JMM bribery scandal that rocked the country 25 years ago.

The apex court's 1998 verdict granted MPs and MLAs immunity from prosecution

for taking bribes to make a speech or vote in legislature.



At the outset of the day-long proceedings, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta urged the seven-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud that the court need not go into the immunity aspect

under Article 105 of the Constitution and the controversy, possibly, can be narrowed down in view of the fact that the offence of bribery is complete when a bribe is given and accepted by the lawmaker, something which can be tackled under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Article 105(2) stipulates that no member of Parliament shall be liable to any proceedings in court in respect of anything said or any vote cast in

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# ED arrests AAP MP Sanjay Singh in Delhi Excise policy money laundering case

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Senior AAP leader Sanjay Singh, a Rajya Sabha MP, was on Wednesday arrested by the Enforcement Directorate here in connection with its money laundering probe linked to the 2021-22 Delhi Excise policy case, in a jolt to Delhi's ruling party after its third top leader was held by a central agency in over a year.

The arrest of 51-year-old Singh, who became the second high profile leader of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) to be nabbed in the case relating to the now scrapped Excise policy after former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, sparked a political slugfest between the Arvind Kejriwal-led party and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Delhi minister Satyendar Jain was arrested



by the ED on May 30, 2022 in a separate money laundering case.

After a day-long questioning, Singh was placed under arrest under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The ED officials swooped on his official residence in North Avenue early this morning and conducted searches.

Singh is expected to be produced before a local court in Delhi on Thursday where the ED will seek his custodial interrogation.

The searches and subsequent arrest of Singh comes a day after a Delhi court had allowed Raghav Magunta, son of YSR Congress Party Lok Sabha MP Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy, and

Delhi-based businessman Dinesh Arora to turn approver in the money laundering case connected to the alleged Delhi excise policy scam.

Several members of the opposition bloc INDIA rallied behind Singh, with Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) supremo Sharad Pawar saying the arrest will further strengthen the new alliance that was formed to take on the BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal called the arrest "completely illegal" and alleged it was a desperate measure by the BJP.

"The arrest of Sanjay Singh is completely illegal. This shows (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi ji's nervousness. They will arrest many

## AAP leaders deeply involved in liquor scam: Chugh

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Wednesday slammed Arvind Kejriwal government in Delhi for limitless corruption, saying that the leaders of Aam Aadmi Party are deeply involved in Sharab Gotala or Liquour Scam cases.

Replying to questions by reporters, Chugh said the AAP leaders are scared of law taking its course against them for corrupt practices. The investigating agencies are doing their job and the factual position will come to light soon, he said, alleging that Kejriwal has looted Rs 3,000 crore of poor people of Delhi.

Chugh said that the approver in Liquor Scam Dinesh Arora has clearly established that Kejriwal Government had been getting foreign funding while the Delhi Chief Minister along with the leaders of other opposition parties had been engaged in defaming Bharat.



"I accept dying but not bowing down. I exposed Adani's scams and filed multiple complaints with ED but no action was taken against Adani. Modi ji is losing the 2024 elections badly. They cannot win by committing atrocities and putting people

in jail.

"I had earlier also spoken against Adani's scams, I will continue to do so in future as well. We are (Arvind) Kejriwal's soldiers and will not back down in the face of atrocities," Singh said

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