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# J&K to become number one region in terms of farmers' income in next 4 years: LG



LG Manoj Sinha speaking after inaugurating Rabi Campaign in Baramulla on Friday.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BARAMULLA: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday expressed confidence that with the hard-work of farmers, extension of scientific knowledge and technologies, by tapping the potential of diversification and inter-cropping and robust linkages for end-to-end operations, from sowing to selling, Jammu and Kashmir will become the number one region in terms of farmer's income in the next 4 years.

"It is a golden era for agri-

culture and allied sector and I am confident the exponential growth in agriculture sector will contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat," the Lt Governor said after inaugurating the 'Rabi Campaign- sowing of Rabi Crops' during the Sankalp Saptaah at Aspirational Block Singhpora in Baramulla District.

He extended his felicitations to the farmers and directed the officials to ensure timely supply of critical inputs, fertilizers, facili-

tation of innovative technologies to enhance production for self sufficiency in oilseeds and pulses

Sharing the efforts of the UT Administration in bringing a paradigm shift in cultivation of Rabi crops, Sinha said that during the previous Rabi season, Kashmir Division for the first time had witnessed yellow revolution and an area of 1.4 Lakh hectares was brought under mustard cultivation. Upto Rabi 2020-21, about 70 per cent of cultivable land used

to remain fallow in Rabi season, he added.

The Rabi cropping intensity in Kashmir Division has increased rapidly. In 2022-23, farmers harvested 2027 MT of Rabi Crops which realised the estimated revenue of Rs.5000 Crore, he said.

Highlighting the significant impact of Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) on agriculture sector, the Lt Governor said that under the revolutionary intervention, the farmers of J&K are being encouraged to join Agri Stack and use innovative and sustainable solutions available across the country as per their needs.

A sustainable mechanism is also being developed through technological interventions to provide doorstep delivery of services and necessary information to farmers, he added.

At the inaugural

India to host G20 Parliament Speakers' Summit next week

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: India will raise all issues with the Canadian speaker of the Senate during the upcoming Parliament-20 meeting of the G20 nations' presiding officers scheduled here next week, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said on Friday.

The presiding officers of 25 countries and 10 deputy speakers from the G20 member nations and invitee

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7 killed, over 60 injured in blaze at Mumbai high-rise

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
MUMBAI: Seven people, including two minors, were killed and more than 60 injured after a fire swept through a residential building in Mumbai's Goregaon area in the early hours of Friday, a civic official said. Five of the injured are in critical condition. Hours later, the city's fire brigade chief said the building

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# Left wing extremism will be eliminated from country in 2 years: Amit Shah

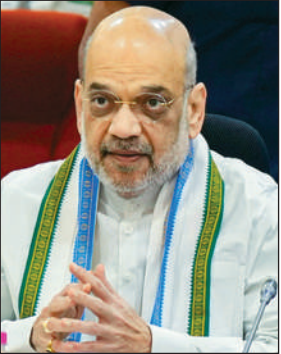
**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said Left Wing Extremism will be totally eliminated from the country in two years.

Chairing a meeting to review the security situation in LWE-affected states, Shah also said year 2022 witnessed the lowest number of incidents of violence and deaths in Naxal-hit areas in last four decades.

Left Wing Extremism will be totally eliminated from the country in two years, he said. "Naxalism is a curse to humanity and we are resolved to uproot it in all its forms," he said.

Officials said violent incidents in Naxal-affected states have come down by 77 per cent in 2022 in comparison to the high of 2010.

The review meeting was attended by the chief ministers of Maharashtra,



Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand. Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis also attended the meeting where Odisha, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh were represented by state ministers.

Officials said there has been significant improvement in the LWE security situation in the country over the last five years. The central government had approved the 'National Policy and Action Plan to

address LWE' in 2015.

The policy envisages a multi-pronged strategy involving security-related measures, development interventions, ensuring rights and entitlements of local communities, etc, the officials said.

Steadfast implementation of this policy has resulted in consistent decline in LWE violence across the nation, they said.

The number deaths of security forces and civilians in LWE violence has also reduced by 90 per cent in 2022 as compared to the high of 2010, they said.

According to the data prepared by the Ministry of Home Affairs, there were 17,679 LWE-related incidents and 6,984 deaths between 2004 and 2014.

In contrast, there have been 7,649 LWE-related incidents and 2,020 deaths from 2014 to 2023 (till 15 June 23), the data showed.

## Govt issues notices to X, YouTube, Telegram to remove child sexual abuse material

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The government has issued notices to social media platforms X, formerly Twitter, YouTube and Telegram to remove child sexual abuse material from their platforms in India, an official statement said on Friday.

Minister of State for Electronics and IT, Rajiv Chandrasekhar said if social media intermediaries do not act swiftly, their safe harbour under section 79 of the IT Act would be withdrawn, implying that the platforms can be directly prosecuted under the applicable laws and rules even though the

content may have not been uploaded by them.

"Ministry of Electronics and IT has issued notices to social media intermediaries X, YouTube and Telegram, warning them to remove Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) from their platforms on the Indian internet.

"The notices served to these platforms emphasize the importance of prompt and permanent removal or disabling of access to any CSAM on their platforms," the statement said.

The notices also call for the implementation of proactive measures, such as

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## Inter-state fraudster charge sheeted in Rs. 28 Lakh fraud Accused pretended as Head of ICM: CB

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Economic Offences Wing - Crime Branch Jammu on Friday produced preliminary charge-sheet against fraudster Upendra Singh Rudradeo for duping a person of Rs 28 lakhs after enticing him by pretending to be the Head of the Indian Cooperative Mission (ICOM).

According to a handout, the fraudster Upendra Singh Rudradeo, son of Sukhi Lal Singh, resident of Gram Post Makair, Chappra Bihar, presently at 108/09 Pocket 10 Rohini Delhi; B-96, First floor, Rohini Sector-01,

Avantika North West Delhi and H.No 5L/122A P/S NIT Faridabad, Haryana in case FIR No. 51/2019 U/S 420, 465, 471/ RPC P/S Crime Branch Jammu, duped the complainant Puran Chand, son of Lt. Lal Chand, resident of Village Gazipur Kulian, R. S Pura, District Jammu of Rs 28 lakhs after the accused enticed him by pretending to be the Head of the Indian Cooperative Mission (ICOM) and to work with him in different projects of the mission.

The case owes its origin to a written complaint lodged by Puran Chand, who alleged

therein that one Upendra Singh Rudradeo cheated him by taking an amount of Rs 28 lakhs in January 2017, through one of his close friend namely Rakesh Ranjan, who introduced the accused to the complainant as National Head organization committee of Indian Cooperative Mission. The accused thereafter showed the complainant a fake project file of Indian Cooperative Mission (ICOM) and took the complainant into confidence to work with the accused in different projects with Indian Cooperative Mission and finally duped him.

On receipt of the complaint, a preliminary verification was initiated by Crime Branch Jammu in accordance with the procedure in vogue and during the course of enquiry the allegations leveled were prima-facie substantiated against the accused leading to the registration of a formal case against the accused under the relevant sections of law.

During the course of investigation, the culprit was arrested from Delhi after hectic efforts put in by a Special team of Crime Branch Jammu as the accused was constantly

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## Anantnag killing: Teenage boy's sister recounts desperate last moments

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: "I fell at their feet and pleaded with them to let my brother go, but they shot him. As I held my brother, I saw that the bullet had pierced through his neck," says 26-year-old Nadia Bashir, recalling the evening two masked men barged into her house and left her family shattered.

The next day, her 16-year-old brother Sahil Bashir Dar, a resident of Anantnag district's Watergam, died at a hospital.

Dar was shot dead by two unidentified terrorists on Wednesday evening, according to police. His father and elder brother had gone out to offer evening prayers at the time of the incident.

After her mother finished praying, Bashir said, she heard the main gate of their house open and looked out of the window to see who it was. "My mother saw two masked men at the gate and repeatedly asked them who they were and what the matter was but they did

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## Kejriwal Govt hoodwinked people in Delhi, Punjab: Chugh

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh today said that the AAP has emerged as the most corrupt political party and the Modi government would not spare anybody in the matter.

Talking about the Delhi liquor scam the BJP leader said the Kejriwal government had caused a loss of revenue worth crores of rupees to the Delhi government and the investigations into the matter will be driven by law of the land and no accused,

however big he might be, would be spared in the process.

Chugh questioned the



manner the Delhi government led by Arvind Kejriwal altered the excise policy in a manner that it became a big scam for the nation's capital.

He said the liquor scam of

Delhi had briefly found its expression in Punjab as well but it fell flat due to the vigilant eyes of the people of the state.

Chugh said gross irregularities were done to tamper with the excise system in Delhi for which Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is answerable.

Never in the country has a scam of this scale come about, said the BJP leader adding that it must become a lesson for political leaders trying to play double games in the name of people's welfare.

## Kupwara to be connected to rail network: Sinha Interacts with PRIs, border residents; pays obeisance at Mata Kheer Bhawani Asthapan Tikkar

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said the frontier district of Kupwara will be brought on the country's rail map as the survey for the railway line has been sanctioned by the ministry.

Sinha said the Ministry of Railways has "sanctioned a technical survey of rail line" for Kupwara District.

"Once the survey is completed and the DPR (Detailed Project Report) submitted, I hope work on the rail link will be started and Kupwara will be connected to the rail network," he told reporters in Kupwara.

The LG said more than 9,000 beneficiaries have been sanctioned houses in Jammu and Kashmir under

the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) scheme.

"Those who do not have their own land and are eligible have been given five marlas of land by the government. If there is any person who is eligible for the PMAY but has no land, the J-K administration will provide five marlas of land to him," he added.

The Lt Governor said, people-centric policies have given fresh impetus to all-round development in the district and the common man is living in a peaceful environment. He also said that well-planned efforts have resulted in significant increase in tourist influx in the district.

"Electricity has reached the far-flung areas and works under Jal Jeevan



LG Manoj Sinha briefing media at Kupwara on Friday.

Mission has been expedited. We are hopeful to achieve the target of covering all villages, Panchayats and households under 'Nal Se Jal' by 31st December this year in the district. 70 per cent work has already been completed," he said.

Lieutenant Governor, on the second day of his visit to Kupwara, interacted with

various public delegations.

The delegations comprising PRI members; residents of Border villages; traders federation; members of Pahadi, Gujjar Bakerwal and minority communities; farmers, transporters, media fraternity and Bar Association apprised the Lt Governor on various development-related issues and

other matters of public importance.

He assured the delegations of time-bound redressal of their genuine issues and grievances.

The Lt Governor also launched winter plantation drive as a part of the Green J&K campaign. As many as 8.5 lakh saplings are to be planted in the district during the drive.

Earlier, the Lt Governor paid obeisance at Mata Kheer Bhawani Asthapan Tikkar Kupwara and prayed for peace, prosperity, happiness and well-being of one and all.

The Lt Governor spent the night at Kupwara and interacted with many public delegations and officers to assess the development needs of the people of the district.

## SC to constitute seven-judge bench to consider issue relating to Money Bill

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court said on Friday it will constitute a seven-judge bench to consider the issue of validity of passage of laws like the Aadhaar Act as Money Bill.

The decision is aimed at addressing the controversy around money bills after the government introduced legislations like Aadhaar Bill and even amendments to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) as money bills, apparently to circumvent the Rajya Sabha where it did not have majority. A money bill is a

Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Telangana. Their job, he said, is to ensure a level-playing field and purity of elections. Kumar said the Commission is increasingly concentrating on having a humane face, by facilitating and including persons with disabilities, senior citizens who are 80 years or above and particularly vulnerable tribal groups with the help of special provisions such as home voting and accessible polling stations.

Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey

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## Rs 3.43 lakh Cr of Rs 2,000 notes deposited

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
MUMBAI: Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday said Rs 3.43 lakh crore of Rs 2,000 denomination notes have come back to the system so far, and reminded the public that they can return the withdrawn notes at 19 RBI offices from October 8.

Addressing the customary post-policy press meet, Das said 87 per cent of the notes which have been returned have been deposited into bank accounts, while the rest have been exchanged over the counter.

At present, over Rs 12,000 crore of notes are still in circulation, Das said, reiterating that the notes can be returned even after the end of the extended period.

It can be noted that on May 19, the RBI had surprised all by announcing its intent to withdraw the Rs 2,000 note introduced in 2016 for quick remonetisation, following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement to suck out over 88 per cent of currency in circulation by banning the Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes.

The RBI, which had initially given time till September 30, for getting the notes deposited or exchanged, extended the same by a week till October 7, on the last date.

Maintaining that the notes continue to be legal tender, the RBI had also announced a new system for

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 33.0°C Min: 20.0°C

Humidity  
Max: 65 Min: 59

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 29.1°C Min: 8.2°C

Humidity  
Max: 65 Min: 41

Sunset: 18:04 Hours  
Sunrise: 06:22 Hours