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## SFs, J&K police determined to dismantle terror ecosystem: LG



LG Manoj Sinha meeting family member of a victim of terrorism at Srinagar on Thursday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said the Security Forces (SFs) and Jammu and Kashmir Police are determined to dismantle terror ecosystem.

**Eight IAS officers of AGMUT Cadre transferred**  
**M Raju, Saugat Biswas transferred to J&K; Bipul, Rashmi posted to Delhi**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Ministry of Home Affairs on Thursday transferred eight IAS officers. According to the order issued by Rakesh Kumar Singh, Under Secretary to Government of India, Bipul Pathak (AGMUT: 1992 batch), Rashmi Singh (AGMUT: 2007 batch) have been transferred from Jammu and Kashmir and posted to Delhi while Yasha Mudgal (AGMUT: 2007 batch) has been transferred from Jammu

and Kashmir and posted to Puducherry. M Raju (AGMUT: 2005 batch) has been transferred from Puducherry to J&K, Saugat Biswas (AGMUT: 2006 batch) from Arunachal Pradesh to J&K, Ram Niwas Sharma (AGMUT: 2010 batch) and Nidhi Malik (AGMUT: 2013 batch) from Delhi have been posted to J&K. Y.V.V.J Rajasekhar (AGMUT: 2012 batch officer) has been transferred from Delhi and posted to Arunachal Pradesh.

**Search ops underway in Poonch, Rajouri; GOC visits Doda**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Security forces have launched a massive search operation to track down terrorists at different places in the twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri, officials said on Thursday. The officials said police and army launched a joint search operation at Mohri Shahstar in Gursai top area of Poonch district late Wednesday night following information about the presence of some terrorists. Security forces challenged the terrorists moving towards the forest, leading to a brief firing, they said. Reinforcements were rushed and a massive search operation is underway to track down the terrorists, the officials said.

**Chugh hails hike in MSP on Rabi crops, DA for central staff**  
**Expresses gratitude to PM Modi for helping farmers**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Thursday welcomed the decision of the Modi government to enhance the MSP for Rabi crops and raise Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR) for Central government employees, which he described as a major "Pre Diwali gift" from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Chugh commended the

- Meets families of victims of terrorism
- Says these families, despite suffering immense personal loss, hardships and pain, were excluded from mainstream of development for several decades and assures justice and rehabilitation
- "Instead of compassion and support, they were marginalized, and their voices went unheard. I will try my best to ensure justice, welfare and rehabilitation of these families"

"Our security forces and J&K police are committed to completely neutralise terror groups and terror ecosystem sponsored by the neighbouring country", the Lieutenant Governor said while interacting with the family members of victims of terrorism from

across North, Central and South Kashmir, at Raj Bhawan

He said: "At the same time, we will ensure that families targeted by terrorists and who were left behind are provided with all the

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## AEE caught red handed for demanding commission, accepting bribe

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SOPORE: Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has caught an Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) of PWD (R&B) Division Sopore for demanding commission and accepting bribe from a contractor for processing bills.

According to a statement, the ACB had received a complaint from a contractor against AEE PWD (R&B) Division Sopore, Mubarak Ahmad Ganie alleging there-

in that he is demanding commission of 2 percent as bribe from him for processing his current bill as well as on previous bills cleared by him.

It was alleged by the complainant that he was executing construction of Lecture Block G+2 of GDC Sopore under supervision of PWD R&B division sopore for which CC 8th bill was prepared and checked by the concerned JE but when he approached AEE Mubarak Ahmad Ganie for

**Five MLAs' nomination: Special Bench to hear plea next week**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A special division bench of the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court will hear next week a plea challenging the power vested in the J&K lieutenant governor to nominate five members to the Legislative Assembly of the Union territory. Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan agreed to constitute a special division bench on Monday to hear the public interest litigation (PIL) with regard to nomination of the five MLAs, petitioner Ravinder Sharma said.

On October 14, the Supreme Court refused to entertain the plea and asked the petitioner to approach the high court.

As Sharma's counsel D K Khajuria moved the High Court and sought early listing of the petition, Chief Justice Rabstan agreed

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## Omar reaches out to Warwan fire victims; pledges immediate relief, support



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah during visit to fire-affected families in Warwan on Thursday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

WARWAN (KISHTWAR): Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah, on Thursday afternoon visited the fire-ravaged Warwan Valley in Kishtwar district, where scores of homes were gutted in a devastating fire that swept through Mulwarwan village

on October 15.

A major fire in the densely populated Mulwarwan village on Monday consumed most of the residential houses, leaving over 100 families homeless ahead of the harsh winter when the area is cut off for months together owing to heavy snowfall.

The Chief Minister, who assumed office just a day earlier, met with the affected families, offering his condolences and assuring immediate relief and long-term support to help them rebuild their lives. The Chief Minister was accompanied

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## MLA not 'standing' up for National Anthem; inquiry initiated

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Police has ordered a preliminary inquiry into allegations that a National Conference MLA did not stand up for the national anthem during the swearing-in ceremony of the Jammu and Kashmir council of ministers.

"Police has taken cognizance of an incident where an individual did not stand up during the playing of the National Anthem," Srinagar Police posted on X without naming anyone as the

acused.

"A preliminary inquiry by an SP-rank officer under Section 173 (3) of the BNS has been initiated, and electronic evidence is being analysed for further course of legal action," he said.

MLA Sonawari Hilal Akbar Lone, who was seen seated when the National Anthem was played, said he had risen for the national anthem but had to sit down due to a medical condition. "I had to sit down as I could

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**12 CRPF personnel injured as vehicle falls into gorge**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

BUDGAM: A dozen CRPF personnel were injured when their vehicle skidded off the road and fell into a gorge in Budgam district on Thursday, officials said.

The incident took place in the Khaigam area of the central Kashmir district, they said.

The injured Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel were shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment, they said.

## CJ inaugurates NDPS Court at Srinagar

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief J&K Legal Services Authority, Justice Tashi Rabstan, on Thursday inaugurated the newly created Court of Special Judge (NDPS), in District Court Complex Srinagar.

The dignitaries were warmly welcomed by Jaffer Hussain Beg, Principal District & Sessions Judge Srinagar and other judicial officers of the District Court, Srinagar. Jaffer Hussain



Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan inaugurating newly created Court of Special Judge (NDPS) in District Court Complex Srinagar.

Beg expressed sincere gratitude to the Chief Justice for his exceptional leadership.

The Chief Justice inaugurated the facility in

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## SC to consider hearing plea for restoration of statehood to J&K

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday said it will consider listing a plea seeking time-bound restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

Senior Advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, appearing for applicants, urged a bench comprising Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra that the plea needed an urgent hearing. "There is an MA (Miscellaneous Application) for conferring statehood. It was noted (in last year's judgement) that it has to be time-bound," the senior lawyer

said. "I will deal with it," the CJI said. The fresh application was filed by Zahoor Ahmad Bhat, an academician, and Khurshaid Ahmad Malik, a socio-political activist, in Jammu and Kashmir.

On December 11, 2023, the Supreme Court had unanimously upheld the revocation of Article 370 of the Constitution, which accorded a special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir; in 2019 and ordered that assembly elections be held there by September 2024. The court had also said that Jammu and Kashmir's statehood should be restored "at the earliest".

## Nayab Singh takes oath as Haryana CM, BJP marks win with show of strength

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

CHANDIGARH: Nayab Singh Saini, the proverbial dark horse who became star of the BJP's victory in the Haryana assembly elections, was sworn in as chief minister of the state on Thursday in a grand ceremony attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and a galaxy of NDA leaders.

Thousands of people packed into the Dussehra Ground to watch Governor Bandaru Dattatreya administer the oath of office to the low profile OBC leader and 13 others. For the BJP, the messaging was not just in its show of strength with a power packed dais seating its



Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini along with all newly inducted ministers pose for a photograph with PM Narendra Modi, after conclusion of the swearing-in ceremony in Panchkula.

chief ministers, ministers and NDA partners but also in its choice of the day - Valmiki Jayanti.

Sage-poet Valmiki is the author of the Hindu epic Ramayana and a revered figure, especially among Dalits.

The prime minister congratulated Saini and his ministerial colleagues on their swearing-in and described the team as a wonderful mix of good governance and experience.

"This government will

realise the dreams of people and take the state's development to a new high," he said in a post on X in Hindi.

"I am confident that the double engine government will leave no stone unturned in serving the poor; farmers,

youths and women besides all other sections of society," Modi said.

Saini also thanked 2.8 crore people of Haryana for their mandate and the prime minister for his "inspirational leadership".

"For the third time with full majority, the BJP government will work with full energy for good governance, equality and welfare of the poor," Saini said in a post on X after being sworn in for the second time as chief minister.

The 54-year-old, who was the surprise pick to replace strongman M L Khattar as chief minister ahead of the assembly elections,

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**WEATHER**

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Max: 31.2°C Min: 19.6°C

Humidity  
Max: 68 Min: 65

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 25.2°C Min: 1.7°C

Humidity  
Max: 73 Min: 64

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