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Pays tributes to brave-hearts on 'Police Commemoration Day' Success of Police, SFs brought normalcy to J&K: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said that successes of Police and Security Forces (SFs) in combating terrorism has brought normalcy to Jammu and Kashmir, paving the way for rapid development and economic growth.

"Our promise to you and to the entire region is to carry forward the legacy of peace and stability that our brave soldiers fought so hard to protect", the Lieutenant Governor said while paying tributes to martyrs on the occasion of 'Police Commemoration Day'.

The Lieutenant Governor laid wreath at Martyrs' Memorial, Armed Police Complex, Zewan and paid tributes to brave police officers and personnel who have laid down their lives in line of duty.



LG Manoj Sinha at the 'Police Commemoration Day' event at Srinagar on Monday.

He also paid homage to civilians martyred in Gagangir terror attack.

"I salute the bravehearts of our Police. Their legacy will live on in our hearts. On this day, let us commit ourselves to uphold the values they stood for-courage, unity and service to the nation," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor lauded the unparalleled contribution of Jammu Kashmir Police and Security Forces in ensuring a safe and secure environment for the citizens. He paid his respect to the families of the martyrs, and reiterated his commitment towards the welfare of the Police personnel and their family members.

Referring to the transfor-

Four Munsiffs transferred; 4 adjusted

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh on Monday transferred four Munsiffs while adjusted four newly appointed Munsiffs. According to an order issued by Registrar General Shahzad Azeem, Bazila Bashir, Munsiff Bandipora has been transferred as Principal Magistrate JJB, Shopian against vacant post. Mohd, Wasim Mirza Ist Addl Munsiff Srinagar has been transferred as Munsiff Shopian vice Rameen Rashid Khan. Rabiya Snober Munsiff, Budhal has been transferred as Munsiff Magan while Rameen Rashid Munsiff, Shopian has been transferred as Addl. Spl. Mobile Magistrate Shopian.

Moreover, Civil Judges (Junior Division) appointed vide Government Order No. 15885-JK(LD) of 2024 dated September 18, have been adjusted. Amandeep Singh has been posted as Munsiff, Bandipora,

Visits SKIMS hospital to inquire about injured Won't let 'vested interests' prevent benefits of development from reaching people: CM

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday said he will not allow "vested interests" to prevent the benefits of peace and development from reaching the people of Jammu and Kashmir, who "enthusiastically" participated in the recent elections.

The statement comes a day after a deadly terror attack at a tunnel construction site in Jammu and Kashmir's Ganderbal left seven people, including a doctor and six migrant labourers, dead.

Talking to reporters here, Abdullah said he will ensure that no obstacles impede the flow of developmental benefits to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"The people have taken part in elections with enthusiasm with the hope that there will be improvement in their lives. We will not step back from that mission," Abdullah said.



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah inquiring the well-being of injured at SKIMS on Monday.

The Chief Minister had gone to the SKIMS Hospital at Soura to enquire about the condition of those injured in the terror attack in the Gagangir area of Ganderbal district on Sunday night.

Asked if those with vested interests were trying to target the development projects in Jammu and Kashmir, Abdullah said he would not allow that to happen.

"When did the vested interests want the situation here to normalise? This is nothing new. But we have defeated these very vested interests in the past and we will defeat them again," Abdullah asserted.

Ganderbal terror attack: Massive combing operation launched, NIA sleuths collect evidence from site

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A day after a deadly terror attack at a tunnel construction site in J-K's Ganderbal left seven people dead, security forces on Monday launched a massive combing operation in the area, with National Investigation Agency (NIA) sleuths scouring the site for evidence.

Army, CRPF and police personnel fanned out in the areas around the construction site to track down the terrorists and their supporters involved in one of the deadliest attacks on non-local labourers in Kashmir,

officials said.

"So far, no progress has been made in terms of arrests but we are hopeful of developing some leads that will lead us to the terrorists involved in the attack," an official said.

A doctor and six labourers were killed when terrorists struck a tunnel construction site on the Srinagar-Leh national highway in Jammu and Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Sunday.

The unidentified terrorists carried out the attack when the labourers and other staff working on the tunnel

No talks with Pakistan till it stops terror attacks: Farooq Abdullah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Former chief minister and National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Monday lashed out at Pakistan for perpetrating terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir, saying Islamabad will have to stop terror incidents here if it wants to have friendly relations with India.

Abdullah said there can be no talks between New Delhi and Islamabad till the neighbouring country stops killings in Jammu and Kashmir.

"I do not know what action India should take, that is the domain of the central government. It is a problem for us and we have been going through it for years now. I have told them many times to stop it but their thinking is like that



Farooq Abdullah speaking at a press conference.

only. "How can there be talks? You kill our innocent people and then you call for talks. First stop the killings," Abdullah said while commenting on the terror attack at a construction site in Ganderbal district on Sunday.

The former chief minister said the attack was a painful incident as it led to the killing of poor people who had come here for earning a livelihood.

"It is a very painful incident. Poor labourers who come here for a livelihood so that they can feed their families back home. These beasts martyred them. There was one of our doctors with them who serve the people. He also lost his life," Abdullah said.

Abdullah said if the terrorists think they can establish Pakistani writ in Jammu and Kashmir by indulging in such acts, they are mistaken.

"What will these beasts get? Do they think that they

Pak-sponsored terrorism will be defeated decisively: Chugh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Monday strongly condemned the heinous killing of seven workers by terrorists in the Sonmarg area of Ganderbal district.

Expressing his condolences to the bereaved families, Chugh said the brutal killing of innocent workers at a construction project reflected the extreme cowardice of the terrorists, who are evidently backed by Pakistan's ISI.

Chugh, who is also the

party in-charge for Jammu & Kashmir, said it was a clear sign of frustration on the part of the terrorists following the peaceful completion of the Assembly elections.

He assured that the nefarious designs of Pakistan-backed terrorists would be decisively defeated, as



5 MLAs Nomination plea admitted, HC refuses to grant stay

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A Special Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Justice Sanjeev Kumar and Justice Rajesh Sekhri admit the Public Interest Litigation (PIL) challenging the Lieutenant Governor's power to nominate five members to the Legislative Assembly of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

Division Bench after hearing Sr. Advocate Abhishek Singhvi, (through V.C.) with, Advocates DK Khajuria, Muhammad Ali Khan, Omar Hoda, Uday Bhatia, Arjun Sharma, Esha Bakshi, Kamran Khan, Gurbani Bhatia and Ayush Panjotra for the petitioner Ravinder Sharma whereas Tushar Mehta, Solicitor General of India (through V.C.), Vishal Sharma, DSGI, (through V.C.), Mohsin Qadri, Sr. AAG with Ms. Maha Majeed, Assisting Counsel and Sr. AAG Rashid Malik with Mohd

Visits SKIMS, inquires about health of injured Sinha directs immediate financial assistance for victims; visits family of Martyr Shashi Abrol

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR/JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday visited SKIMS Hospital in Srinagar to inquire about the health of civilians, who were injured in Gagangir terror attack.

Team of senior doctors briefed the Lt Governor on the health condition of the injured and medical procedures being followed. He also directed the officials to provide all the support to the affected families.

The Lt Governor has directed for a coordinated anti-terror op and asked the



LG Manoj Sinha visiting family of Martyr Civilian Shashi Abrol in Jammu on Monday.

J&K Police, security forces

Patwari caught red-handed while accepting bribe

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR : J&K Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Monday caught red handed a Patwari while demanding and accepting the bribe amount of Rs 50000. The accused public servant was taken into custody.

According to a statement, the ACB received a written complaint wherein it was alleged Ruman Qayoom, Patwari Halqa Mujagund was demanding Rs 1 lakh as bribe against Registration Stamp duty required for registration of the of the land measuring 2 kanals purchased by the complainant and issuance of

Pakistan should understand changed realities in J&K, stop cross-border terrorism

Pakistan sponsored terrorists did it again on Sunday evening when they targeted civilians, leaving seven of them, including local and non-local construction labourers and a doctor, dead.

This is the most despicable and deadliest attack in Kashmir after several years, in which terrorists attempted to show their heinous presence and the sinister objectives they have been pursuing, but what they have not understood and real-

ized in adequate measure that Kashmir's temperament has changed.

Today's Kashmir is forward-looking. It hates senseless violence. The people in Kashmir have for long endured the excruciating pain of losing loved ones, mourning in silence because of the fear. Not anymore. They have seen new light in their lives in the past five years after the abrogation of Article 370. There may be many theories attributed to them, but they know what the abrogation of this

constitutional provision has delivered to them - peace which was missing from their lives for over 30 years, and which consumed their three generations.

Kashmir has been a witness to many horrific incidents in the past, the spillover effect of which was borne by Jammu region as well. It was against that backdrop that the whole of Jammu and Kashmir was declared as a disturbed area and the forces were given special powers under Armed Forces Special Powers Act 9 AFSPA). The real powers came to

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 29.9°C Min: 19.4°C

Humidity
Max: 86 Min: 76

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 26.2°C Min: 7.1°C

Humidity
Max: 85 Min: 56

Sunset: 17:51 Hours
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Time for BJP, NC to tread in unison for peace, prosperity in J&K

The 2024 Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir have placed National Conference in the cradle of power and Bharatiya Janata Party as the main opposition. More than the National Conference, the BJP is in a strong position, given the numbers as an opposition. This is perhaps for the first time since the inception of parliamentary democracy in J&K that the opposition has emerged so strong as a single entity. The take-away of these historic elections is that the Valley has given a sweeping mandate to the NC and Jammu to the BJP. Signals are straight and clear. This is the truth that should guide the way forward for the two main political parties of J&K.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah might have deciphered the anger of voters with the dispensation post abrogation of Article 370 manifesting into vote against the BJP in Kashmir and mountainous regions of the so-called Chenab Valley and the Pir Panchal but Jammu has refused to follow the trend. Why? Everyone knows why. Anyway, this is curious given the demographic landscape of the Union Territory and worrisome also for the larger interest of Jammu and Kashmir.

Whatever the mandate, the two main political parties of Jammu and Kashmir must unite in true democratic spirit and coordinate to carry forward the gains of peace and normalcy dawning in the Valley since 2019, leading to holistic development and huge fillip in economic activities. The political slugfest of leg-pulling will take back the UT to traumatic old days of terror violence, stone pelting



like intifada, bandh and hartal culture. Let politics take the rear seat and public interest remain guiding philosophy for the ruling outfit as also the opposition. The two parties will have to rise to the occasion, iron out differences amicably and to work in cohesion for people of both the regions-Jammu and Kashmir. While the BJP has to play the role of 'big brother' because of its commanding posi-

tion at the Centre and the National Conference should eschew tendencies to fall in the trap of reactionary elements within, who may try to play the spoil sport for numerous reasons. The onus mainly lies on Omar Abdullah to save his government's boat from sinking. Credit goes to him for breathing good vibes post his swearing in. He has been very candid over cooperation between the UT administration and the Centre. He has done well by keeping the Congress at bay, the political DNA of which continues to remain 'hate Modi'. This syndrome has the potential to disturb the political equations and push the present dispensation to wall.

The Chief Minister must also rein into NC 'brave-heart' brigade, whose 'daredevil' acts can jeopardize his efforts of 'cooperation and coordination' with the Centre. The alleged disrespect to the National Anthem during the swearing-in ceremony in Srinagar by one of his newly elected MLAs has not gone well with the patriotic Jammu. Though the police have reportedly taken cognizance of the act yet this unfortunate incident is in very bad taste. If such elements think that they can play to galleries by whipping up anti-India passions, they are wrong. They must understand that the people of Kashmir have developed a stake in peace that has brought them cheer during the past over five years. They are no more interested in such attempts to derail the normalization process.

The National Conference has to tread cautiously in view of sensitivities involved across the Union Territory. It should not allow people to believe that 'anti-India' elements can enjoy 'free run' after the formation of the new government. Any such impression will embolden the peace breakers and enemy across the