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Entire terror eco-system including perpetrators, abettors to be completely dismantled: LG



LG Manoj Sinha chairing security review meeting in Srinagar on Wednesday.

- Reviews security situation in Kashmir Division
- Asks J&K Police to ensure stringent measures to tighten security grid around key infrastructure projects, construction camps for safety of workers
- Directs for security audit of infrastructure projects, round-the-clock nakas at strategic points, night patrolling, area domination

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said the entire terror eco-system including perpetrators and those aiding and abetting

terrorists requires to be completely dismantled. Chairing a review meeting at Raj Bhawan on the security situation in the Kashmir Division, the Lieutenant Governor directed the police

to conduct security audit of infrastructure projects, round-the-clock nakas at the strategic points, night patrolling and area domination. He said the police must ensure robust security and

intelligence grid and intensified, well-planned joint operation with army and other security agencies to eliminate terrorism.

Asking the J&K Police officials to ensure stringent measures to tighten the security grid around key infrastructure projects and construction camps for safety of workers, the Lieutenant Governor stressed upon establishment of mechanisms for regular coordination meetings with project implementing agencies.

The meeting comes against the backdrop of the deadly terror attack on construction workers at a tunnel in the Gagangir area of Ganderbal district on Sunday. Seven persons -- a local doctor and six non-local labourers -- were killed in the attack claimed by the TRF, a shadow outfit of Lashkar-e-Taiba.

Director General of Police, Nalin Prabhat;

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Omar meets Amit Shah, discusses statehood issue



CM Omar Abdullah meeting Union Home Minister Amit Shah at New Delhi on Wednesday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The newly elected chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Omar Abdullah, met Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday and discussed issues related to the Union Territory including early restoration of statehood.

On his first visit to the national capital after assuming office last week, Abdullah spent nearly 30 minutes with the Home Minister.

He later said that it was a courtesy

call during which he apprised the Union Home Minister about the situation and also discussed the issue of restoration of statehood.

Abdullah's visit follows the terror attack in the Gangangir area of Ganderbal district, where terrorists mercilessly killed seven individuals, including a doctor, just three days ago.

Since the reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir into a Union Territory in 2019, the police force has been under the jurisdiction of the Union

Home Ministry.

During his stay in Delhi, the chief minister is scheduled to meet the central leadership, including an anticipated meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Abdullah's National Conference achieved a remarkable victory in the recent assembly polls in the Union Territory, securing 42 out of the 90 seats.

In a significant move during his first cabinet meeting, a resolution was passed urging the central government to restore the statehood of Jammu and Kashmir in its original form.

This restoration is seen as a crucial step towards initiating a healing process, reinstating constitutional rights and safeguarding the unique identity of the region's residents.

With the J-K Cabinet's endorsement, the chief minister has been empowered to engage with the prime minister and the central government to advocate for the reinstatement of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood.

This resolution was also approved by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

2 firecrackers godowns sealed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
AKHNOOR: The authorities have sealed two fire-cracker godowns located in Akhnoor as an inspection conducted by Sub Divisional Magistrate Shubhankar Pratyush Pathak revealed that the same were operating without safety measures.

On the directions of District Magistrate Sachin Kumar Vaisliya, a committee headed by the Sub Divisional Magistrate Akhnoor examined the godowns operated by M/s Mukesh Gupta at Ambaran and M/s Sunil Sharma at Sungal Morh. The inspection revealed that both facilities operate without proper safety measures

and in contravention to laid safety norms.

The discrepancies found include water storage capacities below the required standard set as per NBC-IV guidelines of 2016. The committee's report highlighted the absence of fire pumps and sprinkler systems at both the locations. The establishments were also found deficit in the number of fire extinguishers and trained staff for handling operations.

The Sub Divisional Magistrate has directed the owners to address these deficiencies within three days as non-compliance will result in registration of FIR and subsequent legal action.

‘We support dialogue and diplomacy, not war’: PM Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KAZAN: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday renewed his call for dialogue and diplomacy as being the only way forward to resolve conflicts, in an unambiguous message to press for the resolution of the Russia-Ukraine war through peaceful negotiations.

In his address at the 16th BRICS summit here, Modi said the grouping must give the world a message that it is not a divisive organisation but one that works in the interest of humanity.

The prime minister also



flagged concerns over pressing challenges such as wars, economic uncertainty, climate change and terrorism and said the BRICS can play a positive role to take the

world in the right path.

"I believe that as a diverse and inclusive platform, BRICS can play a positive role in all areas," he said.

"We support dialogue and

diplomacy, not war. And just as we were able to overcome a challenge like COVID together, we are certainly able to create new opportunities to ensure a secure, strong and prosperous future for future generations," he said.

The summit was attended by top leaders of BRICS nations, including Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping. The leaders welcomed the 13 new BRICS partner countries. In his remarks, Modi noted that the summit is happening

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Two students among 4 killed in two road accidents, 6 injured

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Four persons, including two NEET aspirants, were killed and six others injured in two separate road accidents in Jammu and Kishtwar districts, officials said on Wednesday.

A cab veered off a hilly road after its driver lost control at Chasti-Padder village in Kishtwar district on Wednesday killing two and injuring six persons, they said.

All the eight persons were travelling from their Chasoti village to Gulabgarh when the accident took place, they



said, adding that the condition of two of the injured was said to be "critical". In Jammu, two NEET

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JKCC's disciplinary committee deliberates on electoral debacle

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee's disciplinary panel held a crucial meeting on Wednesday on the recent electoral debacle in the Jammu region.

A detailed report on "indiscipline" and recent electoral outcomes would be prepared and submitted to the Congress president, according to a party spokesperson.

Chaired by former minister Mula Ram, the meeting of the disciplinary committee focused on the party's internal challenges and their impact on recent electoral performances.

"We are committed to addressing these issues in a constructive manner," the spokesperson said and emphasised the need for a "unified approach" to strengthen party cohesion.

Members engaged in an in-depth discussion on the factors contributing to indiscipline, stressing the importance of party members adhering to core values,

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 31.0°C Min: 20.6°C

Humidity
Max: 87 Min: 62

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 22.8°C Min: 8.3°C

Humidity
Max: 74 Min: 61

Sunset : 17:48 Hours
Sunrise : 06:40 Hours

Kartarpur Sahib Corridor agreement extension Modi reiterates his love, affection for Sikh community: Chugh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Expressing his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for extending the Kartarpur corridor agreement with Pakistan for another five years, BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh said this move by Prime Minister Narendra Modi reiterates his affection for the Sikh community and respect for the religious sentiments of Sikh brothers and sisters.

Chugh stated that it was

due to the PM's efforts that the Kartarpur corridor was



opened, allowing devotees to visit Guru Nanak Dev Ji's gurdwara.

"The renewal of the agreement ensures uninterrupted

pilgrimages, and the government has addressed the pilgrims' request regarding the removal of the USD 20 service charge levied by the Pakistan government per visit. This decision by PM Modi reaffirms his affection for the Sikh community and his respect for their religious sentiments," Chugh said.

He further emphasised that the BJP holds the utmost respect for all religious communities, including the

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BJP begins membership drive in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: BJP's Jammu and Kashmir unit on Wednesday launched its membership drive as part of a country-wide initiative, stating that the party has become the largest political organisation in the world in terms of primary membership.

J-K BJP president Ravinder Raina congratulated the party for its stellar show in the recently concluded Assembly elections, in which it won 29 seats -- its best performance in J-K to date.

He attributed the achievement to the consistent efforts of Bharatiya

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PM Vishwakarma implementation: J&K stands 3rd in training Jammu, Budgam figure among top 10 districts of country

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir has emerged as number three in PM Vishwakarma training-ahead of many bigger states. Two districts of J&K, Budgam from Kashmir Division and Jammu from Jammu Division figured among the top 10 districts of the country.

The MSME DFO Jammu, Field office of Union Ministry of MSME implements various schemes and activities for the benefit of MSMEs of Jammu & Kashmir including PM

Vishwakarma scheme with the active support of Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

Award for recognition of excellent contribution in PM Vishwakarma is being presented to Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner, Budgam and Sachin Kumar Vaisliya, Deputy Commissioner, Jammu in the capacity of Chairmen of their respective District Implementation Committees.

Award is also being presented to Valluru Babu ISDS, Joint Director, Ministry of MSDE,

Government of India, Jammu for completing the training activity of PM Vishwakarmas by acting as head of training for Jammu & Kashmir by Jugal Kishore, MP at the inaugural session of Exhibition cum Trade Fair for PM Vishwakarma artisans being held here at Gole Market Gandhi Nagar Jammu tomorrow at 06.00 PM.

The exhibition is being organized for improving the marketing potential of J&K's talented Viswakarmas. The stalls are offered free

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KPDCL first JK utility to obtain ISO certification for Data Centre

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: In a first, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) has become the first power utility in J&K to obtain ISO Quality Control Certification for its Data Centre at Bemina, Srinagar.

In a press statement issued here today, a KPDCL spokesman stated that EAS, a member of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), has certified KDPCL as compliant with the requirements of Information Security Management System.

ISO/IEC 27001 is an international standard to manage information security, which was originally published jointly by the

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) in 2005.

It details requirements for establishing, implementing, maintaining and continually improving an information security management system (ISMS), aim of which is to help organizations make the information assets they hold more secure.

Congratulating KPDCL and its team of remarkable engineers, led by Er. Shabir Ahmad Khan, CEO IT&C, the spokesman stated that KPDCL now has the operations of Smart Metering, Call Centre, SCADA, Bill Sahliyat, Data Acquisition and Performance Portal in its scope.

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The University Council held detailed deliberations on several academic and administrative matters to bring further qualitative improvement in overall functioning of the University.

Earlier, Prof. Nilofer Khan, Vice-Chancellor, University of Kashmir presented various Agenda items before the Council for approval and ratification. She also highlighted the various achievements of the University in academic, research and co-curricular activities. It was informed that the University of Kashmir has figured at 45th in the NIRF ranking. Omar Abdullah, Chief

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LG Manoj Sinha chairing 83rd meeting of University Council of University of Kashmir at Raj Bhawan on Wednesday.

which met under the chairmanship of Lt Governor, accorded in-principle approval to various agenda items and proposals including introduction of 4-year Innovative Bachelors Programme in "Design Your Degree" (DYD); adoption of

Statutes governing Undergraduate Programmes as per NEP-2020; adoption of UGC guidelines for pursuit of two academic programmes simultaneously as per NEP-2020 and the constitution of Board of Studies for five-year Integrated

Programmes. The Council also approved the renaming of the Institute of Music & Fine Arts, University of Kashmir, in accordance with Government Order No. 1161-JK (GAD) of 2021 dated 29-10-2021, after Shri Pran Krishan