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LG urges youth to contribute towards realising 'Viksit Bharat' vision



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at the Amar Ujala's Medhavi Chhatra Samman Samaroh in Srinagar on Sunday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday called upon the youngsters to take advantage of today's dynamic, competitive environment and knowledge platforms in setting the new goal in life.

"As a youth of this great nation, they should contribute towards realizing the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047", the Lieutenant

Governor said while addressing the Medhavi Chhatra Samman Samaroh organized by Amar Ujala Group at SKUAST Kashmir.

"I strongly believe the goal of education is not limited to number and ranking. It is also about creating better human beings and future leaders, who will bridge the gaps between education sector and needs of the globalised economy," the Lt

Governor said. The Lt Governor emphasised the role of School Education Department, educational institutions, teaching community in imparting life skills among the students and promoting learning beyond classroom.

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Addresses Amar Ujala's Medhavi Chhatra Samman Samaroh in Srinagar, felicitates meritorious students of Class 10th & 12th from JKBOSE

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The Lieutenant Governor felicitated the meritorious students of class 10th and 12th from JKBOSE and

extended his best wishes for a bright future to all students. He also congratulated the girl students for outshining the boys in the award tally.

Prof. Nazir A. Ganai, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST Kashmir; Prof. A. Ravinder

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PM to launch health cover for senior citizens above 70 years on Oct 29

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The health coverage for all citizens aged 70 years and above irrespective of their income status under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) is likely to be rolled out by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 29, an official source said.

The U-WIN portal developed for maintaining an electronic registry of routine immunisations, which is currently operational on a pilot basis, will also be launched by the prime minister on the same day.

ination of pregnant women as well as children from birth up to the age of 17 under the Universal Immunization Programme.

"The PM is likely to launch



the expanded scheme under the Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme for those aged 70 years and above. It will benefit an estimated six crore citizens in about 4.5 crore households," the source said.

Be it poor, middle class, upper middle class or rich, every individual who is 70 years and above is eligible for getting Ayushman card and will receive free treatment up

to Rs 5 lakh at any of the AB PMJAY empanelled hospitals once the expanded scheme gets launched.

Till September 1, 2024, a total of 29,648 hospitals, including 12,696 private hospitals, have been empanelled under the PMJAY.

The scheme is being implemented in 33 states and Union territories currently except for Delhi, Odisha, and West Bengal.

Anyone aged 70 or above as per Aadhar card, will be eligible for applying for the scheme, the source said.

It is an application-based scheme and people will need to register on the PMJAY portal or on the Ayushman app, official sources said.

"Those already having the Ayushman card will need

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Three bikers killed in head-on collision with truck

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Three youths were killed when their motorcycle collided head-on with a truck here on Sunday evening, police said.

The accident took place near Panjgarian in the Nagrota area along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway, they said.

Medical College here for post-mortem and identification, police said.



The three youths died on the spot after their motorcycle collided with the truck. Their bodies were shifted to Government

Chugh thanks PM Modi for efforts to resolve farmers' issues in Punjab

STATE TIMES NEWS
CHANDIGARH: Bharatiya Janata Party National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Sunday thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the Union government's unwavering commitment to farmers.

In a statement, Chugh noted that the government has assured both the purchase of grains from farmers and the creation of necessary storage space to address the challenges currently faced in Punjab.

He highlighted the priority given to Punjab for grain evacuation and the directive issued to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to take immediate action if storage space is unavailable.

Chugh said that the significant



increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for paddy over the past decade is a testament to the Modi government's dedication to improving farmers' livelihoods. In 2013-2014, the MSP for A-grade paddy was Rs 1,345, and for common grade, it was Rs 1,310. Today, the MSP has risen to Rs 2,300, reflecting the government's commitment to ensuring fair prices for farmers.

Expressing his gratitude, Chugh lauded Prime Minister Modi and his government for their continued efforts to support the farmers of Punjab.

"The government's proactive measures and unwavering support in safeguarding the interests of our farmers and ensuring their financial well-being underscore the commitment to resolving farmers' issues and upholding their welfare," Chugh said.

He also urged the Chief Minister of Punjab, Bhagwant Mann, to engage with the concerned authorities and intensify procurement efforts.

Chugh reiterated that the Modi government stands firmly with the farmers of Punjab, assuring that all efforts will be made to fulfill commitments toward resolving the situation.

Elaborate security in Jammu for festival season: ADGP

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Amid a spurt in terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir, a senior police officer on Sunday said elaborate security measures had been put in place across the Jammu region to ensure a peaceful festival season.



Additional Director General of Police (Jammu zone) Anand Jain was speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a motorcycle rally organised by the force in memory of police personnel who laid down their lives in the fight against terrorism

during the past three decades. "The rally was organised to remember and pay tribute to the fallen heroes who sacrificed their lives... We have a lot of police personnel who were martyred in the fight against terrorism," he said.

Asked about the security arrangements for the festival season in the aftermath

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Terrorist associate arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS
KUPWARA: Security forces on Sunday arrested a terrorist associate from Kupwara district and recovered arms and ammunition from his possession.

Acting on a specific information, police along with the Army and CRPF, apprehended a terrorist associate at Uniso during mobile checking of the vehicles,

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Birth anniversary of unifier of India Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel LG reviews preparations for observance of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, 'Run for Unity'



LG Manoj Sinha chairing a meeting at Srinagar on Sunday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha chaired a meeting to review the preparations for observance of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, Run for Unity

event and J&K UT foundation day, here at Raj Bhawan on Sunday.

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo; DGP Nalin Prabhat; Principal Secretary, Home Department, Chandraker Bharti; ADGP Law & Order, Vijay Kumar; Principal Secretary to Lt Governor, Dr Mandeep K Bhandari; Deputy Commissioners, SSPs and senior officials, in person and through virtual

mode, attended the meeting. The officers gave their suggestions for the implementation of various programmes.

The Lieutenant Governor directed the District Administrations and the line departments to ensure all arrangements for hassle-free and smooth conduct of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, Run for Unity and J&K UT foundation day events.

The officials were directed to organize "Run for Unity" at all District Headquarters and to ensure participation of citizens from different

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NC MLA detained at Srinagar airport after bullets found in luggage; investigation underway

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: An MLA of the ruling National Conference was detained on Sunday at the Srinagar International Airport after two live rounds were detected in his baggage.

Bashir Ahmad Veeri, the MLA from Srigufwara-Bijbehara Assembly seat, was stopped for questioning at the airport when the X-ray scan led to the recovery of two live rounds from his baggage. Veeri was travelling to Jammu on an IndiGo flight.

Security forces immedi-

ately took Veeri to Humhama police station for questioning to determine how the bullets ended up in his possession.

Officials stated that the investigation is ongoing and further details will be provided as it becomes available. Sources indicated that Veeri has a licensed pistol, and the bullets may have been accidentally left in his bag. However the matter is under investigations.

57-year-old National Conference MLA is a medical doctor and social

worker by profession. He recently secured win in the Bijbehara assembly elections, defeating BJP's Sufi Yusif and PDP's Iltija Mufti, the daughter of former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, by a huge margin.

According to the Election Commission, Veeri's assets total Rs 2.6 crore, including Rs 74.5 lakh in movable assets and Rs 1.9 crore in immovable assets, with a declared income of Rs 29.4 lakh. His affidavit shows no criminal cases registered against him.

Delhi court to pass order on Er Rashid's regular bail plea today

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: A Delhi court is likely to pronounce on Monday its order on a regular bail plea of Engineer Rashid, the Lok Sabha MP from J-K's Baramulla, in a terror funding case.

Additional Sessions Judge Chander Jit Singh, who on September 10 granted interim bail to Sheikh Abdul Rashid, popular as Engineer Rashid, to enable him to campaign for the Assembly elections in Jammu

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Srinagar receives 'Award for Excellence in Urban Transport'

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Srinagar Smart City Ltd received the prestigious 'Award of Excellence in Urban Transport' at the 17th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Awards, distinguishing it as the 'City with the Best Non-Motorized Transport System.'

Dr Owais Ahmed, CEO Srinagar Smart City received the award at extensive ceremony held at Ahmedabad, Gujarat. This accolade, presented by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, celebrates the efforts of Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL) in fostering a sustainable environment that prioritizes pedestrians and cyclists in Srinagar City.

Dr Owais emphasized that



this award underscores SSCL's successful initiatives, which include a significant upgrade of 100 kilometers of key roadways to include dedicated paths for walking and cycling, enhanced lighting, and improved public amenities. These developments not only support local tourism but also spur economic growth within the Srinagar City. He said major thoroughfares such as Maulana Azad Road and Residency Road have been revitalized, alongside prominent

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Need for deeper integration of Kashmir with India to counter cross-border terrorism: Jaishankar

STATE TIMES NEWS
MUMBAI: In a veiled attack on the erstwhile UPA government, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Sunday said there was no response from India to the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, asserting this would not be the case if such an incident happened again.

Reflecting on the terror attack, Jaishankar said double standards on terrorism are not acceptable and India will "act where it has to act" to expose terrorism.

Jaishankar fielded questions on issues ranging from terrorism to the India-China stand-off and from investment to politics at a press conference held in Mumbai.

Without naming China, the EAM said the disengagement of troops at Depsang and Demchok in Ladakh is the first step, and it is expected that India will return to the 2020 patrolling status.

He, however, stressed the next step of de-escalation won't be taken until India



is assured of reciprocity from the other side as well, obviously referring to China.

Speaking on India's response to terrorism and what changed after 2014, the EAM said India is the leader in fighting terrorism.

"We should not have a repeat of what happened in Mumbai. That there was a terror attack and there was no response," Jaishankar said.

Mumbai is a symbol of counter-terrorism for India and the world, he said.

"There are different views from politi-

cal parties. When this city (Mumbai) was attacked, nothing was done," he added.

He said when we talk of zero tolerance against terror, it is clear that when somebody does something, there will be a response.

"We also have to expose. It is not acceptable that you are doing business during daytime and indulging in terror during the night and I have to pretend that everything is okay," he added.

When India was a member of the UN Security Council and chairing the counter-terrorism committee, the counter-terrorism panel's meeting was held in the same hotel that was hit by the terror attack, he said.

Speaking on Manipur strife, Jaishankar said there are complex reasons for what is happening in the north-eastern state, noting that some factors are historical and the rest concern the border situation. "Claims like the rest of the world would

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 31.0°C Min: 18.6°C

Humidity
Max: 67 Min: 64

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 25.3°C Min: 6.0°C

Humidity
Max: 78 Min: 58

Sunset : 17:44 Hours
Sunrise : 06:44 Hours