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Terrorism breathing its last in J&K: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: "J&K Police is not only fighting terrorism, maintaining law & order and protecting citizens but it is also a crucial agent of socio-economic development," the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Friday.

He said J&K Police has ensured peace and stable society for industrial growth and overall progress in the Union Territory.

Speaking at the 10th All India Police Judo Cluster (Men & Women) - 2025, the Lieutenant Governor said: "Terrorism is breathing its last in J&K. The peace has enabled unparalleled



LG Manoj Sinha addressing athletes at 10th All India Police Judo Cluster at Srinagar on Friday.

progress and brought greater prosperity in the lives of people. Security has significantly improved across the country. Roots of left-wing extremism were dismantled

and India is witnessing a new era of progress driven by rapid economic growth."

The Lieutenant Governor commended the police, army, and CAPF's for dismantling

terror support systems, and preventing cross-border infiltration. He emphasized on intelligence-based kinetic operations and adopting a multifaceted approach to tackle internal security challenges.

The Lieutenant Governor also praised the J&K Police force in building a fear-free environment for citizens.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor also spoke on the power of sports to foster a sense of collective identity, camaraderie, courage, character building, peace, equality and friendship among people

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CJ orders major promotions in Secretary Cadre

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh on Friday ordered a major promotion drive in the Secretary cadre, elevating 19 officers to higher positions in a significant administrative

Qadri, Raina, Mujtaba elevated as Registrars

reshuffle.

The order was issued by the Registrar General with the approval of the Chief Justice through Order No. 1495 of 2025/RG/NG-487(0).

Syed Tasaduq Hussain Qadri, Anil Kumar Raina and Syed Mujtaba

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SC gives Centre four weeks to respond on restoration of J&K statehood

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday gave the Centre four weeks to file its response on a batch of pleas seeking restoration of statehood to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

A bench comprising Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran was hearing multiple pleas, including those filed by academicians Zahoor Ahmad Bhat and socio-political activist Ahmad Malik, pressing for the implementation of the Centre's assurance to restore

statehood to Jammu and Kashmir "at the earliest".

They referred to the Centre's assurance on state-



hood for the union territory during the hearings on the abrogation of Article 370.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, told the bench that

elections in the region were conducted peacefully last year but the government required more time to evaluate the issue of restoring statehood in view of ongoing security concerns and the recent Pahalgam terror attacks.

"Elections were held in a peaceful manner and an elected government is in place. Over the last six years, substantial progress has been made in Jammu and Kashmir. However, certain recent incidents, such as the Pahalgam attack,

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NC names 3 nominees for Rajya Sabha elections

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) on Friday officially announced its nominees for three of the four Rajya Sabha seats due for election, while confirming ongoing discussions over the remaining one seat.

The elections, scheduled for October 24, will fill four seats from Jammu and Kashmir that have remained vacant since 2021.

NC General Secretary Ali Muhammad Sagar named the three candidates as

Choudhary Muhammad Ramzan, Shammi Oberoi, and Sajad Kichloo.

Speaking at a press conference, Sagar said the party is effectively contesting three seats independently, confident of success based on the NC-led alliance's strength in the 90-member Legislative Assembly.

Analysts note that the contest for the fourth seat is expected to be competitive, as the alliance collectively commands 24 votes for the seat, while the

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Force ready with winter strategy to counter infiltration bids by Pak-based terrorists: BSF IG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A top BSF officer on Friday said the force is ready with a winter strategy for the entire Jammu sector to counter any infiltration attempt by Pakistan-based terrorists to sneak into this side of the border by taking advantage of foggy conditions in the coming months.

Shashank Anand, Inspector General, Border Security Force (BSF), Jammu frontier, said intelligence reports suggest that terror groups like Lashkar-e-



IG BSF Shashank Anand briefing media in Jammu on Friday.

Taiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) have started regrouping after suf-

fering massive damage during Operation Sindoor in May.

"In winter months, the biggest challenge (in Jammu sector) is posed by foggy conditions, which demand our jawans to remain on highest alert. Our winter strategy is ready and we are strengthening our alertness on the borders to thwart any attempt of infiltration by terrorists from across the border," Anand told reporters here.

The enemy is making repeated attempts to push terrorists from one side or the other but they have

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Trump fails to win Nobel Peace Prize; María Corina Machado awarded

■ AGENCY

WASHINGTON: President Donald Trump was passed over for the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday despite jockeying from his fellow Republicans, various world leaders and - most vocally - himself.

Opposition activist Maria Corina Machado of Venezuela was awarded the prize. The Norwegian Nobel Committee said it was honouring her "for her tireless work promoting democratic rights for the people of Venezuela and for her struggle

to achieve a just and peaceful transition from dictatorship to democracy."

Trump, who has long coveted the prestigious prize, has been outspoken about his desire for the honour during both of his presidential terms, particularly lately as he takes credit for ending conflicts around the world. He has expressed doubts that the Nobel committee would ever grant him the award.

"They'll have to do what they do. Whatever they

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