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Inaugurates 2nd edition of Kashmir Literature Festival

LG exhorts writers to correct false, fabricated narratives in history books

Calls for correcting narrative regarding J&K by identifying misinformation, countering it with verified facts

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: "Writers must do research and use critical proof to challenge and correct the misleading historical accounts," the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Saturday.

He said during colonial era and after independence a certain group of writers distorted our history to shape their ideological agenda. The Lieutenant Governor was speaking at the inaugural function of Kashmir Literature Festival organised by Srikula Foundation.

"Today the young historians must provide accurate and factually correct accounts challenging those lies. In the last few years, new writers have tried to do justice to the injustice done to the history of India, which is an excellent initiative. Efforts are also being made to take Indian literature to the world, which is highly



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at the 2nd edition of Kashmir Literature Festival on Saturday.

commendable," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He also called for correcting the narrative regarding Jammu Kashmir by identifying the misinformation and countering it with verified facts.

"For decades, a manipulated narrative was propagated here in Jammu Kashmir. Writers and media figures grudgingly admit that, out of fear of terrorists and their ecosystem, they were forced to promote the narrative being

pushed from across the border in the Valley. The terror ecosystem has been dismantled and now is the time to present the true narrative of Jammu Kashmir, free from all bias and fear of gun, to strengthen the trust and accelerate socio-economic growth," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, highlighted the need for offering new perspectives and vision to the readers in a rapidly evolving world to meet unprecedented challenges and opportunities, and understanding of nature, culture and people's well-being.

Lieutenant General (Retd.) D.P. Pandey, Yuvraj Srivastava, Founder Srikula foundation; senior officials, prominent literary personalities, members of Srikula foundation, people from different walks of life and youth in large number attended the inaugural ceremony.

Modi launches Rs 35,440-Cr 2 agri schemes, attacks Congress for 'neglecting' farm sector

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday launched two major agricultural schemes with a combined outlay of Rs 35,440 crore, including a mission for self-reliance in pulses, and called upon farmers to increase production to reduce the country's import dependency and meet global demand.

After inaugurating projects related to agriculture and allied sectors, he said farmers have a critical role to play in realising the vision of a developed India (Viksit Bharat) by 2047.

The event at the Pusa campus coincided with the birth anniversary of socialist reformers Jayaprakash Narayan and Nanaji Deshmukh.

During his 30-minute



PM Narendra Modi dedicating various projects and schemes in Agriculture and Allied Sectors at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, in New Delhi on Saturday.

address, the Prime Minister compared his government's record with that of the Congress, saying the Opposition party's neglect had led to a weakening of the farming ecosystem, with different departments functioning "in multiple directions without coordination".

Modi launched the Rs

24,000-crore 'Pradhan Mantri Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana' (PM-DDKY) and the Rs 11,440-crore 'Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses', saying the schemes would "change the fate of millions of farmers".

The two schemes, already approved by the Cabinet,

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Fruit sellers in Jammu get 5-day community service for obstructing traffic

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A local court here on Saturday directed three fruit sellers to perform community service for five days after they were found guilty of obstructing traffic and causing nuisance near a hospital here, police said.

Nadeem, Bilal and Fejan -- all residents of Uttar Pradesh -- were detained by police and produced before the court, they said.

The three were booked under Section 34 of the Police Act for blocking a stretch of road near the Government Medical College

and Hospital at Maheshpura Chowk.

According to the community punishment conditions, the individuals will clean the wards of the hospital from 10 am to 4.30 pm, police said.

In another case, police successfully secured a conviction in a case of illegal liquor possession and sale.

On July 15, a police team arrested Krishan Singh from his house at Badyal Quazian in the R S Pora area of Jammu and recovered 54 quarters of a whisky being sold illegally, they said.

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Drug peddler's property worth over Rs 2 Cr attached

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday attached movable and immovable property worth over Rs 2 crore of an alleged drug peddler in Udhampur district, an official said.

The property of Rafiqat and his family members at Devika village was attached under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, a police spokesperson said.

He added that the attached assets include three residential houses, two shops, two cars and two motorcycles.

"The assets were identified as illegally acquired during the course of investigation carried out by police against the accused notorious drug smuggler," the spokesperson said, reiterating its

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 30.5°C Min: 17.3°C

Humidity

Max: 78 Min: 57

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 24.8°C Min: 6.7°C

Humidity

Max: 75 Min: 53

Sunset : 18:03 Hours
Sunrise : 06:32 Hours

ACB registers FIR against J&K Police Inspector for amassing disproportionate assets

Searches conducted at his two residential premises; accused officer taken into custody for questioning

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a major action, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) Police Station Srinagar has registered a case (FIR 20/2025) against a police officer, Inspector (M) Peer Zada Mushkoor Ahmad Shah, son of Peer Zada Mohammad Akber Shah, resident of Jawalapora, Budgam, for allegedly accumulating assets disproportionate to his known sources of income.

The accused, serving as a

Cashier at the District Police Office (DPO) Bandipora, has come under the scanner after a detailed verification revealed massive illicit wealth amassed in his and his family members' names.

According to an ACB official, the case was registered following a secret verification that established that the officer had acquired both movable and immovable assets far beyond his legitimate income during his service period. "During the course of

verification, it surfaced that the accused and his family members possessed huge assets, including prime landholdings and properties, which were not commensurate with their known sources of income," the ACB official said.

The assets identified during the probe include land holdings measuring approximately 32 Kanals and 6 Marlas in District Budgam - about 17 Kanals and 14 Marlas at Shahpora

Wathora. The accused is also said to own a luxurious double-storey residential house with an attic constructed on a purchased plot at Ompora Colony, Budgam.

"Further scrutiny of bank accounts revealed that the accused and his family members held deposits amounting to approximately Rs 48.26 lakh across various banks," the official added. Multiple vehicles registered in the names of the accused and

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Search ops underway after Pak drone sighting along IB



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA/JAMMU: Security forces have launched a search operation after two Pakistani drones were seen hovering over the forward vil-

lages along the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, officials said on Saturday.

The drones were

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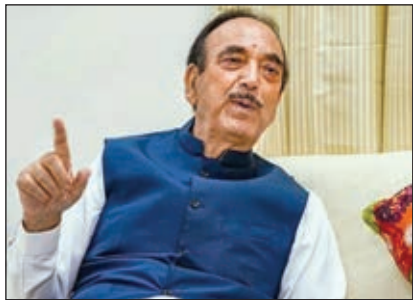
DPAP will not fight bypolls in Budgam, Nagrota Assembly seats: Azad

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Democratice Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) will not contest the upcoming bypolls in Budgam and Nagrota Assembly seats, its chairman and former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad said on Saturday.

He said the decision not to fight the bypolls was taken after thorough consultations and a ground-level assessment, which indicated limited organisational strength in these segments.

"We do not believe in symbolic contests or vote divi-



sion. Where our support base is not sufficiently strong, we would rather consolidate efforts in other constituencies and focus on the broader

mission of restoring democratic dignity and development in Jammu and Kashmir," Azad said.

The bypolls to Budgam and Nagrota constituencies will be held on November 11, while the counting of votes will be undertaken on November 14.

The Budgam seat fell vacant immediately after the 2024 Assembly elections when Chief Minister Omar Abdullah chose to retain the Ganderbal constituency.

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DC rolls out colour coding, zones for e-vehicles

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Dr. Rakesh Minhas, on Saturday announced a regulatory framework for the operation of e-rickshaws, e-autos and e-carts within district Jammu.

The announcement followed a District Road Traffic Authority meeting chaired by the DC with SSP Joginder Singh, SSP Traffic Farooq Qaiser, RTO Jasmeet Singh and representatives from transport unions in which all decisions were made after amicable agreement.

Under the new framework, all electric vehicles must operate strictly within designated zones, with movement between zones prohibited. Vehicles will display colour-coded plates on the front and rear for easy identification. The zones classified are Zone 1 (South Jammu) - Pink; Zone 2 (North Jammu) - Blue; Zone 3 (Akhmoor) - Yellow; Zone 4 (R.S. Pura) - Red; Zone 5 (Marh) - Green; Zone 6 (Nagrota) - Black.

The e-rickshaws, e-autos and e-carts are barred from flyovers, national

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Jaishankar meets US Ambassador designate Sergio Gor

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Saturday held talks with US Ambassador-designate Sergio Gor amid continuing strains in the India-US relations over Washington's imposition of 50 per cent tariffs on Indian exports.

Gor, accompanied by Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources Michael J Rigas, is on a six-day visit to New Delhi, days after the Senate confirmed his appointment as the US



envoy to India.

"Pleased to meet Ambassador-designate Sergio Gor of the US today in New Delhi. Discussed the India-US relationship and its global

significance,"

Jaishankar said on social media.

"Wish him the best for his new responsibility," he said.

Gor also met Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri.

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Cong leaders to meet in Srinagar today, discuss stand on RS polls, Assembly bypolls

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Top leaders of Jammu and Kashmir Congress will meet here on Sunday to discuss party strategy for the forthcoming polls to the four Rajya Sabha seats and bypolls to the two assembly seats. Pradesh Congress Committee president Tariq Hameed Karra will chair the meeting at the party headquarters in Srinagar. Key party leaders from both the Kashmir and Jammu regions will attend, party sources said.

They said the Congress leaders will finalise their strategy for the forthcoming polls to

four Rajya Sabha seats.

Congress had sought support of the ruling National Conference in the election to one of the four seats. National Conference on Friday named candidates for only three Rajya Sabha seats, saying that it has left one seat open as talks with Congress were going on. The Rajya Sabha polls are scheduled to be held on October 24. Congress sources said the party meeting will also deliberate on its stand on bypolls to the Budgam and Nagrota assembly segments, where voting will be held in November.