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## J&K Police need to be always ready to eliminate terrorist threats: LG



LG Manoj Sinha saluting at the march past at Srinagar.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha paid homage to the J&K Police martyrs on Police Commemoration Day at the Police Memorial in Zewan, Srinagar on Tuesday.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor said the J&K Police is epitome of duty, discipline, loyalty and selfless service. He said that our brave J&K Police personnel have always prioritized nation's development and

lives of their fellow citizens above their own.

"They have kept tricolor flying high even at the cost of their own life," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also expressed his deepest gratitude to J&K Police's brave police personnel and their families for keeping citizens safe and upholding the rule of law.

"While fighting terrorism, enforcing laws, investigating crimes or responding to

emergencies like the recent natural calamities, the J&K Police's commitment is to their duty first," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also stated that the deep love for the tricolor is a fundamental reason for our brave J&K Police personnel to serve the motherland with utmost devotion and dedication and to make supreme sacrifices. "The glorious legacy of our police

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## CM pays tribute to police martyrs



CM Omar Abdullah laying wreath at martyrs memorial.

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday led a solemn ceremony at the Police Martyrs Memorial in Zewan, paying homage to the police personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty on the occasion of Police Commemoration Day.

The ceremony was addressed by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Accompanied by Council of Ministers Sakina Ittoo and Javid Ahmad Dar, along with Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, the Chief Minister

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## Rajnath warns of rising 'ideological wars', sophisticated crimes

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday emphasised the shifting landscape of country's security challenges, noting that while the nation grapples with border instability, society faces a new surge in sophisticated crimes, terrorism and "ideological wars".

Speaking on the occasion of Police Commemoration Day, Singh underscored the critical need to balance external and internal security to achieve the vision of a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047.

"Areas that were once known as the red corridor have now transformed into growth corridors," the defence minister said, highlighting the significant progress made against the Naxal problem, long a major internal security challenge, and credited the concerted and organised efforts of the police, CRPF, BSF and local administration in preventing



the problem from escalating. Police Commemoration Day is observed annually to honour the memory of 10 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel who were killed in an ambush by Chinese troops in Ladakh's Hot Spring area on this day in 1959.

Addressing an event at the National Police Memorial, Singh asserted that despite functioning on different platforms, the military and police share the singular mission of national protection.

The Defence Minister cautioned that while

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## GoC assesses security situation along LoC in Rajouri-Poonch sector



GoC White Knight Corps Lieutenant General P K Mishra during visit to a forward area along LoC in Rajouri.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: White Knight Corps General Officer Commanding (GoC),

Lieutenant General P K Mishra, visited forward areas along the Line of

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## J&K Administration cuts power, water supply to illegal Rohingya settlements in Channi Rama

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a decisive move, the Jammu administration has disconnected electricity and water supply to an illegal Rohingya settlement near Nideesh Enclave, Channi Rama, following a complaint lodged by the Residents' Welfare Association of the locality. The action was taken after the office of the Tehsildar Bahu received a formal application from the association, raising concerns over the unauthorized occupation of government land by a group of Rohingyas. According to the complaint, the settlers had erected



makeshift Jugis (huts) and were allegedly operating illegal scrap businesses, posing serious law and order, sanitation, and safety issues for

residents.

The letter further noted frequent quarrels, disturbances, and a lack of sanitation in the area, leading to

growing unease among local families. The residents urged the authorities to take immediate action to restore peace and public hygiene in the neighbourhood. Taking cognizance of the issues, the Tehsildar Bahu directed concerned departments to immediately disconnect all electricity and water connections to the illegally occupied plots.

Departments have also been instructed to report back to the Tehsildar's office with details of the action taken. The move signals a tough stance by the local administration on illegal encroachments.

## Govt proposes tweaks in IT rules; moots labelling, markers for AI-generated content

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: In a bid to curb user harm from AI-generated deepfakes and synthetically produced content, the IT Ministry has proposed draft amendments to IT rules that mandate labelling and prominent markers to ensure users can distinguish synthetic and authentic content, and mooted greater accountability for major social media platforms.

With the increasing availability of generative AI tools and the resulting proliferation of synthetically generated information (deepfakes), the potential for misuse of such technologies to cause user harm, spread misinformation, manipulate elections, or impersonate individuals has grown significantly, the IT Ministry said. Taking note of these risks, and after extensive public discussions and parliamentary deliberations, MeitY has prepared the draft amendments to the IT Rules,

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### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Assembly speaker has admitted two private member resolutions by PDP leader Wahid-ur-Rehman Para, one of which seeks restoration of J&K Waqf Board and handing it over to a religious conglomerate headed by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq.

The second private member's bill is about restoration of J&K cadre of IAS, IPS, KAS and KPS officers, an official said.

The nine-day autumn session of the Jammu and

Kashmir Assembly will begin here on Thursday.

"In terms of the Rule...in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, I am to

## Speaker admits PDP's resolutions to restore Waqf Board, cadre of officers

intimate that the Speaker has been pleased to admit your Resolutions -- to restore J&K Waqf Board and entrust it custodianship to the Muttahid-e-Malis-e-Ulema (MMU) and to restore J&K cadre of IAS, IPS, KAS and KPS officers," the assembly secretariat said in a

communication to Para.

Private member's resolutions are generally balloted before they can be scheduled for discussion in the House.

The MMU is a conglomerate of religious bodies headed by Hurriyat Conference chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, which believes that the 2025 Waqf Amendment Act undermines Muslim control over religious trusts and is discriminatory.

In September 2025, the

Supreme Court stayed certain provisions of the Waqf Act but did not address all the concerns of the MMU.

The private member bill seeking restoration of IAS, IPS and erstwhile cadres of the state comes in the wake of merger of the civil services officers of the former state into the Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram, and Union Territories (AGMUT) cadre after the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019.

This effectively ended the separate J&K cadre

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## On Guru Charan Yatra, Chugh pays obeisance to sacred 'Joda Sahib'

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI/AMRITSAR: Senior BJP leader Tarun Chugh on Wednesday visited Gurdwara Moti Bagh Sahib in Delhi and paid obeisance to the sacred relic 'Joda Sahib' (the divine sandals).

Expressing deep emotion after the Darshan, Chugh said, "It is my heartfelt wish that through the Guru Charan Yatra, our connection with the great ideals of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji and Mata Sahib Kaur Ji deepens further."

He appealed to the people across the country to

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## EC reviews mapping progress as it readies pan-India SIR roadmap

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Ramping up its preparations for special intensive revision of voter lists across India, the Election Commission top brass on Wednesday assessed the progress made on mapping the current electors with the voters as per the last SIR in different states.

The exercise will help state poll machinery find out the number of electors who were in the electoral roll after the last intensive revision and continue to be in the latest voter list.

As was the case in Bihar, the voters will not have to submit any documents but only semi-filled enumeration forms.

There is a view in EC that mapping of current electors with those in the last SIR will

ensure that more than half the electorate in most states may not give any documents in SIR.

The commission, a statement said, also reviewed the status of appointment and training of district election officers, electoral registration officers, and booth-level officers, and booth-level agents who are appointed by a political party.

The two-day meet is the second since September to decide on the massive exercise. Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and Election Commissioners S S Sandhu and Vivek Joshi met all state chief electoral officers here to review preparedness.

One strong opinion within the top EC brass is to

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**WEATHER**

**Temperature (Jammu)**  
Max: 31.0°C Min: 16.2°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 81 Min: 53

**Temperature (Srinagar)**  
Max: 23.3°C Min: 6.6°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 76 Min: 45

Sunset : 17:50 Hours  
Sunrise : 06:40 Hours



Devyani as its candidate from Nagrota on Wednesday. Filing her nomination

papers as the youngest among 12 candidates contesting the Nagrota bypoll.

Devyani described herself as the people's "sevadar". She said that she had promised her father on his deathbed to fulfil his unfinished dreams.

"When Rana Sahib held my hand and took a vow from me to become the 'sevadar' of this constituency, he was confident I would take care of the people. I will continue his mission with the same spirit," she said.

In what is shaping up to be a three-cornered contest, Devyani faces National Conference's 37-year-old Shamim Begum, a

## 9 crorepatis, 1 PhD among Budgam bypoll candidates

SRINAGAR: Of 17 candidates whose nominations have been accepted for the bypoll in Budgam Assembly constituency, nine are crorepatis, three have criminal cases, while only eight have passed class 12.

Twenty candidates submitted their nominations for the November 11 bypoll, however, nominations of only 17, including seven independents, were accepted.

Of these 17, National Conference (NC) candidate Aga Syed Mehmood is the richest with total assets of more than Rs 15 crore.

A businessman and a former minister, Mehdi has disclosed having Rs 28.02 lakh in movable property and Rs 15 crore in immovable holdings, comprising agricultural, commercial, and residential properties in Budgam.

The 69-year-old also has liabilities of Rs 97.69 lakh, mainly loans against property. He has reported an annual income of over Rs 52 lakh in the Income

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postgraduate in Urdu, and J-K National Panthers Party president Harsh Dev Singh,

a senior lawyer and former education minister.

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