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# Education for all; effective interventions made to offset dropout rate: LG



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at the 'Meritorious Students Award' function of Amar Ujala in Jammu on Thursday.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In an effort to achieve the goal of education for all, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said that effective interventions to offset the dropout rate in the educational institutions in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Last year enrollment drive registered a 14.5 per cent increase", said the Lt

Governor while attending the 'Meritorious Students' Award' function organized by Amar Ujala Group at Baba Jitto Auditorium of SKUAST-Jammu.

He congratulated all the students and wished them very best for their future endeavours.

"The Lt Governor said, "The biggest power for a student is critical thinking, and curiosi-

ty is the only real identity. Critical thinking and curiosity helps a student to earn the values of courage, caring and cooperation".

Both knowledge and values in the education system is need of the hour. At this impressionable age, classroom must stimulate students' intellectual capacity and enrich their personality, he added.

Observing that the National Education Policy prepared under the guidance of Prime Minister has redefined the entire education eco-system, the Lt Governor stressed upon schools to promote innovation, creativity, flexibility and experiments. The culture of innovation and invention will enable the students to confidently tackle the challenges of the future and contribute to nation building in various capacities, he further added.

Any region, any nation will prosper only when the younger generation gets the right environment to nurture critical thinking and curiosity. Focus on your independent thinking, individual growth and never stop looking for answers for your queries to unlock the vast potential of knowledge, the Lt Governor told the students.

The Lt Governor highlighted the reforms

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## SC to set-up bench to hear Gyanvapi-Kashi Vishwanath case today

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court agreed to set up a bench on Friday to hear the Gyanvapi-Kashi Vishwanath case in which the Hindu side has sought extension of an order by which protection of an area where a "Shivling" was found in Gyanvapi premises was ordered.

A bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud on Thursday took note of the submissions of advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain, appearing for some Hindu devotees, that the May 17 order of the apex court granting protection was expiring on November 12 and it needed to be extended.

"We will constitute a bench at 3 pm tomorrow," the CJI said.

While mentioning the plea for urgent hearing, Jain said the order of protecting the area would be expiring.

On being inquired about the fate of the plea of mosque committee challenging the maintainability

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# J&K Police SI Recruitment Scam: CBI arrests 3 CRPF cops, ASI among 7 for paper leak

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/ NEW DELHI: The CBI has arrested seven more people, including some CRPF and police personnel, in connection with the police sub-inspector recruitment scam in Jammu and Kashmir Police, officials said Thursday.

They said the agency had questioned them in Jammu before taking them into custody.

Those arrested were Pawan Kumar, Head Constable CRPF; Amit Kumar Sharma Constable, CRPF; Atul Kumar, Constable CRPF; Sunil Sharma, Constable/Cook, CRPF; Jaisuriya Sharma, ASI, J&K Police; Tarsem Lal, private perso), resident of Pathankot; Ashesh Yadav, private person, resident of Rewari (Haryana), , they said.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had conducted searches on Tuesday at seven locations in Jammu,

Pathankot, Rewari and Karnal in connection with the recruitment scam.

The CBI took over the investigation into the case on August 3 on a reference from the Jammu and Kashmir government.

It had arrested 13 persons in connection with the case earlier. Out of 13 accused arrested earlier, nine are in judicial custody and four in police custody.

The case pertains to the leak of the question paper for the examination through which 1,200 posts of sub-inspectors were to be filled by the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board.

"Investigation had revealed that the alleged payment of Rs 20 to 30 lakh (approximately) was made by willing candidates and their families to the accused for accessing the question paper before the commencement of the examination," the CBI spokesperson said.

The agency had recently

arrested one Pradeep Kumar, working at an Okhla-based printing press as packing in-charge.

He allegedly stole the examination question paper at the time of packing and sold it to Rewari-based Yatin Yadav, who was also arrested in the case.

According to the CBI, it was Yadav who contacted the other touts based in Jammu and Kashmir to lure candidates for the sale of the leaked question paper, the CBI said.

The candidates were transported from Jammu to Karnal in vehicles arranged by Jammu and Kashmir Police ASI Ashok Kumar a day before the examination.

In Karnal, tout Bajinder Singh arranged a hotel where candidates were handed over the leaked question paper, the CBI has alleged.

They said a CRPF personnel allegedly provided the leaked question paper

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## AAP turned Punjab into 'terror capital' of country: Chugh

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Punjab has become a terror capital of the country where gun culture is booming and police has become a mute witness, said BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh on Thursday.

Reacting to brutal murder of Pardeep Singh, a follower of Dera Sacha Sauda in Kotkapura today, Chugh said the law and order machinery has completely collapsed in the state.

Murders and killings are happening every other day

and criminals are not being apprehended at all.



Chugh said the police, which is supposed to provide security, stands paralysed and there is an atmosphere of fear and terror in the state.

He said there seems to be gun culture in Punjab which can spell doom for the border state.

## Restore J&K's statehood before polls: Altaf Bukhari

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir's statehood should be restored before the assembly elections are conducted, Apni Party chief Altaf Bukhari said here on Thursday.

Bukhari also said under an elected government not only the good work of the officers will be appreciated, but they will be held answerable for any wrongdoings too.

Elections or no elections, as a political party, we are always ready for it. Our job is to serve the people and we will continue to do that, he told reporters here.

He said the Apni Party wants the assembly elections to be conducted in J-K so that the problems faced by the people are resolved by an elected government.

We also want that the statehood be restored immediately. Why are they (Centre) waiting for the elections? This is a promise of the Union Home

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# Information warfare potential threat to political stability: Rajnath

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Thursday called for concerted efforts of the international community to counter "grave" emerging security threats such as cyber-attacks and information warfare.

"Information warfare has the potential to threaten political stability", Singh said in an address at the National Defence College.

"There is no account of how much fake news and hate material is likely to be brought in society through social media platforms. The organised use of social media

and other online content generation platforms is being used for engineering the opinion or perspective of the



masses," he said.

"The deployment of information war was most evident in the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Throughout the conflict,

social media has served as a battleground for both sides to spread competing narratives about the war and portray the conflict on their own terms."

The defence minister described national security as the prime focus of the Modi government, stressing that the full potential of the country can be tapped only when its interests are protected. "Security is sine-qua-non for civilization to flourish and prosper." Singh also sounded a note of caution about cyber warfare and said it

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## Money in NPS belongs to people, can't go back to State Govts as per law: FM

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SHIMLA: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said the money in the National Pension Scheme (NPS) belongs to individual contributors and as per law, state governments cannot get it back.

Responding to queries on restoration of the old pension scheme (OPS), Sitharaman clarified at a press conference that Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh governments that are asking the Centre to return the money, cannot get it back as per law.

Chief Ministers of these two states have asked

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# India's relationship with China cannot be normal unless peace in border areas: Jaishankar

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday asserted that India's relationship with China cannot be normal unless there is peace in the border areas and there is no ambiguity in New Delhi's signalling to that country.

"I am saying that unless there is peace and tranquillity in the border areas, unless there is observance of agreements and no unilateral attempt made to change status quo, the relationship cannot be normal and is not normal," Jaishankar said at the



Hindustan Times Leadership Summit.

Referring to the Galwan Valley clashes, he said what happened in 2020 was an "attempt by one party, and we know which one, to depart from agreements and under-

standings and that is at the heart of the issue".

"Have we made progress from then? In some respects, yes. Relatively speaking there were multiple friction points. In those friction points, there were dangerously close up deployments by the military, I think some of those issues have been worked out keeping in mind equal and mutual security," Jaishankar said.

"But there are some which still need to be worked upon. I think it's in the nature of what I do that...it's important to persevere and

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# CS exhorts global investors to invest in J&K

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LONDON: Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday beckoned the global investors to come and invest in the unexplored land of opportunities of J&K for reaping the benefits extended by the government there.

Dr Mehta made these remarks while speaking as guest of honour at London Global Convention 2022 on Corporate Governance & Sustainability held by Institute of Directors, India under the theme 'Building an Effective Board that Works & Top Global Trends' here at London.

The Chief Secretary extended an invitation to the delegates to come and explore vast investment opportunities available in Jammu and Kashmir. He



Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta speaking at London Global Convention 2022.

urged them to support J&K in its efforts to transform J&K into a success story of optimism, prosperity and growth.

He maintained that his participation in this Global event aims at building trust amongst global business fraternity and showcase strengths of Jammu &

Kashmir as a potential investment destination.

He mentioned that Government of India is working towards making India a hub of global supply chain under the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' campaign. He recollected that a host of initiatives like Make in India, Vocal for Local, Promoting

exports under District as Export Hub, market linkages for MSME industries to both domestic and global value chains, etc have been rolled out in this direction.

Dr Mehta gave out that in this backdrop the Jammu and Kashmir Industrial Policy (JKIP) 2021-30 is a welcome change from the previous industrial policies and the industrial ecosystem in J&K is set to witness a paradigm shift.

Talking about the local initiatives he resonated that "Government of Jammu & Kashmir took bold and decisive steps of breaking the shackles in the path of development and the UT is fast moving towards integration with national economic trajectory, to become a prosperous and self-reliant Union

Territory".

He reiterated that momentous decisions have been taken which have changed the constitutional framework, removed artificial legal and economic barriers between J&K and the rest of the country and have fully integrated J&K market with the national market and at par with other parts of the country.

He informed the gathering that the people of J&K can now fully enjoy the rights and benefits enjoyed by all other citizens of India rather than just a limited set of rights and benefits. He stated that a strong grassroots democracy has been set up with genuine participation of people at the lowest rungs of governance in

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## JeI properties worth Rs 2.58 Cr sealed in Shopian

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Authorities in Shopian district on Thursday sealed nine properties worth more than Rs 2.58 crore belonging to banned terrorist outfit Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI), the State Investigation Agency (SIA) said.

"Today in Shopian district, properties at nine locations worth Rs 2,58,03,333 after being notified by district magistrate on the recommendation of SIA have been sealed with restrictions on usage and entry," a spokesman of the SIA said.

The spokesman said the properties were sealed as part of efforts to choke the availability of funds for secessionist activities and to dismantle the ecosystem of


anti-national elements and terror networks hostile to India's sovereignty.

"These premises/structures have been sealed and entry and usage have been prohibited. Besides, red entry to this effect has been made in the relevant revenue records," he added.

The sealed properties include nearly half a hectare of land and some school buildings. The properties of Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) in Shopian are the first to be notified in a series of properties belonging to the banned group in other districts of J&K, the spokesman said.

He said Shopian has a lot of significance vis-a-vis JeI. "Saadu-din Tarabali and

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Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 26.8°C Min: 14.4°C

Humidity

Max : 64 Min : 59

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 14.1°C Min: 4.7°C

Humidity

Max : 87 Min: 66

Sunset : 17:35 Hours

Sunrise : 06:57 Hours