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## Articles 370, 35A restricted growth Discrimination normalised for long time in J&K: LG



LG Manoj Sinha addressing at Chanakya Dialogue organised by Chanakya Forum in New Delhi on Saturday.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said that temporary provision of Articles 370 and 35A restricted the growth and for a very long time, discrimination was normalised in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Separatism, terrorism, corruption and dynastic politics had disempowered the common citizen", Sinha said while delivering the keynote address at The Chanakya Dialogues organized by Chanakya Forum here on Saturday. Referring to the change

J&K is witnessing in the past three years, the Lt Governor said, the progress of the Union Territory has been the top priority and commitment of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. A sea of change can be witnessed after August 2019. Abrogation of Article 370

marked the beginning of a new era of peace and progress in J&K and removed social disparities. The efforts of the Prime Minister have nurtured and fulfilled people's aspirations, said the Lt Governor. J&K is on the move and full of self-confidence it is marching forward on the path to progress, the Lt Governor observed.

Terming equal rights and social justice as the bedrock of any civilised society in democracy, the Lt Governor said that equitable progress of all sections of society was an exception before 2019. In the last three years, we have removed the obstacles created by some vested interests on the path of socio-economic progress, said the Lt Governor.

We have accelerated and broadened our

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### Terrorists fire at two non-local labourers in Anantnag district

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Terrorists on Saturday shot at and injured two non-local labourers in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said.

"Terrorists fired upon & injured two outside labourers in Rakh-Momin area of #Anantnag. Both the injured are being shifted to hospital for treatment," Kashmir Zone Police said on Twitter. The police said the area was being cordoned off to look for the attackers.

### LeT terrorists, handlers booked for threatening journalists online

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Police on Saturday filed a case against terrorists and handlers belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and one of its offshoots for sending threat letters to journalists in Kashmir.

"Case registered against handlers, active terrorists & OGWs of terror outfit LeT & its offshoot TRF for

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## Modi Govt adopting zero tolerance policy towards terror: MHA

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Modi government is adopting a zero tolerance policy towards terrorism and will convey to the international community India's determination in its fight against the menace.

The Union Home Ministry said the government is organising the third Ministerial 'No Money for Terror' (NMFT) conference on November 18 and 19 in New Delhi where representatives of 75 countries and international bodies will participate in the deliberations over two days.

Hosting of the NMFT conference shows the importance being given by the Modi government to the issue of international terrorism as well as its zero tolerance policy against the menace and having discussions on this issue in the international community, a home ministry statement said.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah will be participating in

the conference and will convey India's determination in its fight against terrorism as well as its support systems for achieving success against it.

The conference aims to progress the discussions on combating terrorist financing held by the international community in the previous two Conferences in Paris (2018) and Melbourne (2019), the statement said.

It also intends to include discussions on technical, legal, regulatory and cooperation aspects of all facets of terrorism financing.

It attempts to also set the pace for other high level official and political deliberations, focused on countering terrorist financing.

Globally, countries have been affected by terrorism and militancy for several years. The pattern of violence differs in most theatres, but is largely engendered by a tumultuous geopolitical environment, con-

pled with prolonged armed sectarian conflicts, the statement said.

Such conflicts often lead to poor governance, political instability, economic deprivation and large ungoverned spaces. The involvement of a compliant state often exacerbates terrorism, especially its financing.

India has suffered several forms of terrorism and its financing over more than three decades, hence it understands the pain and trauma of similarly impacted nations, the statement said.

In order to display solidarity with peace-loving nations and to help create a bridge for sustained cooperation on countering terrorist financing, India was host to two global events in October - the annual General Assembly of the Interpol in Delhi and a special session of the UN Counter Terrorism Committee in Mumbai and Delhi. The

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### Situation stable but unpredictable in eastern Ladakh: Army Chief

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The situation in eastern Ladakh is "stable but unpredictable", Chief of Army Staff Gen Manoj Pande said on Saturday, amid the lingering border standoff in the region with China.

In an address at a think-tank, Gen Pande also said the Indian side is looking forward to the next round of high-level military talks with China for resolution of the remaining issues.

"We are looking at date for the 17th round of talks," he said. As far as PLA's force levels are concerned, there has been no significant reduction, he said referring to the overall situation along Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh.

He was addressing the 'Chanakya Dialogues',

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### Over 20 injured in bus accident in Akhnoor

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: More than 20 persons were injured after a bus skidded off the road and rolled down into a gorge on the outskirts of Jammu city on Friday evening, officials said.

The incident took place near Makhian morh in Akhnoor, they said.

All those injured have been shifted to a hospital, they added.

### Ganderbal Admn bans sale, possession, use of electric heaters, faces flak

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR : In a bizarre order, authorities in Jammu and Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Saturday imposed a ban on the sale, possession and use of electric heating appliances, even as the Valley is reeling under cold weather conditions following heavy snowfall in the higher reaches. The decision was taken to avoid any damage to

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 27.4°C Min: 10.2°C

Humidity  
Max: 83 Min: 58

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 16.0°C Min: 1.2°C

Humidity  
Max: 94 Min: 56

Sunset : 17:32 Hours  
Sunrise : 06:58 Hours

## J&K Police SI recruitment scam BSF MO, question paper printing press employee, ASI among 24 accused charge-sheeted

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Saturday filed a charge sheet against 24 accused, including a former BSF commandant, in a case related to the police sub-inspector recruitment scam in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

In its charge sheet filed before a special court in Jammu, the CBI said Yatin Yadav of Rewari, the mastermind, had accessed the question paper of the examination conducted by the Jammu and Kashmir Services

Selection Board through Pradip Kumar Katiyar, an employee of a printing press based in Delhi's Okhla.

Yadav used a network of middlemen and officials of Jammu and Kashmir Police and central paramilitary forces to target aspirants willing to cough up Rs 20-30 lakh to get through the recruitment process, the officials said. Through the exam, 1,200

posts in the Jammu and Kashmir Police were to be filled up.

Those charge-sheeted include Yadav, Katiyar and former Border Security Force (BSF) Medical Officer Dr Karnail Singh. Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and BSF personnel and middlemen, most of them in judicial and police custody, are also among those charge-sheeted.

Yadav contacted other accused persons including BSF, CRPF and Jammu and

Kashmir Police personnel to arrange candidates for the sale of the question paper, the CBI said in a statement.

"In furtherance to conspiracy, candidates were taken to Karnal and provided the leaked question paper in lieu of money. A few accused from J&K made arrangements for providing the leaked question paper to the candidates at Gangyal in Jammu.

"It was further alleged that the accused distributed the leaked question paper at the residence of a doctor (Karnail Singh). It was

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### Partition was not just of land but of hearts as well: Ram Madhav

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Partition of 1947 was not just of land but of hearts as well, senior BJP leader Ram Madhav said on Saturday and cautioned against the discourse that Hindus and Muslims cannot live together.

Speaking at an event at the University of Delhi, Madhav said, "If today the discourse is Hindus and Muslims cannot live together then (Muhammad Ali) Jinnah must be laughing in his grave. We must be cautious

about this discourse." "What happened in 1947 was not just the partition of the land but also the partition of hearts. The purpose of opposing partition should not be just to unify the land but to join hearts as well," he said.

Madhav, who has recently authored 'Partitioned Freedom', was addressing a workshop-cum-book discussion on 'Independence and the Partition of India'. He said his book discussed

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## Justice Magrey inaugurates 2-day consultation on POCSO Act, 2012

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Justice Committee, High Court of J&K and Ladakh in collaboration with Department of Social Welfare, UTs of J&K and Ladakh and supported by UNICEF on Saturday organized a two-day consultation on implementation of POCSO Act 2012 at Police auditorium, Gulshan Ground, Jammu.

Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, was Chief Guest on the occasion while Justice Tashi Rabstan, Chairman, Juvenile Justice Committee, Justice



Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh speaking at the two days consultation on POCSO Act in Jammu.

Rajnesh Oswal and Justice Mohammad Akram Chowdhary, members of JJ

Committee were the Guests of Honour. Speaking on the occasion,

Justice Magrey delved into the journey of the

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## Sensing her political ground loss, Mehbooba defames Election Commission of India: Chugh

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Sensing her political ground loss and resultant frustration, Mehbooba Mufti has tried to defame Election Commission of India, said Tarun Chugh, Bharatiya Janata Party National General Secretary & J&K Prabhari.

Tarun Chugh said that in her frustration, Mehbooba Mufti has blamed the Election Commission of India. Her allegation that Election Commission of India has become puppet of BJP, purely reflects her frustration, as she is aware of her party's downfall in the democratic set up in



Jammu & Kashmir. "These politicians have always won riding on the boycott calls and proxy voters. They have misused the peoples' emotions and it was all good till the things suited them according to their plans. Now, when these politicians

know that they cannot win on these petty gimmicks, they have started questioning the integrity of election Commission of India," Tarun Chugh said.

Chugh said, "You have enjoyed all the official luxuries and enjoying them till date legally or illegally but never hesitate to question the integrity of these highest institutions for your own benefit. Election commission of India is an unbiased agency working on its own and its working pattern is lauded all over the world. Stop speaking and acting on the lines dictated by Pakistan."

## Abuses are my nutrition: Modi

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
HYDERABAD: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday made the "family politics" jibe at the ruling TRS in Telangana and said the state needs a government that works for all families and not just one.

Seeking to make light of criticism from his adversaries, Modi said the "2.5-3 kg" of abuses he receives everyday keep him going to serve people as such words are the "nutrition" that turns the harsh remarks into positive energy.

"The agenda in politics should be service-oriented. But in Telangana the mandate of those who got man-

date-their entire focus is to abuse Modi. Sometimes people ask me, Modiji, are you not tired. Yesterday I was in



Delhi in the morning then Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and now in Telangana. People ask me whether I don't get tired," he said at a public meeting here. "Then I will tell them that daily I consume 2.5-3 kg of abusive words. And God has

created me in such a way, God has blessed me in such a way that all those abusive words are processed and converted as nutrition in my system. It becomes positive energy which will be helped to serve the people," the PM said. He further stated that some people, out of disappointment, depression and fear have 'exhausted' the dictionary to abuse him.

He asked his supporters not to be concerned with such abusive language as the rival was left with nothing other than such words. "Don't worry about it. I for the past 22 years received a variety of abusive

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## Our land, job rights would be protected if voted to power: Azad

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Democratic Azad Party Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad exuded confidence that if voted to power, the land and job rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir shall be restored and protected.

"The honour and dignity of each one of us will be ensured", Azad said while addressing a big public meeting at the border township of Uri.

The former Chief Minister spoke in detail about the overall upliftment of the downtrodden segments of the society and promised a fair and equal development to the disadvantaged remote and backward areas, adding that participation of Gujar, Bakervial and Pahari communities in the process of



DAP Chairman, Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing gathering at Uri on Saturday.

governance will be ensured. Azad recalled the days when Uri was devastated by the earthquake and said that it was his personal efforts that brought comfort to the residents of the entire region of Uri.

The DAP Chairman promised to take all his dream projects to their logical conclusion if elected to power.

He stressed the need of strengthening the health care infrastructure and also exploring the possibilities of upgrading the work culture as it used to be during his Chief ministership in J&K earlier.

Other senior leaders, who spoke on the occasion, included Taj Mohiuddin, G.M.Saroori and Peerzada

Mohd Sayed.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Shuaib Lone, Ab. Ghani Khan, Mohd Sayed Shah, Aamir Rasool, Khalid Tufail and other senior members of the party.

Thousands of DAP supporters gave a rousing reception to the former Chief Minister on his arrival.