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# Determined to transform subsistence agriculture into sustainable commercial agri-economy: LG



LG Manoj Sinha speaking after inaugurating Kisan Mela at SKUAST-Jammu.

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said that the government is determined to transform subsistence agriculture into sustainable commercial agriculture economy with emphasis on ecosystem services and restoration and sustainable utilization of biodiversity.

Inaugurating the Kisan Mela organised by SKUAST

Jammu, the Lt Governor further said that our integrated approach with the focus on efficient use of bio-resources for food, feed and industry will be able to tackle challenges arising out of globalization and climate change.

Addressing the gathering of farmers and agriculturists from around the country at the Baba Jitto auditorium of the University, the Lt

Governor observed that the five-day assembly of farmers, industry, entrepreneurs, experts will help in developing linkages between various stakeholders to benefit the farming community.

Underlining that Agriculture and farmers remain the top priority of the government, the Lt Governor said, in last two years, an enabling environment has been created for transform-

ing J&K's Agri and Allied Sectors in order to increase farmer income, ensure food security and accelerate UT's economic growth.

Kisan Mela will showcase and deliberate upon the theme of diversification in agriculture which is not only important for assured income to our farming community but also in making agriculture systems more sustainable in the future, said the Lt Governor.

Appreciating the Apex Committee for formulating a future strategy for small and medium-sized farms to ensure access to more profitable markets with reduced cost of farm inputs, the Lt Governor said the holistic development is aimed at IT interventions, infusion of capital, value addition, processing, branding & marketing of agricultural produce supported by agri-business innovations to create employment. Prime Minister

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## Threat to Kashmir journalists may have originated from Turkey-based terrorist: Report

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Turkey-based terror operative Mukhtar Baba and six of his contacts in Jammu and Kashmir are suspected to be behind threats received by several journalists in the Valley in the past couple of days, according to an intelligence dossier.

Several journalists resigned from local publications recently after being threatened by terror outfit The Resistance Front (TRF), a shadow organisation of the Lashker-e-Taiba. As per the intelligence dossier, "initial assessment suggests that terrorist Mukhtar Baba is the mastermind" behind the threats.

Mukhtar Baba (55) used to work for various newspapers in Kashmir. He was a resident of Srinagar in the 1990s and is believed to have escaped to Turkey, it said.

Baba, who often visits Pakistan, has emerged as a mastermind responsible for grooming youngsters in the Valley to join the TRF.

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# Social media platforms being used to raise funds for terror activities: NIA DG

## Huge reduction in terror activities in all "theatres of conflicts in J&K

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NEW DELHI: India has evidence social media platforms are being used to raise terror funds, NIA Director General Dinkar Gupta said Thursday, underlining that the issue will be deliberated during a two-day international ministerial conference on countering terror financing.

Addressing a press conference ahead of the meeting beginning Friday, Gupta also said Pakistan and Afghanistan were not participating in the conference, while China was yet to confirm.

The third 'No Money for Terror' Ministerial Conference on Counter-Terrorism Financing' hosted by the Ministry of Home Affairs will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and attended by Union Home Minister Amit Shah,

among others.

Asked if Pakistan, China and Afghanistan were invited to the conference, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs, Sanjay Verma said,



"China has been invited." He, however, remained silent on the other two neighbouring countries.

Giving details of the conference, Gupta made it clear that no country-specific discussion is part of the agenda but representatives of 73 nations, including ministers of over 20 of them, will discuss with an open heart all issues, be it the source of terror, the threat or its funding.

"Every participating country has full right to express its views," he said.

Gupta said terror activities have declined in India during the last eight years, and

there is a "huge reduction" in terror activities in all "theatres of conflicts", be it Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, the northeast or the areas affected by Left Wing Extremism.

He said it was a battle to be fought, and the country has to strengthen its infrastructure, mechanisms, and frameworks to fight this menace of global terrorism and its financing.

To a question on the inclusion of social media platform regulation in the agenda of the terror financing conference, Gupta said social media platforms are being used to raise financing, funding

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## Maoists, Islamists have created ecosystem against Hindutva, India: RSS functionary

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Maoists, "cultural Marxists", Islamists and global capitalists have created an ecosystem against Hindutva and India, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's (RSS) Joint General Secretary Arun Kumar said on Thursday.

He hailed the central government's "decisive leadership" in introducing a new education policy, but added there is a need to counter the discourse sponsored by the Left and Islamists, saying it "challenges India-based education system".

Kumar was addressing the inaugural session of a three-

day conclave on 'Education System in India' organised by RSS-affiliate Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas.

"While the Sangh's views are accepted and embraced by the people, Maoists, cultural Marxists, Islamists and global capitalists have set up an ecosystem against Hindutva and India to impose their views on the mainstream. Thus, it is important to counter such a discourse, especially in academic institutions as it disrupts the education system," he said. Lauding the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, he said it

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## JKRLM signs pact with Meesho to empower 1,800 SHG members

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir rural livelihoods mission (Umeed) and e-commerce firm Meesho have signed an agreement to support the growth of 1,800 self-help group (SHG) members by providing them an online platform to launch and grow their business and empower rural women entrepreneurs.

The memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed and exchanged in the presence of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here at Raj Bhavan on Thursday.

Congratulating women entrepreneurs of self-help groups (SHGs) and Meesho officials, the Lt Governor



LG Manoj Sinha during MoU signing between JKRLM and Meesho in Jammu on Thursday.

said the partnership will help in building lives and livelihoods for rural communities and provide greater access to economic activities, and financial independence to rural women entrepreneurs.

The partnership of rural livelihoods mission and e-commerce giant Meesho is a significant step in making niche products of Jammu and Kashmir available to the wider customer base, provid-

ing SHGs global market to grow their business, and making them Aatmanirbhar, he observed.

From shawls and carpets to Phool Kari, Jammu & Kashmir's arts and crafts have earned global recognition for their uniqueness, officials said.

Going online with Meesho will allow these women to sell such products to all corners of India and benefit from higher visibility and additional income, they added.

Digital inclusion will help them become self-employed entrepreneurs and fulfil their aspirations of achieving financial independence.

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## J&K Govt issues notices for cancellation of land allotment to 586 units for failing to respond

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir government on Thursday issues final notices for cancellation of land allotment to 586 entities which failed to set up units under the much-touted 'new industrial development scheme'.

Notices have been issued as these units failed to deposit the land premium and execute lease deed, according to a top official. The step has been taken to provide opportunity to others in the long queue.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration in January 2021 announced a new industrial development

scheme (IDS) with a total outlay of Rs 28,400 crore to encourage new investment and take industrial development to the block level.

Approved by the Government of India, the new IDS for was not only meant for ushering in an era of socio-economic development of the region, but also take development to the block level and far-flung areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

The final notice was issued by Jammu & Kashmir State Industrial Development Corporation (SIDCO) Managing Director

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## India's first privately developed rocket set to soar today

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CHENNAI/NEW DELHI : India's space programme will soar into new skies on Friday when the country's first privately developed rocket, Vikram-S would be launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) from its spaceport in Sriharikota, about 115 kms from Chennai.

Decks have been cleared for the four-year-old startup Skyroot Aerospace to make the maiden launch of its Vikram-S rocket, marking the foray of private sector into the country's space industry, dominated by

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## Union Govt's developmental initiative percolates at gross root level: Union MoS



Union Minister Rameshwar Teli during visit to far flung areas of Kupwara district.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KUPWARA: Union Minister of State for Petroleum, Natural Gas, Labour and Employment, Rameshwar

Teli on Thursday said that the benefits of developmental initiative of Union Government have been percolating down at gross root

level in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir including far flung Kupwara district.

The Minister, who reached here for a day long visit under Union Government's Outreach programme, said this during a well attended function at Galizoo, in the outskirts of Kupwara Town.

The Minister said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has a dream to make Jammu and Kashmir a developed and prosperous UT, adding that the outreach programme envisages to look after the implementation

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## Not getting enough lawyers to serve in higher judiciary: SC

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday expressed disappointment over not getting enough eligible lawyers for lateral entry into higher judiciary as additional district judges across the country.

Lawyers with a minimum of seven years experience can take a competitive examination for lateral entry into Higher Judicial Services (HJS) as ADJs.

A bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud was hearing a plea of several unsuccessful candidates of the higher judicial

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## Govt committed to provide access to justice for all: Rijju

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

ANANTNAG: Union Law Minister Kiren Rijju on Thursday said that the Government is committed to provide access to justice for all citizens.

"Access to justice enables citizens to have their voices heard, exercise their rights and challenge discrimination", Rijju said while inaugurating Legal Literary Club and interacting with students at Govt. Higher Secondary School, Aishnuquam, adding that the camp is organized as part of the initiative of providing justice at the doorsteps of the



Union Law Minister Kiren Rijju speaking at an event in Anantnag.

public.

The Minister said under

the guidance of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir is on a rapid path of development and the Government is making every effort to ensure that the benefit reaches the rightful beneficiaries at the ground level.

He said that the constitution contains the law of the land and it is necessary that youth are aware of the various legal rights and welfare services guaranteed to them, adding that legal literacy clubs will breed the right attitude in young minds to be ambassadors of rights of

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# Love Jihad: Why victims are generally Hindus and killers from other community?

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Shrill debate on 'Love Jihad' is back even before 35 pieces of the Hindu girl Shradha, killed by her lover Aftab Ameen, are yet to be collected and put in the coffin for cremation as a single entity. Shradha's crime was to defy the good counseling of her parents and repose faith in her Muslim live-in partner:

Pseudo 'intellectuals' and activists of a particular community have started crying hoarse over the widespread anger across the country, saying that the incident should be seen purely as a crime and not given communal spin. But when Ikhlaz was lynched by some Hindu bigots, they were the people to

malign the Hindus and the country by dubbing it as unsafe for Muslims and an intolerant nation. Nation still recalls the reactions of Awar Wapsi Gang besides celebrities like Naseerudin Shah and Amir Khan. These so-called Budhijevis, Jolawallas and sections of a particular section of society always parrot that terrorists have no religion whenever Jihadis attack forces, institutions and innocent Indians but take no time in coining Saffron terrorism on the incidents of isolated crimes.

According to the 1951 census, Hindus comprised 305 million (84.1 percent) of the Indian population, Sikhs 6.86 million (1.9 percent) and Muslims were 35.4 million (9.8 percent). In 2021 Hindus made up 79.8 percent of India's population and Muslims accounted for 14.2 percent; Christians, Sikhs,

Buddhists and Jains accounted for most of the remaining 6 percent. The fall and jump in the Hindu and Muslim population is discernible. While Muslim population rose to 14.4 percent in 2021 from 9.8 percent in 1951, the Hindu population dropped to 79.8 percent in 2021 from (84.1 percent) in 1951. The percentage will further stagger while compiling the numbers of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar. Therefore, the concerns about Love Jihad and forced conversions are not unfounded.

Love Jihad is a real threat to India. This should be understood in its totality. Global Council of Indian Christians has rightly observed that "Love Jihad in Kerala is part of global Islamisation project". This sinister conspiracy is not restricted to a particular state only but the

virus has spread across the country.

The pseudo seculars and Jihadis are in total denial about 'Love Jihad' and claim the term as Islamophobia, which is being trumpeted by Hindutava forces. However, nobody is answering as to why in the brutal murders under 'Love Jihad', the girl is always a Hindu and the killer from the other community. And ironically, it is the Hindu boy who gets killed on marrying a Muslim girl. In both the cases, it is okay for the Hindu boy or the girl to perform 'Nikah', and get killed if they chose to perform 'Saat Pher'. The trend of 'brutal murders' is a latest trend otherwise instances are numerous where inter-faith marriages have remained almost successful. Also, live-in relationships are a universal phenomenon. Many people, mostly celebrities, across the world, includ-

ing in Jammu and Kashmir, are fashioned to prefer live-in relationships or get tied in nuptial knots but every female partner does not end up as Shradha.

To establish the point, a few of the many cases in the recent years reflect the disturbing trend of 'Love Jihad' across the country. According to Organiser, September 4, 2022, a 25-year-old fruit seller Abdul Samad from Secunderabad stabbed an 18-year-old girl E Madhavi alias Madhu under the jaw for refusing to go out with him; in October 2018, Syed Muzammil killed Mansi Dixit, a 20-year-old aspiring model, at his home in Andheri because she refused to have sex with him; in June 2020: Naina Kaur was stabbed multiple times by a stalker Sher Khan in the middle of a road at a market near Ghaziabad's ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

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