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## J&K's economy growing strongly, agri reform best cure for sustained growth: LG

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said that Jammu and Kashmir economy is now growing quite strongly and agri reform is the best cure for sustained growth.

"Our steps are focused on enhancing productivity, competitiveness, removing disparities, diversification to higher value commodities, expansion of agro-processing and value chains", Sinha said while inaugurating IFFCO's Farmer's Convention on Liquid Nano Urea, at the Convention Centre.

The Lt Governor said that the biggest challenge before us today is to make fertilizers more sustainable for future and ensure adequate nutrition.

Nano Urea enhances productivity, quality, reduces CO2 emission, and increases farmer's profitability, he added.

In order to meet the challenges of climate change,



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at IFFCO's Farmer's Convention on Liquid Nano Urea in Jammu on Tuesday.

high farm input cost, productivity, resilience against socio-economic factors, we are implementing policies that tackle the problems and create synergies between a range of concerns and with the multiple stakeholders, the Lt Governor said.

Noting that relationship between administration and society is changing and peo-

ple and government are devising a new mechanism to work together, the Lt Governor stressed that farmers and officials should work together and strengthen the collaboration in order to put agri-economy on a new trajectory of growth and better implementation of reforms.

Soil conservation is a global priority now. For better man-

agement of agricultural production, investing deeply in soil health, prevention of biodiversity loss is necessary for sustainable growth, said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor underscored that Individual Farmer incomes have grown solidly over the last two years and the pace of reform

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### 13-member panel set up for facilitating 5G roll out in J&K

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Tuesday constituted Working Committee for facilitating 5G roll out in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Sanction is accorded to the constitution of Working Committee for working out modalities for using government infrastructure/street furniture for facilitating 5G roll out in the Union Territory of Jammu

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### Contract committee constituted for execution of construction work of GMC Udhampur

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Tuesday constituted a contract committee for awarding contract for execution of construction work of Government Medical College (GMC) Udhampur.

In terms of S.O 15 of 2020 dated January 9, 2020 of the Finance Department, sanction is accorded to the constitution of Contract Committee for

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## Counter-drone equipment deployed; terrorists running short of weapons: Army Commander

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: A top Army commander on Tuesday said counter-drone equipment have been deployed at different places in Jammu and Kashmir to check airdropping of weapons and drugs from across the border.

General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi said the security agencies have also identified all the places where weapons are being dropped to ensure that terrorists, who are running short of arms, do not get hold of the weapons.

"Drone is an evolving technology and in the coming days, you will see action from both sides -- they (Pakistan) will try to send drones (with weapons and drugs), we will deploy counter-measures using technology," the Army commander told reporters here on the sidelines of a programme to mark the

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GOC-in-Chief, Northern Command, Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi briefing media at Poonch.

## '300 terrorists active in J&K'

POONCH: Around 300 terrorists are present in Jammu and Kashmir, while 160 others are waiting on the launch pads for an opportunity to sneak into this side from across the Line of Control (LoC) in Pakistan, a top army commander said on Tuesday.

However, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi said the security situation in the Union territory has undergone a major change after the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019 and terrorist activities have been controlled to a large extent.

"Around 300 terrorists are present in length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir but we are making sure they are not able to carry out any action," the army commander told reporters on the sidelines of platinum

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## Man kills brother, sister-in-law at Kathua

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA/JAMMU: A 40-year-old man allegedly killed his younger brother and his sister-in-law over a family dispute in Kathua district on Tuesday, police said.

The accused, identified as Raj Kumar, son of Bhagat Ram, was arrested and booked for the double murder, a police official said.

Officers at Rajbagh police station received information about Kumar, a resident of Chak Wazir Labzo, Marheen, allegedly murdering his brother Naresh (32) and Naresh's

wife Arti Devi (24) using a sharp weapon outside their home, he said.

A police team, headed by SDPO Border Pankaj Soodan alongwith SHO Police Station Rajbagh and In-Charge Police Post Marheen, reached the spot and arrested the accused, who had fled, the official added.

Based on evidence collected from the spot and information gathered from local sources, the police rounded up the accused, who confessed his crime. Further investigation has been taken up.

## Congress left no stone unturned to insult Sardar Patel: Amit Shah

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KHAMBHAT (GUJ): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday alleged that the Congress did everything possible to "insult" Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and it has started praising him only now in view of the Gujarat Assembly elections.

Even the last rites of the country's first deputy prime minister were performed in "unceremonious" way, the BJP leader said at an election rally at Khambhat in Gujarat's Anand district.

"I am surprised that the Congress now praises Sardar Patel. Since my childhood, I have never heard any Congress leader talking about Patel. Instead, they left no stone unturned to insult Patel, right from performing his last rites in an unceremonious manner to ensuring



that no monument was built in his memory," Shah said.

Voting for Khambhat and 92 other seats will take place on December 5, in the second phase of the Assembly elec-

tions. Shah further said that it was Prime Minister Narendra Modi who paid a real tribute to Patel by constructing the Statue of Unity, Patel's statue which is the world's tallest monument.

He also dared Congress candidate from Khambhat, Chirag Patel to produce any photograph where he is seen paying tributes to Sardar Patel at the Statue of Unity.

No Congress leader dares to visit the Statue of Unity at Kevadia for fear of losing ticket, he claimed.

He also accused the Congress of opposing the construction of the Ram temple at Ayodhya and the Triple Talaq prohibition law for its votebank politics.

"If they support such causes, they fear they will lose

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### Govt constitutes DLC for monitoring Aadhaar related activities

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Tuesday constituted District Level Aadhaar Monitoring Committee for monitoring Aadhaar related activities in concerned districts of the of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

As per order issued by Piyush Singla, Secretary, General Administration Department, the committee will be headed by District Magistrate as Chairperson while its members include Superintendent of Police; Representative of District Level Bankers

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### e-office, Biometric Aadhaar base attendance system inaugurated at Jagti

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Secretary, Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, Nazim Zai Khan, alongwith Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner Migrants, K K Sidha, on Tuesday visited Jagti and inaugurated e-office and Aadhaar based biometric attendance system here at camp office.

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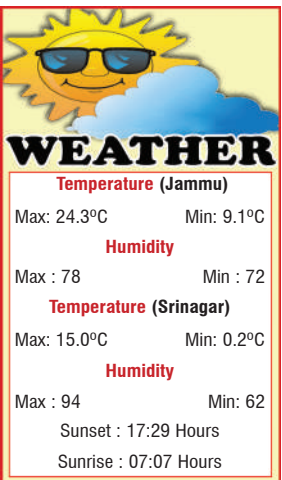
### India among top 5 countries in climate change performance

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India is ranked among the top five countries, and the best among the G-20 nations, under the global Climate Change Performance Index, an official statement said.

The index is published by German Watch, New Climate Institute and Climate Action

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 24.3°C Min: 9.1°C

Humidity

Max: 78 Min: 72

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 15.0°C Min: 0.2°C

Humidity

Max: 94 Min: 62

Sunset : 17:29 Hours

Sunrise : 07:07 Hours

## Fate of J&K linked to India, nothing to do with Pak: Altaf Bukhari

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Apni Party president and former minister Altaf Bukhari on Tuesday said the fate of Jammu and Kashmir is linked with India and has nothing to do with Pakistan.

The balm for all "our wounds" is with New Delhi, he told reporters on the sidelines of a party function here.

"We do not have anything to do with Pakistan...Our fate is linked with India. Whatever we are going to get, it will come from Delhi and not Pakistan," He said.

Responding to a question about National Conference

president Farooq Abdullah advocating dialogue with Pakistan to resolve the Kashmir issue, he said, "They should learn from our rallies where people come in large numbers - not to hear about autonomy or self-rule."

"Our stand is clear that we have nothing to do with Pakistan and the balm for all our wounds is with New Delhi," he said.

"We will never forget the wound inflicted on us on August 5, 2019 (when J-K was bifurcated and its special status under Article 370 revoked) but the treatment for our wounds lies with

India," he said.

Referring to terrorism-related killings, he said that a "mass uprising against the gun culture will finish it off. We have started a public movement in a small way and we are sure that we will succeed."

On stopping of salaries of Kashmir pandit and Dogra employees who are protesting in Jammu seeking their relocation following targeted killings, he said the government should have shown a large heart and released their salaries forthwith. "They have genuine demands

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## Incidents of drone-dropping from Pak largely down in Jammu: BSF



IG BSF D K Boora briefing media in Jammu.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Border Security Force (BSF) has put in place its winter strategy along the International Border (IB) on the Jammu frontier to foil cross-border infiltration and said the number of incidents of drone-dropping of weapons, explosives and narcotics from Pakistan has decreased in

the last three-four months.

Inspector General of the border-guarding force D K Boora told reporters here that the number of incidents of drone droppings from Pakistan has gone down substantially along the IB on the Jammu frontier.

"I will not be able to disclose to the media what measures have been taken in this

### Infiltration bids foiled along IB in Jammu, intruder killed

JAMMU: The BSF foiled two infiltration bids along the International Border (IB) in Jammu frontier early Tuesday, killing an intruder and arresting another, officials said.

"At about 2.30 am today, alert BSF troops noticed suspicious movement of an intruder near the International Border in Arnia sector (of R S Pura area). The intruder crossed over to the Indian side from IB and started moving towards the fence", Inspector General of BSF, Jammu Frontier, D K Boora told reporters at the force headquarters here. He said troops warned the intruder many

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### Pakistan national held in Samba, repatriated

JAMMU: A Pakistani intruder was repatriated to his country within hours of his arrest by Border Security Force (BSF) along the International Border in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, an official said.

The intruder was repatriated at a flag meeting between BSF and Pakistan Rangers in Ramgarh sector this afternoon, the official said. He said Shahzad, a resident of Rangoor village in Pakistan, was arrested in the early hours of the day by the alert BSF when he tried to cross the border fence into this side. The questioning of the arrested person revealed that he is mentally retarded, the official said.

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## LeT module busted, 2 active terrorists among 4 arrested in Bandipora

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Security forces on Tuesday busted a terror module of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and arrested two active terrorists and their two associates, including a woman, from Bandipora district, police said.

The terrorists were directed by their handlers in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) to carry out attacks on civilians, they said.

"In a major breakthrough against terrorist infrastructure in North Kashmir, police along with security forces busted LeT terrorist module by arresting two active ter-

rorists and their two important associates including a woman associate in Bandipora," a police spokesman said.

He said incriminating materials, huge cache of arms and ammunition and material for preparing IED (improvised explosive device) have been recovered from their possession.

The spokesman said security forces launched a cordon and search operation at Gundbal Nursery and arrested two active terrorists linked with the proscribed terrorist outfit.

"They have been identified

as Musab Mir alias Moya, resident of Rakh Hajin and Arafat Farooq Wagey alias Dr Adil, resident of Gulshnabad Hajin," he said.

The recoveries included one AK-47 rifle, one AK-56 rifle, four AK series magazines, live rounds, RDX powder, nails and ball bearings, batteries, detonators, IED mechanism circuit, remote control, loose wire and iron pipes.

The joint party also arrested two associates of the LeT terrorists. They were identified as Imran Majeed Mir alias Jaffar Bhaie,

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## Union Ministers hand-over appointment letters in Jammu, Srinagar

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Prime Minister, Narendra Modi on Tuesday distributed about 71,000 appointment letters to newly inducted recruits under 'Rozgar Mela' via video conferencing. Under this nationwide 'Rozgar Mela', Union Minister of State for Power and Heavy Industries, Krishan Pal Gurjar who was Chief Guest on the occasion handed over appointment letters to new appointees appointed in BSF, CISE, SSB, ITBP, Assam Rifles, Employee State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), Postal Services and Indian Overseas Bank in presence of D K Boora, IG BSF Jammu and other officers of CAPF and Civil Dignitaries.

During the event, PM, Narendra Modi virtually addressed the participants of 'Rozgar Mela' across the country. The Prime Minister also launched the 'Karmayogi Prarambhi' module which is an online orientation course for all new appointees in various Government departments. It will include a code of conduct for Government servants, workplace ethics & integrity, human resource policies and other benefits and allowances that will help them to get acclimatized to the policies and transition smoothly into the new roles. They will also get an opportunity to explore other courses on [igotkarmayogi.gov.in](http://igotkarmayogi.gov.in) platform

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