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Elections for ULBs after completion of delimitation, reservation of wards for OBCs: LG



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha speaking at felicitation ceremony of the Councilors of Jammu Municipal Corporation.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said the elections for Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) would be held after the completion of delimitation exercise of wards and reservation of wards for other Backward Classes.

Felicitating the Councilors of Jammu Municipal Corporation, whose tenure ended on Tuesday, the Lt Governor shared the efforts of the government, under the guidance of the Prime Minister, to empower the grassroots democratic setup in Jammu Kashmir.

He extended his best wishes to the Councilors for their future endeavours and commended them for selflessly serving people, fighting Covid pandemic and ensuring

Dy Mayor presents book titled 'A Development Saga' to LG

JAMMU: Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and presented a booklet titled "A Development Saga" of the development works done during his tenure in Jammu.

municipal services in respective areas.

"Despite delayed implementation of 73rd and 74th amendments in J&K, the UT Administration has ensured basic principles of decentralization of decision making and development by transferring more departments and works to elected representatives after August 2019," the Lt Governor said.

He said, the Municipal Corporation is a symbol of the aspirations of the citizens in the 21st century.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Urban Local Bodies of J&K are provided with greater financial resources for strong and accountable self-government and to ensure holistic ecosystem for last-mile access to services," the Lt Governor added.

He called upon the common public and elected representatives to work in synergy and focus on resource generation.

Urban governance inculcates the spirit of cooperation among the citizens with the ultimate aim of bringing transformation in urban development paradigm to fulfill the aspirations of the people. Efforts have been made

Cooperatives will play important role by spearheading rural development in J&K: Sinha

JAMMU: Cooperatives will play an important role by spearheading the rural development, developing critical infrastructure such as godowns, cold storage facilities and access to institutional finance and national and international markets to realize the vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said here on Tuesday.

Sinha launched various initiatives in the cooperative sector at the 70th all-India cooperative week celebrations across the Union Territory.

He expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home & Cooperation Minister Amit Shah for their support and guidance in promoting cooperative movement in J&K UT.

He said, the clarion call of 'Sahkar se Samridhi' has revived the values and principles of Cooperatives and contributing to economic and social progress of the people.

Dedicating the new initiatives to the people, the Lt Governor said the on-boarding of 537 Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) as Common Service Centres, 169 PACS as PM Kisan Samridhi Kendras and 25 PACS as Jan-Aushadhi Kendras will create new opportunities for Cooperatives and develop a new business model.

He said the launch of Sarhad Tourism Cooperative Ltd in Uri aims to develop Uri-Boniyaar tourism circuit and homestays in order to promote border tourism. This new initiative will ensure greater engagement

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to improve urban planning, strengthen green infrastructure and enhance the ease of living, he added.

Rajinder Sharma, Mayor JMC; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu,

Anand Jain, IGP Jammu; Rahul Yadav, Commissioner JMC; Baldev Singh Billawaria, Deputy Mayor, Councilors, former Mayors and Chairpersons of various committees of Jammu Municipal Corporation were present.

NIA attaches eight properties belonging to LeT operatives in Pulwama



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SRINAGAR: The NIA on Tuesday attached properties of two key Lashkar-e-Taiba operatives who allegedly helped Pakistani terrorist Naveed Jatt escape from police custody from a Srinagar hospital in 2018 by

attacking a police team.

In a statement, the agency said, "Going full throttle against terrorist organisations and operatives operating in Kashmir, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) attached the properties of two key Lashkar-e-Taiba

(LeT) operatives in the 2018 case relating to the forcible release of a terrorist through a fatal attack on a police party at a Srinagar hospital."

It said eight properties -- five belonging to Mohd Shafi Wani and three to Mohd Tikka Khan, both residents of Singoo Narbal in Pulwama -- have been attached under Section 33 (1) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act following recent orders from the NIA Special Court, Jammu.

The case involved the killing of two personnel of the Jammu and Kashmir Police in firing on a police

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People making money out of terror ecosystem will face law: DGP

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police chief R R Swain on Tuesday said strict action will be taken against people who are making money out of the terror ecosystem.

The Director General of Police (DGP) also said talking to Pakistani terror handlers will be considered a crime.

"We will consider even talking to Pakistani handlers a



DGP Jammu, R R Swain chairing a meeting.

crime. We would like to have a system where we get to

know of this and will

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Lal Singh's ED custody extended by 5 days in money laundering case

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JAMMU: A court here on Tuesday extended the Enforcement Directorate (ED) custody of former minister Lal Singh in a money laundering case by five more days.

Singh, the chairman of the Dogra Swabhimana Sangathan Party (DSSP), was arrested from a house in the Chawadi area of Sainik Colony here on November 7



after a special court dismissed his anticipatory bail

application.

He was under investigation by the ED in connection with a case against an educational trust run by his wife and former legislator Kanta Andotra.

Special public prosecutor Ashwani Khajuria said Singh was produced before the special court on Tuesday through video conference on the expiry of his

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India to host Voice of Global South Summit on Friday

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NEW DELHI: India is set to highlight challenges, concerns and priorities of the developing countries at the second edition of the 'Voice of Global South Summit' it is hosting on Friday in the virtual format, over two months after the African Union was inducted as a permanent member of the G20 under New Delhi's presidency of the bloc. Prime

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Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Sustainable Dev Goals held between J&K, Haryana officers

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JAMMU: A Two day Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was held on Tuesday between the officers of Jammu & Kashmir and Haryana Governments.

The event was organized by the Government of Haryana in collaboration with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Secretary, Planning Development and Monitoring

Department, Dr. Piyush Singla, headed the Jammu and Kashmir team while Haryana Government team was led by Director, Swarna Jayanti Haryana Institute for Fiscal Management (SJHIFM), Pankaj.

The officers of Planning Department, Finance Department, NIC J&K and UNDP, SDGCC J&K and officers of Haryana Government from Finance, Planning and SJHIFM participated in the workshop.

The workshop aimed at fostering a deeper understanding of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) besides sharing best practices in the realm of governance.

The objective of this learning visit included engaging in discussions to share insights and best practices related to progress of SDGs, opportunity to learn about the impactful tools and systems developed by the UNDP

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Modi's life-size cut-out at Lal Chowk becomes new tourist attraction

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SRINAGAR: A life-size cut-out of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Ghanta Ghar in Lal Chowk here has become an added attraction for tourists and locals alike as several people can be seen taking photos and selfies with it.

A tourist from Karnataka, Dinesh, said there has been significant development in Kashmir since his last visit to the valley several years ago and attributes it to PM Modi coming to power.

"This is my second time coming to Kashmir. I feel happy to see the cut-out of the prime minister. There is a lot of development also happening here, which was not in the earlier times. Now, I am seeing a lot of development in roads,



tunnels, etc. It feels good seeing all this," he said.

Authorities have placed a cut-out of Prime Minister Modi next to a hoarding which depicts a young doctor attending to an elderly man.

The theme of the campaign is Buzurgon Ka Samman (respect the elders).

Kargil resident Mohammad Taqi said, "I came here to visit Srinagar and when I saw the

cut-out of Prime Minister Modi, we clicked a picture with it because we felt very happy."

Chetan, a Bengaluru resident, said, "We came to Kashmir to see Lal Chowk and we were happy to see the cut-out of Modi Ji. The surroundings are also good. We liked it so much."

Modi supporters are enthusiastic about the cut-out, which serves as a medium for tourists to express their admiration for the prime minister.

"We visited all the places in Kashmir but this statue point is interesting. We are seeing it for the first time in Srinagar. We felt really good that the cut-out of the Prime Minister of India has been installed here," Neil Shah from Mumbai said.

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Max: 26.9°C Min: 12.6°C

Humidity
Max: 89 Min: 76

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 16.0°C Min: 1.1°C

Humidity
Max: 94 Min: 72

Sunset : 17:24 Hours
Sunrise : 06:55 Hours