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## B2V campaign envisages renewed focus on economic empowerment of J&K villages: LG

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Sunday that Back to Village campaign, a unique endeavour of the UT Administration, envisages a renewed focus on the social and economic empowerment of villages.

"Its main objective is to bring about a paradigm shift in the rural socio-economic system and make villages a vibrant force of J&K's development", the Lt Governor said during this month's 'Awaam Ki Awaaz' programme reiterated the resolve of J&K UT Administration to promote equitable and inclusive development, based on the ideals of Dr. Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar.

He said: "The Back to Village campaign gives another big message that many challenges can be tackled through Janbhagidari. We must make mutual cooperation a permanent feature in the development journey of our villages".

The Lt Governor observed that the principal architect of the Indian Constitution and one of the greatest social reformers of India Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar had observed

in constituent assembly that social democracy means that way of life which recognizes liberty, equality and fraternity as principles of life.

Through his speech, Baba Saheb had drawn the country's attention towards social equality. In the last 9 years, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this cherished goal is being realized and a record 13.5 crore people moved out of multidimensional poverty, he added.

The Lt Governor shared the inspiring journey of progressive farmers of J&K. He said the farmers with their hard work and innovative approach are achieving the ambitious target of doubling the income.

He made a special mention of

Bandna Devi of village Malothi, Doda; Ganderbal's Shafeeqa Shora and Sunita Devi of Basohli who have emerged as a source of motivation for other women through their awe-inspiring success stories.

Bandna Devi is a living example of Nari Shakti's ability to show the way to prosperity. She has created a new revolution in Malothi village with successful diversification from 'maize to marigold farming', he said.

He appreciated Sunita Devi of Basohli for transforming her land into a flourishing integrated farm, combining dairy, vegetables, spices and traditional crops.

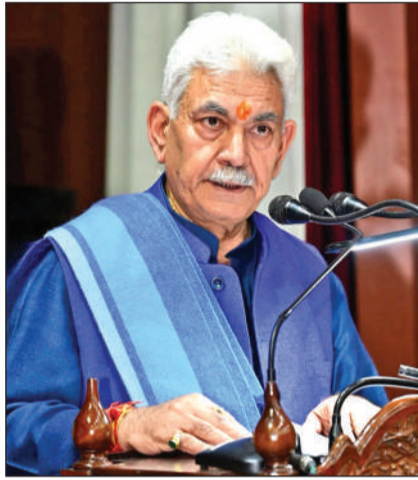
Ganderbal's Shafeeqa Shora, with her skills, knowledge, determination

and support from the administration, has started a dairy unit that is contributing to improve the lives of many people and inspiring the women of the area to fulfill their dreams, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor lauded Pushpinder Singh of Kartholi Block, Samba for initiating reforms in agriculture and inspiring others to increase productivity through diversification.

Zahoor Ahmad of Kulgam district has successfully grown the premium Mushkbadji rice using the techniques of hydroponics. It is a shining example that the use of technology and innovative methods can create a vital infrastructure for future growth in agriculture, he added.

In this month's Awaam Ki Awaaz, the Lt Governor voiced the suggestions received from Varun Sharma from Jammu; Samba's Shivendra Shandilya; Shiekh Jamsheed; Shoab Malik from Poonch and Neha Sharma from Reasi regarding addressing the issues concerning senior citizens through Back to Village campaign; organizing Youth Parliament



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha speaking at a podium during the Awaam Ki Awaaz programme.

## Ensure zero-tolerance towards terrorism, narcotics smuggling: DGP to officers

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir DGP R R Swain on Sunday held a series of meetings in the border district of Rajouri, stressing upon officers to maintain zero-tolerance against terrorism, narcotics smuggling and corruption.

His visit to Rajouri comes two days after security forces eliminated a terrorist in an encounter in the Belrothe Top area of the district. He felicitated officers and personnel who participated in the operation on November 17.

Officers, who attended the meetings, among other things, agreed upon more action against terrorists and their supporters, besides rejuvenating border police posts and strengthening intelligence, a police spokesman said.

The DGP was on a day-long visit to Rajouri his first to the Pir Panjal region after taking over as the chief of the



DGP R R Swain chairing a meeting at Rajouri on Sunday.

Jammu and Kashmir Police on October 31.

Swain also interacted with deputy superintendents of police and station house officers of Rajouri district as well as Poonch district, the spokesman said. The DGP held meetings with officers from the army, CRPF, BSF and other agencies.

"Stress was laid on for identification of the terror ecosystem besides identification of forward and backward linkages in cases registered under the Narcotic

Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act to ensure strict action," he said.

The spokesman said the DGP directed police officers to maintain zero-tolerance against terrorism, narcotics and bovine smuggling, and corruption.

"During the meetings with officers of different forces... all officers agreed upon more actions against terrorists and their supporters. Officers also agreed upon clean operations while taking due

## ITBP jawan martyred in IED attack cremated in Samba

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SAMBA: An Indo-Tibetan Border Police jawan who lost his life in a Naxal attack in Chhattisgarh was cremated with full honours in his village near the International Border in Samba district on Sunday.

The body of Head Constable Joginder Kumar, 45, reached his village, Abtal Katalan, in Ramgarh sector late Saturday night.

Kumar died in an Improvised Explosive Device explosion near Bade Gobra Village while escorting a polling party after the conclusion of the second phase of the Chhattisgarh assembly

elections on Friday.

Officials, including Samba Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma and Senior Superintendent of Police Benam Tosh, as well as political leaders from almost all parties attended the wreath laying ceremony of the soldier.

Hundreds of people, some carrying the national flag and chanting patriotic slogans, turned up to bid farewell to the soldier who was cremated by his nine-year-old son amid a guard of honour and a gunfire salute by an ITBP contingent. Earlier, the village

## Australia wins sixth ODI World Cup

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

AHMEDABAD: India's dreams of winning a third World Cup title lay in tatters after an inexplicable meltdown saw them crash to a six-wicket defeat against an indefatigable Australia here on Sunday, plunging the cricket-obsessed country into deep mourning.

Australia thus won a record-extending sixth World Cup title, stretching their dominance in the tournament that started way back in 1975.

Put in to bat, India ended up with a below-par 240 despite contributions from Rohit Sharma (47 off 31 balls), Virat Kohli (54 off 63)



Australia cricket team celebrating their sixth ODI World Cup win in Ahmedabad.

and K L Rahul (66 off 107). Just like his performance in the WTC final against India in June, Travis Head made a match-winning 137 off 120 balls as Australia chased down the target in 43 overs.

Indian hopes were raised when Australia lost three wickets for 47 but a 192-run partnership between

**We stand with you today and always: Modi to Indian cricket team**

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday praised the Indian cricket team for its talent and determination throughout the World Cup tournament after its loss to Australia in the finals.

"We stand with you today and always," the prime minister said in a post on X. "Dear Team India, your

## Ace para archer Sheetal Devi's village in Kishtwar gets bus service

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Armless archer Sheetal Devi's remote Loidhar village in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district gets its first bus service, much to the delight of local residents, an official said on Sunday.

Kishtwar Deputy Commissioner Devansh Yadav flagged off a newly allotted State Road Transport Corporation

While five Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists were killed in Nehama village during an 18-hour long operation on Friday, another terrorist was eliminated in an encounter in Budhal area of Rajouri district the same day.

## Army commander lauds troops for 2 successful operations in J&K

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi visited troops deployed in the counter-terrorism grid in Rajouri and Kulgam districts of Jammu and Kashmir and complimented the troops for neutralising six terrorists in two separate successful operations.

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Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi during visit to Rajouri.

In a post on X, Northern Command of Indian Army said Dwivedi visited the troops deployed in the counter-terrorism grid at Budhal in Rajouri district of Jammu

## Five DySPs transferred

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Director General of Police (DGP), R R Swain on Sunday transferred five Deputy Superintendents of Police (DySPs).

According to PHQ order, Suresh Kumar Sharma, DySP PTS Kathua has been transferred and posted as SDPO Basohli; Sahil Sharma, DySP CID SB Jammu as DySP SSSF; Dr Bhisim Dubey, DySP IR-1st Bn (I/c Bhawan Katra) as DySP Headquarter Samba; Surinder Mohan, DySP Security Jammu as DySP DAR Samba; and Satyakam Sharma, awaiting adjustment, has been posted as IR-1st Bn (I/c Bhawan Katra).

## India's international stature grew after Modi became PM: Rajnath

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAIPUR: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday said India's international stature has grown after

Addressing an election rally in Rajasthan's Shahpura ahead of the November 25 Assembly polls, he said India is no longer weak and the world listens carefully to what it says.

Singh claimed that at the time of the Russia-Ukraine war, Modi called the presidents of Russia, Ukraine and the US to get the war halted for four to five hours and the Indian students stuck there were evacuated.

"This has happened because India's stature has increased," he said.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh speaking at a podium during an election rally.

## Two injured in separate bear attacks

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

KISHTWAR: Two persons were seriously injured when they were attacked by black bears outside their homes in separate incidents in Kishtwar district, officials said on Sunday.

Ghulam Hassain Chohan (60) and Bhabhi Chand (57) were returning home from their fields when they were attacked by the bears in Bhatta and Gawarin villages in the Chatroo area

In his address, the Lt Governor commended the unique and unprecedented effort of the Higher Education Council, University of Jammu and everyone associated with the initiative aims at empowering approximately 700 girl students from across Universities of the Union Territory.

"Gyanodaya Express will travel through various states

## LG flags off Gyanodaya Express with 700 girl students from Katra

### Train journey to transform present form of knowledge: Sinha

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

KATRA: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday flagged off "Gyanodaya Express-College on Wheels", the first-of-its-kind mobile educational endeavor in Jammu Kashmir, from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Railway Station, Katra.

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Lt Governor Manoj Sinha flagging off Gyanodaya Express, College on Wheels from Katra on Sunday.

and it will be an educational pilgrimage for the students. The journey endeavours to dissolve boundaries of classrooms, streams and evolve education by providing immersive, collaborative, and project-based learning experiences, the Lt Governor said.

Soon, a similar Gyanodaya Express will be flagged off from Jammu Kashmir comprising of male students from J&K's Universities and students from aboard, he added.

He said the College on Wheels is inspired by the life of Mahatma Gandhi, where he undertook epic tour of the country by train, interacted with people from all walks of life and awakened the society with universal and eternal values Satya and Ahimsa, Truth and Non-Violence.

"For students, College on Wheels will be a journey of knowing oneself. It will be a lifetime opportunity to discover diverse regions, culture of country and to explore new

Ashram will provide them with new ideas, insight and hands-on knowledge for new research, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor interacted with the group of students, mentors and extended his best wishes to them.

Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman, J&K Higher Education Council and Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor University of Jammu highlighted the unique and innovative project 'College on Wheels' for empowerment of students by endowing them with experiential knowledge of the world outside the classrooms.

Gyanodaya Express-College on Wheels is aligned with the visionary

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Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 27.0°C Min: 12.0°C

Humidity  
Max: 79 Min: 74

Temperature (Srinagar)  
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Humidity  
Max: 95 Min: 83

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