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Chairs DCs, SSPs Meeting on Security, Development Projects in Jammu Division Our focus should be on complete elimination of terrorism: LG



LG Manoj Sinha chairing DCs, SSPs meeting on security & development projects in Jammu Division on Sunday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Asking the officers not to rest until terrorists are wiped out, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said that with greater synergy and whole of government approach, our focus should be complete elimination of terrorism and the entire ecosystem supporting them.

and abetting the terror ecosystem. Wiping out the terrorism from Jammu Kashmir will be your greatest contribution not only to the security aspect to establish peace but also in the development of J&K and its brighter future," the Lieutenant Governor told the officers while chairing a high-level meeting of senior civil, police officials and DCs, SSPs of Jammu Division, held to review the progress of

development projects and security situation in the region. The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo; DGP, Nalin Prabhat; Principal Secretary, Home, Chandraker Bharti; ADGP (Law & Order) Vijay Kumar; ADGP, Jammu, Anand Jain; ADGP, CID, Nitish Kumar; Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor; Mandeep Bhandari; Divisional Commissioner, Jammu,

Ramesh Kumar; DIGs, Deputy Commissioners and SSPs of all the districts of Jammu Division.

The Lieutenant Governor also emphasized the need for constant monitoring of project implementation and underlined the importance of speedy infrastructure development. He directed the Deputy Commissioners to take comprehensive measures for expansion of public outreach programmes and 100% saturation of all government schemes.

Monitoring of saturation of beneficiary-oriented schemes should remain our priority besides implementation of Holistic Agriculture Development Programme and promotion of entrepreneurial schemes like One District One Product that could benefit a large section of the population, he further added.

Modi receives Nigeria's second highest national award 'India accords high-priority to strategic partnership with Nigeria'

STATE TIMES NEWS

ABUJA: Nigeria on Sunday conferred its second-highest national award, the Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger, on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, making him the second foreign dignitary to receive the distinction.

"Honoured to be conferred with the 'Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger' Award by Nigeria. I accept it with great humility and dedicate it to the people of India," Modi said in his remarks after receiving the award.

This was the 17th international award conferred on Modi by a country.

Queen Elizabeth II was the only foreign dignitary who was awarded GCON in 1969.

Modi is in Nigeria on the first leg of his three-nation visit at the invitation of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu. This visit is the first by an Indian prime minister to Nigeria in 17 years.



PM Narendra Modi receiving Nigeria's 2nd highest honour - 'Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger' award at Abuja, in Nigeria on Sunday.

On his arrival in Nigeria on Sunday, Prime Minister Modi was warmly welcomed by Minister for Federal Capital Territory Nyesom Ezenwo Wike, who presented

him with the 'Key to the City' of Abuja.

"The key symbolises the trust and honour bestowed on the prime minister by the people of Nigeria," the

Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a post on X.

From Abuja, Modi will travel to Brazil to attend the G20 summit. His last destination will be Guyana.

Meanwhile, during his talks with Nigerian President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, the Prime Minister said that India accords high priority to its strategic partnership with Nigeria and it will work towards boosting ties in a range of areas, including defence, energy and trade.

In his televised opening remarks at the meeting, Modi identified terrorism, separatism, piracy and drug trafficking as major challenges and said the two countries will continue to work together to deal with them.

Modi arrived in Abuja early Sunday on the first trip to the country by an Indian prime minister after a gap of 17 years.

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Truth coming out: PM on Godhra train burning movie

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday that a fake narrative can persist only for a limited period of time, while referring to a movie on the Godhra train-burning incident of 2002, when he was the chief minister of Gujarat.

Modi made the comments on X, reacting to a user's post praising the movie "Sabarmati Report" for "bringing out the important truth of one of the most shameful events in our recent history".

The user also made other points, claiming that the "brutal burning of passengers" of the Sabarmati Express train was turned into a political minefield by a vested-interest group, who saw it as a means to tarnish the image of "one leader", an apparent reference to Modi.

"The prime minister said, 'Well said. It is good that this truth is coming out, and that too in a way common people can see it.'"

"A fake narrative can persist only for a limited period of time. Eventually, the facts will always come out!" he added.

While the Gujarat Police had blamed a Muslim mob for setting fire to the

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About 40,000 aspirants participate in army recruitment rallies across Jammu

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POONCH/JAMMU: Over 26,000 young aspirants participated in a recruitment rally conducted by the army after a gap of five years in Jammu and Kashmir's border district of Poonch, officials said on Sunday.

Separately, another rally at Dugga near Bhalra in Doda district attracted over 12,000 enthusiastic youths eager to serve the nation, they said.

The recruitment rally in Poonch commenced at Advance Landing Ground in Surankote on November 8 to fill 307 vacancies for soldier general duty and 45 vacancies for clerks and tradesmen in the Territorial Army, the officials said.

The rally was open to the candi-



dates from 31 Tehsils of Jammu division, including Poonch, Rajouri, Reasi and Jammu districts, for soldier general duty while the candi-

dates from entire Jammu and Kashmir were eligible to apply for clerks and tradesmen positions.

"Over 26,000 enthusiastic candi-

dates across the region took part in the selection process, showcasing their physical and mental readiness to serve the nation during the 10-day rally," said an official of the army recruitment office, expressing satisfaction over the response of the youth.

He said the recruitment drive was organized with the objective of providing employment opportunities and encouraging the youth to join the armed forces.

The aspirants underwent various physical tests, including a 1.6 km run, chin-ups and other endurance exercises, followed by medical examinations and documentation checks, the official said. "The response from the local youth

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Man with 45 non-bailable warrants arrested for fraud

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SRINAGAR: A man wanted in multiple cases of fraud and evasion, with 45 non-bailable warrants against him, was arrested in north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Sunday, police said.

Zubair Rashid Ganie, a resident of Rohama Rafiabab, allegedly defrauded multiple people across the valley under the pretext of business transactions, a police officer said.

He said that Ganie had evading arrest for a long time despite 45 non-bailable warrants issued against him by 20 different courts in the region.

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Sitharaman responds to X user seeking relief for Middle Class



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NEW DELHI: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Sunday responded to an X user seeking tax relief for the middle class, saying the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government attends to people's concerns.

"PM @narendramodi's government is a responsive government. Listens and attends to people's voices. Thanks once again for your understanding. Your input is valuable," Sitharaman replied to the user on X.

The user had posted: "I humbly request you to consider providing some relief for the middle class. I understand the immense

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 25.4°C Min: 11.4°C

Humidity
Max: 88 Min: 71

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 14.7°C Min: 5.0°C

Humidity
Max: 91 Min: 67

Sunset : 17:32 Hours
Sunrise : 06:56 Hours

Omar-led Govt to ensure Jammu's comprehensive development: Farooq

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Sunday slammed the BJP for its "lack of concern" for Jammu and said the Omar Abdullah-led government will ensure comprehensive development of the region.

The former chief minister also emphasized the importance of the bi-annual 'Darbar Move', an age-old practice stopped by the lieutenant governor-led administration in 2021 under which the government used to function six months each in Srinagar and Jammu, as a tradition that promotes unity and harmony among both regions.

"The current state of affairs in Jammu, particularly in terms of roads and infrastructure, exposes the lack of



concern the BJP has for the region. The numerous potholes, unreliable power supply, high unemployment rates, toll plazas, job outsourcing and mining activities, as well as the influx of big retail players, all serve as glaring examples of the BJP's indifference towards

the local population.

"The promises made by the BJP have proven to be nothing but empty words as nearly a decade has passed with little to show for it. Where are the promised jobs, new roads, schools, and hospitals," Abdullah asked.

He said with Chief Minister Omar Abdullah leading a democratic government, the Jammu region can finally look forward to comprehensive development.

Farooq Abdullah was speaking at a commemorative function to honour the 92nd birth anniversary of senior Congress leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Pandit Mangat Ram Sharma here.

He emphasized the importance of unity and harmony to bring development benefits to

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Omar Govt focuses on public welfare, pressing issues

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SRINAGAR: Improving the quality of life and addressing pressing issues such as growing unemployment have been the focus of the Omar Abdullah-led government in Jammu and Kashmir in its first month, a senior government functionary said.

Since taking charge, the government introduced several measures besides getting an additional 300 MW of power supply to alleviate electricity shortages that have plagued the Union Territory, particularly during the harsh winter

months. National Conference leader Omar Abdullah took oath as the chief minister of



Jammu and Kashmir on October 16, heading the first elected government in the Union territory since 2019 when its special status was

revoked. Shortly after assuming office, he instructed the police to refrain from

establishing 'green corridors' for his movement, a decision aimed at minimising disruptions caused by VIP traffic and to prioritise the convenience of the public.

In an effort to overcome the challenges faced by the newly formed

Union Territory, Abdullah travelled to the national capital for a series of meetings with senior central leaders,

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Jhiri Mela 2024: Tourism Directorate hosts enchanting devotional, cultural night

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, in collaboration with the District Administration Jammu on Sunday organized a spectacular Devotional and Cultural Night as part of the ongoing Jhiri Mela 2024.

The event featured mesmerizing performances by renowned artists Lakhwinder Wadali, Ravi Raghuvanshi and Sonali Dogra, besides artists from JKAACL, who captivated the audience with their soulful melodies and vibrant cultural presentations.

Earlier in the day, the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, paid obeisance to Shri Baba Jitto Ji, honoring his enduring legacy of devotion and sacrifice.

The event witnessed an overwhelming response, with thousands of attendees celebrating the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of Jammu.



Renaissance singer Lakhwinder Wadali performing at Jhiri Mela.

It provided a vibrant platform to showcase local talent alongside celebrated artists, reinforcing the cultural ethos of the region.

Prominent dignitaries gracing the occasion included DDC Chairperson Jammu, Bharat Bhushan, MLA Marh Surinder Bhagat, Director of Tourism, Vivekanand Rai, and Joint

Director Tourism Sunaina Sharma Mehta, who were the special guests of the evening.

Also present were Deputy Director Tourism Jammu Savita Chauhan, SDM Marh Ather Amin Zargar, Deputy Secretary I&C Ajay Salan and Additional SP Brijesh Sharma, who added to the grandeur of the

event.

Adding a special touch to the evening, souvenirs crafted by Jammu Tourism were presented to singer Lakhwinder Wadali by Joint Director Tourism, Sunaina Sharma Mehta.

Expressing his gratitude, Lakhwinder Wadali wholeheartedly thanked the Tourism Department for inviting him to be part of the event. In his message, he said, "It is an honor to perform at such a significant occasion. I invite everyone to come to Jammu, witness its grand beauty, pay obeisance to Shri Baba Jitto Ji, and explore the region's religious and other prominent destinations."

The Jhiri Mela 2024, spanning from 14 November to 24 November, continues to attract visitors with its diverse cultural programs, devotional activities, and vibrant exhibitions.

The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, invites

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India successfully test-fires long-range hypersonic missile

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NEW DELHI: In a major boost to its military prowess, India has successfully flight-tested a long-range hypersonic missile off the coast of Odisha, an achievement that has put the country in a select group of nations having the weapon that can strike with extreme speed and evade most air-defence systems.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh described the missile test on Saturday under the country's first long-range hypersonic mission as a "stunning" achievement and a "historic moment".

The missile, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), is designed to carry various payloads for ranges greater than 1,500

km, an official readout said.

"India has achieved a major milestone by successfully conducting flight trial of long range hypersonic missile from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, off-the-coast of Odisha," Singh said on X.

"This is a historic moment and this significant achievement has put our country in the group of select nations having capabilities of such critical and advanced military technologies," he said.

Generally, hypersonic missiles, capable of carrying conventional explosives or nuclear warheads, can fly in the range of five times the speed of sound (Mach 5), which is roughly 1,220 kilometres per hour at sea level. However, some advanced versions of hypersonic

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