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14 FIRs registered in Sub Division East in Jammu South Zone for keeping tenants without police verification

Let's come together, work towards building inclusive society: LG



Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha speaking during 'Satsang Samagam' at Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Observing that unity of hearts and unity of minds is essential for peace, progress and prosperity, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday called for coming together and working towards building an inclusive society.

Paying homage to Sant Kabir at the 'Satsang Samagam', organised by "All J&K Sadguru Kabir Sabha" at Kabir Bhawan, Bishnah, the Lieutenant Governor referred to his rich contribu-

tion towards the society, saying the vision and ideals of Sant Kabir represent the universal values enshrined in

Sant Kabir's divine verse also reflects on various social issues and challenges and advocated women empowerment and upliftment of weavers, farmers and other disadvantaged sections of society. His emphasis on inner search and social reform will continue to inspire every Indian and future generations," the

attends **'Satsang** Samagam', highlights Sant Kabir's rich contribution to society

Says Sant Kabir's vision, ideals represent universal values enshrined in our culture

Unity of hearts, unity of minds essential for peace, progress, prosperity

Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the people to imbibe the timeless teachings and philosophy of Sant Kabir and spread the message of oneness, peace and social justice.

Responding to the issues and demands put forth by the representatives of All J&K Sadguru Kabir Sabha, the Lt Governor assured that appropriate action will be taken to address the genuine issues projected by the community.

Terrorist hideout busted in Kupwara

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Security forces on Sunday busted a terrorist hideout in Kupwara district, police said.

"Police in Handwara along with security forces have busted a terrorist hideout in forest area of Mughalpora Kremhora and recovered ammunition and explosives," spokesperson said.

The forces launched a combing operation in the forest area of

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 **Individuals among us carrying** out anti-national religious conversions: Adityanath

STATE TIMES NEWS GORAKHPUR: Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday said there are "individuals among us" who are secretly carrying out "anti-national" religious conversions and asked youngsters to be vigilant to put an end to it.

Adityanath said this while

Organisations like WCC can assist J&K in unlocking its full handicrafts potential: CM



Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah interacting with WWC delegates at New Delhi.

STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has said that organizations like World Craft Council (WCC) could assist Jammu and Kashmir in unlocking its full potential in handicrafts and making it sustainable in the vears to come.

Interacting with WWC delegates at dinner hosted by him here last evening, the Chief Minister expressed the hope that as the WWC would achieve more milestones to celebrate in years to come, the crafts sector would also emerge stronger in J&K.

He exuded confidence that the transfer of skills and craft knowledge will pass on to the vounger generations.

Omar Abdullah emphasized the importance of crafts in preserving cultural identity and giving fillip to economic growth: "Jammu and Kashmir is proud of its rich cultural heritage, deeply rooted in traditional craftsmanship. The handicrafts and handloom sectors, vital pillars of this heritage, hold immense notential foreconomic growth and social upliftment, particularly in rural areas. These crafts not only preserve the region's cultural identity but also provide

livelihood for countless

artisans."

The event, held as part of 60th Anniversary Celebrations of the World Craft Council (WCC), themed "Craft, Creativity & Compassion", was attended by distinguished national and international delegates.

The WCC celebrations have been scheduled in two phases - from November 21-24, which was held in New Delhi and from November 25-27 at Srinagar to highlight the significant role of Jammu & Kashmir in global crafts.

With Srinagar's recognition as the 63rd World Craft City, the region's standing as

'Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue' to be held in Delhi on Jan 11-12: PM

Leaders

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: A "Viksit

Bharat Young Dialogue" will be held on January 11-12 in Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced on Sunday and said the initiative was

part of efforts to connect youngsters having no political background with

In the 116th episode of his monthly "Mann Ki Baat" radio broadcast, Modi also called on people to celebrate inspiring stories of the Indian diaspora who made

Protest over Sambhal mosque survey turns violent; 3 killed STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBHAL: Three people were killed and scores of others, including around 20 security personnel, were injured as protesters opposing a court-ordered survey of a Mughal-era mosque here clashed with police on Sunday.

The protesters torched vehicles and pelted stones at the police, who used tear gas and batons to disperse the mob. "Shots were fired by the miscreants... the PRO of the superintendent of police suffered a gunshot to the leg, the police circle officer was hit by pellets and 15 to 20 security personnel were injured in the violence," Divisional Moradabad Commissioner Aunjaneya Kumar Singh said.

He said that a constable also suffered a serious head injury while the deputy collector fractured his leg.

Tension has been brewing in Sambhal since Tuesday when the Jama Masjid was surveyed on the orders of a local court following a

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and preserved "our heritage".

Vivekananda's 162nd jayanti on January 12 would be celebrated in a very special way next

"Maha Kumbh" of

"Crores of youths from all

their mark globally, contributed to freedom struggles

> He said Swami On this occasion, a

young minds will be held at Delhi's Bharat Mandapam on January 11-12 and the initiative will be called the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue.

over India will participate

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The opposi-

tion on Sunday asked the

Centre to allow discussions in

the Parliament on the US

prosecutors' bribery charges

against the Adani Group

even as Union minister Kiren

Rijiju made it clear that the

matters to be taken up in the

two Houses will be decided

by their authorised commit-

tees with the consent of the

Following the customary

all-party meeting on the eve

of the Parliament's Winter

Affairs Minister Rijiju told

reporters that the govern-

ment has appealed to all the

parties to ensure smooth con-

duct of business in the Lok

commencing

Parliamentary

respective Chair.

Session

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"Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given top priority to the overall addressing a special 5 cases registered for providing shelter

to Rohingyas in Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Sunday said five cases have been registered here against local landlords for providing properties to the Rohingya refugees, who are "undocumented and a potential security

The police termed the action as a "significant step" to curb the illegal influx of the Rohingya refugees and to ensure public safety.

"Jammu Police has iden-

Winter session of Parliament begins

today: All-party meet held

Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

Forty-two leaders from 30

parties attended the meeting

which was chaired by senior

BJP leader and Defence

On Congress' demand to

hold discussions on the Adani

issue on "priority" apart from

a host of other matters,

including the Manipur

unrest, Rijiju said the busi-

ness advisory committees of

the two Houses will take a

call on the subjects of parlia-

mentary business with the

consent of the Lok Sabha

speaker and the Rajya Sabha

Raising the matter at the

meeting, Congress' Deputy

Leader in the Lok Sabha,

Gaurav Gogoi, dubbed the

Adani issue as a scam, saying

Minister Rajnath Singh.

and likewise registered cases against landlords who have knowingly or unknowingly rented their properties to Rohingya refugees, who are undocumented and pose a potential security threat," the police said in a statement

Development Commissioner of Jammu has issued an order making police verification of tenants mandatory for all property owners in the district. This directive comes in light of tified several instances increasing

the government should not

reject or ignore their demand

on any "technicality" as it

concerns Indian institutions

Billionaire industrialist

Gautam Adani, whose con-

glomerate includes a host of

companies covering power to

ports sectors, has been

charged by US prosecutors

for allegedly being part of a

scheme to pay USD 265 mil-

lion (about Rs 2,200 crore)

bribe to Indian officials in

exchange of favourable terms

for solar power contracts in

The Adani Group has

denied the charge, saying the

allegations levelled by the US

prosecutors are baseless and

that the conglomerate

four Indian states.

and investors.

regarding the potential threat posed by anti-social elements and unauthorized individuals who may use rented properties for illegal activities," the statement added.

The police said it has initiated a comprehensive investigation in this regard and two such cases, both under section 223 of BNS (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant), have been registered in the Nowabad Police Station against Farman Ali of Jammu and Azam Malik of Srinagar,

Need to reintroduce country's forgotten pride: Bhagwat

HYDERABAD: RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday said India's forgotten pride should be reintroduced.

STATE TIMES NEWS

Speaking at Lokmanthan-2024, a colloquium of "nationalist thinkers" here, Bhagwat talking about the importance of science having the consent of country's philosophical knowledge, cited the example of scientists stressing on ethics in the use of Artificial intelli-

value system emphasizes on the individual's wisdom, he said. There is logic, wisdom in India's approach to issues and the country need not follow other approaches to problems. India can take good

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respectively.

Three more cases, all under section 223 of BNS, have also been registered in the Bahu Fort Police Station against Asima Latief, Mohd Shakeel and Zakir Hussain - all residents of Bathindi area of Jammu, the statement said.

The police said it remains committed to safeguarding the interests of the public and urges all landlords to exercise due diligence and conduct a thorough police verification of tenants before renting out their properties.

Season's first snowfall in Bhaderwah



STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADERWAH/SRINA-GAR: The hills surrounding the picturesque Bhaderwah in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district experienced season's first snowfall overnight, providing relief from the dry spell prevailing in the region for the last nearly two months, officials said on Sunday.

The snowfall in the upper reaches and rains in the plains brought cheers on the faces of the tourism players and agriculturists. The

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Search operation carried out in Sidhra

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Operations Group Jammu and Kashmir Police on Sunday conducted a search operation near here following information that terrorists had planted an IED, security officials said.

However, the four-hourlong search operation in the Sidhra bypass area was called off around noon after no explosive material was found, they said.

A party of the Special Operation Group (SOG) launched the search operation this morning after getting information that terrorists might have planted an improvised explosive device (IED) on the main road adjoining a famous



Police officials during search operation at Sidhra in Jammu.

Police parties along with a bomb disposal squad armed with metal detectors rushed to the scene and conducted a thorough search operation on both sides of the bypass road near Bajalta Morh and adjoining forest area, the

Is Jammu aware of its potential and natu ral resources? Perhaps not!



JAMMU: There is an unending debate and discussion about the discrimination meted out to Jammu region over the decades. By doing so the leadership

of the region only

makes discriminators more powerful and perpetuators of diserimination, and it also makes sons and daughters of the soil look helpless. This causes more harm than good to their psyche as they are driven by the assumption that they are going to be left out. This is a psychology of complex and there is only

one complex- inferiority complex. Jammu is blessed with talent. It has rich natural resources. This is the land of the people who have stood like a rock against invaders and made supreme sacrifices during wars of today or yesteryears. The real problem, however, is that region is dependent on others; it is yet to tap its talent and potential. That is where the discrimination begins and multiplies.

In today's Jammu - there are mighty rivers like Chenab, feeding our hydro-electric units. On this river alone, there are projects, ranging from Salal, Dul Hasti, Baglihar, and work is in progress on several other projects - Pakaldul, Kiru. Thousands of megawatts of power are generated from these projects.

The rivers are national resource and property, but the region through which these flow and the people who preserve these should get their due share. The NHPC-run projects give royalty of 12 per cent of the power generated, but all of that doesn't come to Jammu. This is both discrimination and injustice. This decreases interests of the locals in the projects. A formula should be worked out to define share of the region from the power generated by these projects. And as far as Baglihar power project, which is under the state sector, the power distribution should be done in a fair manner. This claim is due to a number of facts; first the locals have their right and share on the land, water and its power generation; second such a share will encourage them to help the companies to construct more environment-friendly

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development projects.

It is expected of the companies engaged in the construction of the projects that not only should they be giving employment to the locals but also train them in engineering and technology to construct and run such projects. The labour force in these projects comes from locals, but in other sectors their presence is negligible. Those leaders, who only plead for the local employment as labourers are

misleading the companies and locals. Their status needs to be upgraded. They must get the training alongside the

In Reasi district, huge reserves of lithium were discovered early last year- 2023. These reserves, if not exploited, are just like stones serving no purpose whatsoever. This is a big source of empowerment of the local population, and their economy. The local leadership is lost in fighting over minor issues without caring for the larger interests. Locals do not have wherewithal to extract lithium. It requires high skills and huge money to do so. But the least, they could have done is to pressurize the government to invite bids for its extraction in which the locals should be made stakeholders and learn how to deal with the commercialization of the huge deposits of this precious metal that can transform the shape and life of the people in this particular sub region but also the entire region. There is a fear that it should not fall on the fate that huge and precious sapphire mines of Paddar met. The sapphire mines have remained unutilized. During days of high terrorism, much of the precious sapphire was stolen and smuggled. That has dent ed the economy and also brought huge loss to the region in all its forms and manifestations. Jammu's resources are left like that and the disempowerment

It all takes to the conclusion that Jammu should look after its talent and resources without any hesitation and demand its share where it is due with facts and figures. The haphazard narra tive of discrimination without presenting exact statistics in the public domain is a self-defeating exercise. Once Jammu, its people and leadership wake up to their own power, no one will be able to discriminate with it.