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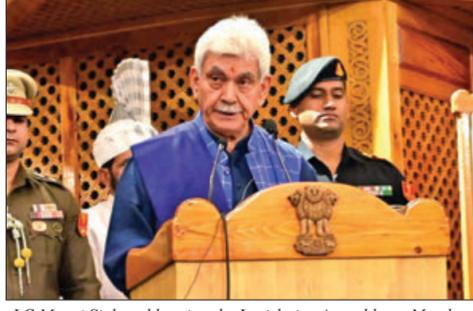
J&K Govt will make all efforts for restoration of full statehood: LG

Govt committed to provide 200 units of free electricity to deserving households, free drinking water to all

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said the Union Territory's newly elected government "will make all efforts for the restoration of full statehood" and this would be a "befitting reciprocation" of the people's faith in democratic institutions.

In his maiden address to the first-ever legislative assembly after the state was downgraded to a Union Territory, Sinha said the government is "fully geared up to realise" the hopes and expectations of people and "the aspiration for a return to the statehood remains strong".

He said: "The aspiration for a return to the Statehood remains strong! Prime Minister, on several occasions, has already expressed his commitment to restoring statehood, which has been a



LG Manoj Sinha addressing the Legislative Assembly on Monday.

source of rekindled hope and reassurance for the people. The Council of Ministers of Jammu and Kashmir has recently passed a unanimous resolution calling for the immediate restoration of statehood. This resolution reflects the collective will of the elected representatives, echoing the aspirations of the

people for the reinstatement of full democratic governance. My Government will make all efforts for restoration of full Statehood and Constitutional Guarantees available to the State. It would be a befitting reciprocation of the faith reposed by the people of Jammu and Kashmir in our democratic institutions. In the meantime, I urge all stakeholders to work together as one team and extend full support to my government in fulfilling the hopes and aspirations of the people".

Welcoming all the newly elected members of the Legislative Assembly to the inaugural session of the Assembly, the Lieutenant Governor said: "We gather here after the successful and peaceful conduct of the first democratic elections in over a decade. These elections, the first since the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019 and the reorganization of Jammu and Kashmir into a Union Territory, are a critical milestone in restoring democratic governance after a period of political uncertainty. This is a testament to the enduring spirit of democracy, the strength of our institu-

A R Rather elected J&K LA Speaker

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) leader and seven-time MLA from Charar-e-Sharief Abdul Rahim Rather was, on Monday, unanimously elected as first speaker of the Legislative Assembly (LA) of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

He was elected as Speaker of the House after Minister for Agriculture, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Cooperative, and Election, Ahmad Dar, moved a motion nominating Abdul Rahim Rather for the post of Speaker. The NC's MLA Ramban, Arjun Singh Raju, seconded the motion on the first day of the session. Rather was elected as the speaker through a voice vote.

Pro-tem speaker, Mubarak Gul, conducted the session.

Leader of the House and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah congratulated Rather on his election as the Speaker of J&K LA since he



Abdul Rahim Rather being elected as Speaker of the J&K LA.

Rehman Para from Pulwama congratulated Abdul Rahim Rather on assuming the chair of the Speaker.

Addressing the House after tabling Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha's address to the assembly, the Speaker expressed gratitude to the members of the assembly for electing him.

In his maiden speech, as Speaker of the House, Abdul Rahim Rather said "I assure the treasury and the position benches that they will be provided equal support and opportunities to raise the issues in the House. I will fulfill the role assigned to me in a very non-partisan and objective manner."

Rahim Rather sought support from all MLAs in smooth functioning of

Day after grenade attack, security beefed up in Srinagar



Security forces in Srinagar after a grenade attack.

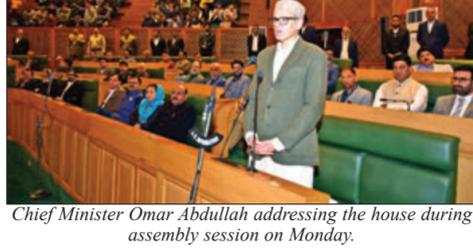
STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Security was beefed up in Srinagar city on Monday, a day after a grenade attack near a market left 11 people injured, officials said.

Terrorists lobbed a grenade

J&K people have not endorsed Aug 5, 2019 decision: CM

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday congratulated Advocate Abdul Rahim Rather on his election as Speaker of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly.

In his speech in the assembly, the Chief Minister highlighted Rather's extensive legislative experience and the unanimous support he has received from the members.



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah addressing the house during assembly session on Monday.

"On behalf of myself and the entire house, I extend my congratulations on your election as Speaker," said Chief Minister Omar Abdullah. "You were the natural choice for this esteemed position, and today's voice vote

affirmed this, as there was not a single dissenting voice. Your extensive experience and your long standing commitment to this assembly were clearly recognized by all members."

Reflecting on the history of

Farooq visits Srinagar hospital to enquire about those injured in grenade attack

the time of Sher-i-Kashmir Muhammad Abdullah to the present, you have been an integral part of this assembly, serving the people through various capacities," he noted.

In his address, the Chief Minister expressed confidence in Rather's role as the assembly's custodian, underlining the Speaker's responsibility to uphold the interests of all members and guide them in fulfilling their duties.

"We are hopeful that you will protect interests of all members, maintaining a watchful eye not only on the opposition but also on those who may deviate from



NC President Farooq Abdullah enquiring the well-being of injured in SMHS hospital on Monday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah on Monday visited the SMHS Hospital here to enquire about the

health condition of those injured in the grenade attack at a flea market in the heart of the city a day back. A party spokesperson

Vehicle plunges into gorge in Doda, two brothers killed

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Two siblings were killed when their Sports Utility Vehicle skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge in Doda district, police officials said on Monday.

Mukesh Kumar (29) and his younger brother Pawan Kumar (24) met with an accident at Khellani nallah late Sunday night, the officials said.

Both the brothers were found dead on-the-spot by local rescuers who swung into action immediately after their vehicle rolled down the hilly road into the drain, they said.

The deceased had left their Brartha-Khellani residence for Pull Doda and their vehicle was badly damaged in the accident, the officials said.

They said the bodies were brought to Government Medical College (GMC) hospital Doda and are being handed over to their family for last rites after completion of legal formalities.

Modi Govt's tenure glorious period for Indian languages, says Amit Shah

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Modi government's tenure is a glorious period for the preservation and promotion of Indian languages and it has taken several steps for their extensive use, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Monday.

Chairing the 32nd meeting of the Kendriya Hindi Samiti here, Shah said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, five more Indian languages were recently granted classical status.

With this, India has become

the only country to have recognised 11 languages as the prime minister has undertaken several initiatives for the preservation, promotion and extensive use of Indian languages, making the period from 2014 to 2024 an era dedicated to the protection and promotion of Indian languages, Shah said.

The availability of engineering, medical, primary and secondary education in Indian languages has created a favourable environment for the development



Amit Shah speaking at a podium.

Ruckus in Assembly after PDP MLA moves resolution against Art 370 abrogation; BJP protests

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: PDP MLA Waheed Para on Monday moved a resolution in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly opposing the abrogation of Article 370 and calling for the restoration of special status to the erstwhile state, leading to noisy scenes in the House. The Pulwama MLA moved the resolution immediately after veteran National Conference (NC) leader and seven-time MLA Abdul Rahim Rather was elected as the first speaker of the legislative assembly of the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Keeping the sentiments of the people of J&K in mind, this House opposes the revocation of the special status (of Jammu and Kashmir)," Para said as he moved the resolution.

This drew protests from BJP MLAs, all 28 of whom stood up to oppose the move.



Ruckus in J&K Assembly as first session starts on Monday.

BJP MLA Sham Lal Sharma demanded Para's suspension for bringing the resolution in violation of assembly rules.

Rather repeatedly requested the protesting members to take their seats but in vain. He said the resolution has not come to him yet and when it does, he will examine it.

With the BJP members refusing to budge, NC MLAs lashed out at them for interrupting the proceedings of the House. Amid the din, NC MLA Shabir Kullay rushed into the well.

The BJP members relented after Rather pointed out that Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha would be addressing the House.

BSF jawan found dead in rented accommodation

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A Border Security Force (BSF) jawan was found dead under suspicious circumstances at his rented accommodation here on Monday, officials said.

Nitish Kumar (33), a resident of Pathankot in Punjab, was found hanging from the ceiling in his room at the Paloura locality in the outskirts of the city, they said.

The officials said Kumar, posted at the Jammu headquarters of the BSF, was putting up at the private accommodation, along with his wife and their minor child.

Pak-based terrorists showing panic signs: Chugh

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary and incharge of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Tarun Chugh on Monday said that terrorists in J&K are a frustrated lot and their attempt to create panic among people is not only reprehensible but an act of cowardice.

Strongly condemning the incident of grenade attack at the Sunday Market near the Tourist Reception Centre in Srinagar, Chugh said terrorism has been

largely wiped out of the Union Territory but Pakistan-supported terrorists have been making desperate attempts to spread violence.

He said the security forces would give them a befitting

reply and it is time NC leaders like Farooq Abdullah should stop talking about Pakistan. "It is a signal sent by the Abdullahs that keep encouraging the Pakistan-sponsored terrorists to indulge in violent activities in J&K", he added.

He said the peaceful conduct of the recent of the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections testified that people in J&K want peace and development in a democratic manner.



Tarun Chugh speaking at a podium.

BJP assures of 'tough steps' after violence by Khalistani supporters at Hindu temple in Canada

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The BJP and its government have always taken "tough steps" whenever it comes to the persecution of Hindus or infringement of their rights, the ruling party said here on Monday as India condemned the acts of violence perpetrated by extremists and separatists at a temple in Canada.

Protesters carrying Khalistani flags clashed with people at Brampton's Hindu Sabha Temple on Sunday, prompting the High Commission of India in Ottawa to issue a strong statement condemning the attack by the "anti-India" elements.

"We have seen how strongly and clearly a firm reply has been given to Canada while

displaying India's strength," BJP national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia said at a press conference at the party headquarters in Delhi when asked about the incident.

He said the BJP and its government take "tough steps" whenever it comes to persecution of Hindus or infringement of their rights.

"I think taking cognisance of this case also, India will put forth its stand very firmly and take steps whatever is necessary," he added.

On Sunday, Peel Regional Police said a protest occurred at the Hindu Sabha Temple in Brampton and unverified videos circulating on social media appeared to show demonstrators holding banners in support of Khalistan, the Canadian Broadcasting

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 30.6°C Min: 15.3°C

Humidity
Max: 68 Min: 54

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 24.1°C Min: 4.0°C

Humidity
Max: 82 Min: 54

Sunset : 17:37 Hours
Sunrise : 06:50 Hours

