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## India will power world's next innovation wave: LG



LG Manoj Sinha addressing 16th Convocation of NIT Raipur on Sunday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: "India will power the world's next innovation wave," the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Sunday. He said our focus is to ensure scientific findings, research and ideas are effectively translated and applied in the field for Sustainable long-term economic growth and improved quality of life. The Lieutenant Governor was addressing the 16th Convocation of National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur, Chhattisgarh. Speaking on the occasion,

the Lieutenant Governor said that it was his privilege to preside over the 16th convocation of the NIT, Raipur which is a premier institution for advanced Science and Technology education in Chhattisgarh. "Today the world is watching India with new respect as a nation that not only dream big but also delivers. And behind this rise stand institutions like NIT Raipur nurturing young minds, connecting academia with industry and turning ideas into action through innovation and entrepreneurship and work-

ing towards making the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat into reality," the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor said that India needs Job creators and entrepreneurs as they are essential to generating employment, driving innovation, and building a dynamic economy. He said the young researchers are needed to develop solutions to pressing issues such as climate change, healthcare, education, and technology. "Together, these roles are crucial for making India

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**Addresses 16th Convocation of National Institute of Technology, Raipur**  
**Says, our focus is to ensure scientific findings, research and ideas are effectively translated and applied in field for sustainable long-term economic growth and improved quality of life**  
**Advancements in machine learning, generative AI and autonomous systems will impact every sphere of life in near future and will be major driver of economic growth, offering significant opportunities for young technology professionals**  
**Today India is global epicenter for Global Capability Centers (GCC) and 90 pc of them are operating as multi-functional units and contributing to technology operations, product engineering, and engineering research and development worldwide. By 2030 numbers of GCC will increase significantly and they will be powerhouse of innovation**

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## Campaigning ends for Nagrota, Budgam Assembly bypoll

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Campaigning for the high-stakes Nagrota and Budgam Assembly by-election concluded on Sunday evening, with all candidates making their final appeals to voters ahead of polling on November 11. The bypoll in Nagrota was necessitated by the death of BJP legislator Devender Singh Rana last year and has shaped up into a triangular contest among BJP's Devyani Rana, National Conference's (NC) Shamim Begum, and J&K National Panthers Party president Harsh Dev Singh. The Aam Aadmi Party's Joginder Singh, Apni Party's Bodh Raj, and five others, including three independents, are also trying their luck from the constituency, which has 97,893 registered voters and 150 polling stations. In Nagrota, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Union Minister Jitendra Singh

joined the campaign trail, lending momentum in its final phase. Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, several ministers, and provincial leaders of the NC also held a series of rallies in support of Begum. BJP president Sat Sharma and party MLAs campaigned for Devyani Rana, who wrapped up her outreach with a series of meetings across the constituency. She said her political journey was guided by her father's vision of a progressive Nagrota and vowed to continue his developmental initiatives. "This election is not just about politics, it is about trust and service. I will dedicate myself to the welfare of every section of society," she said, urging voters to turn out in large numbers on polling day. An official in the election office said the campaigning ended peacefully at 6 pm and now the focus would be on

ensuring peaceful voting, followed by the results on November 14. NC nominee Shamim Begum appealed to voters to support her party's development-oriented agenda, saying the NC government had laid the foundation for progress in Nagrota. "We will build upon that legacy and work to strengthen public services and empowerment," Begum, who is a district development council member, said. The NC fielded Begum after its coalition partner, Congress, declined the offer to contest the seat. Harsh Dev Singh, a former minister, called upon voters to "choose merit over emotion," asserting that Nagrota needed a representative who could focus on genuine development and accountability. Since the 1996 Assembly elections, the BJP has won the Nagrota seat three times -- 2002, 2008, and

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## SIM vendor inspection drive launched in Kishtwar, Kathua to curb illegal distribution

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir police on Sunday launched an extensive inspection drive across SIM vendor outlets in Kashmir district to enhance security and curb unauthorised distribution, an official said. All gazetted officers and station house officers carried out the inspections of SIM vendor outlets in their respective jurisdictions as part of this coordinated district-wide exercise, a police spokesman said. During the drive, he said, vendors were directed to maintain complete records of all issued SIM cards, strictly

follow KYC (Know Your Customer) guidelines, and refrain from selling fake or pre-activated SIM cards. The inspections also emphasised the importance of keeping detailed records related to recharges, duplicate SIM issuance, and logs for lost or damaged SIM cards, along with the corresponding customer details, the spokesman added. Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, Naresh Singh, reiterated the importance of transparency and integrity in the SIM issuance process to prevent potential misuse.

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## CIK nabs 9 during anti-terror raids across Valley

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Nine people, including a woman, were detained on Sunday as Counter Intelligence Kashmir (CIK) carried out raids across the Valley as part of its crackdown on online terror networks. Acting on credible intelligence about the online glorification of terrorism and the radicalisation of youth, a spokesperson said the Counter Intelligence Kashmir (CIK) teams targeted 10 specific locations in Srinagar, Kulgam, Baramulla, Shopian, and Pulwama. "In a sweeping crackdown on online terror networks,



CIK launched coordinated raids across Kashmir Valley today, sending a decisive message against extremism and cyber abuse," the spokesperson said in a statement. "This robust operation, conducted with support from local police, focused on individuals alleged to be misusing social media platforms to

incite violence, spread anti-national propaganda, and foster communal hatred," he said. The official said nine suspects, including one woman, have been detained. "A cache of incriminating evidence, ranging from SIM cards and mobile phones to tablets and a variety of digital devices, has been seized for forensic examination," he said. The spokesperson said the material recovered is expected to yield critical leads, paving the way for further investigation and additional enforcement action. "This action underscores our commitment to

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## SSP Jammu reviews security for Nagrota Assembly by-poll

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Jammu, Joginder Singh on Sunday reviewed election preparedness and security arrangements for Nagrota Assembly Constituency by-polls. The SSP held briefing of Police and CAPF personnel - to be deployed for the polls - at District Police Lines, Jammu. He directed all officers to be careful while dealing with public during elections to avoid any unwanted scene. The SSP called for ensuring peaceful atmosphere in this crucial period of time of

Nagrota Assembly bye-poll and have a proper security check at crucial spots of the district. He revealed that standard security measures have been undertaken to ensure safety, law and order during the upcoming Nagrota Assembly Constituency bye-election. He directed Nafri to familiarize with the local area and strengthen preparedness to handle any potential law and order situations during the electoral process. The SSP asked for the visible presence of deployed nafri as it acts as a deterrent to anti-social or

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## RSS recognised as body of individuals: Bhagwat

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BENGALURU: In a veiled remark against the Congress leaders criticising RSS for operating without registration, the Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday said his organisation is recognised as a body of individuals. "RSS was established in 1925, so do you expect us to have registered with the British government?" Bhagwat asked while replying to a question during an in-house question and answer session organised by the RSS. He added that after the independence, Government of India did not make registration compulsory. "We are categorised as body of individuals, and we are a recognised organisation," Bhagwat explained. According to him, IT department and courts have termed RSS as a body of individuals and the organisation was exempted from income tax. "We were banned thrice. So government has recognised us. If we

## Shah charges oppn with trying to build 'corridor for infiltrators' in Bihar

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
S A S A R A M / A R W A L (BIHAR): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday charged the INDIA bloc with trying to build a "corridor for infiltrators", unlike Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who wanted to "set up an industrial corridor". Addressing back-to-back rallies in Sasaram and Arwal towns of Bihar, on the final day of campaign for the second and final phase of assembly elections, Shah also promised a future that "mortar shells that will be dropped on Pakistan will be



manufactured at an ordinance factory in this state". "Recently, Rahul and Lalu's son (Tejashvi Yadav) took out a 'Voter Adhikar Yatra'.

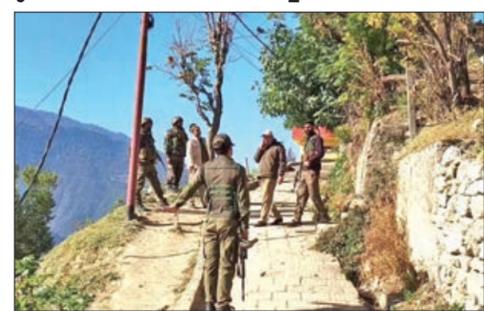
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## Two SPOs dismissed for terror-links

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Two Special Police Officers (SPOs) were dismissed from service for their alleged links with terrorists in Kathua district, officials said on Sunday. The SPOs -- Abdul Latief and Mohd Abbas -- were earlier arrested for their alleged involvement in terror activities, the officials said. They said Senior Superintendent of Police, Kathua, Mohita Sharma ordered the dismissal of the two SPOs with immediate effect. The two cops are accused of providing support to terrorists.

## Anti-terror ops across Jammu, raids underway at dozens of places

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Sunday extended the ongoing crackdown against terror operatives to different areas across Jammu, targeting local terrorists operating from Pakistan and their overground workers (OGWs), officials said. A massive search and cordon operation is underway at dozens of places in Ramban, Kishtwar, Doda, Kathua, Reasi, Poonch and Rajouri districts, they said. On Saturday, scores of suspected persons were called for questioning amid a massive



anti-terrorist operation in Doda district of Jammu. The searches were intensified as intelligence reports suggest that terrorists operating in the higher reaches are looking for safe hideouts in the plains for the winter. Police continued its

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## BSF DG leads Jammu Marathon, first such initiative since Op Sindoor



BSF Director General Daljit Singh Chawdhary flagging off marathon in Jammu on Sunday. (Pic by Ashok Anand)

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: BSF Director General Daljit Singh Chawdhary on Sunday flagged off the Jammu Marathon, marking the first major public event by the force post Operation Sindoor. The marathon, organised by the BSF, Jammu frontier to commemorate the 60th

Raising Day of the force, was meant to promote physical fitness and a drug-free lifestyle among the youth and witnessed enthusiastic participation from civilians, security personnel and students. According to the Border Security Force (BSF), over 6,000 people from across the

country have registered for the marathon covering 42 km, 21 km and 10 km race categories besides the 5 km run for fun. Some foreigners also took part in the marathon. Many runners were seen holding national flags and also chanting slogans in praise of the country and the

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## Bollywood set to return to Kashmir for film shoots: Suniel Shetty



JAMMU: Bollywood actor Suniel Shetty on Sunday said the film industry is all set to return to Kashmir for shooting and expressed confidence that the region would regain its "lost glory". Shetty's remarks come months after terror attack in Pahalgam, which occurred in April. The government has since been trying to revive tourism which suffered a major setback following the attack. "The shooting will happen (in Kashmir) 100 per cent. Vikram Razdan, Shabbir Boxwala and one more friend Binoy (Gandhi) are preparing to shoot their films in Kashmir this year itself. I think these films will be completed by next summer," Shetty told reporters at the sidelines of the closing award ceremony of BSF Jammu. "Our Jammu and Kashmir will regain the lost glory and will remain so," he added. Shetty, who played BSF veteran Bhairav Singh in J P Dutta's war film "Border" (1997), praised the force for organising the Jammu Marathon and said it's a big honour for him to join the event. "If people know me, it is because of my role in the 'Border'. I will be remembered by this role. This is the first such marathon (in Jammu) organized by BSF which is the first line of defence. They are deployed in the most difficult locations and are keeping us safe," he said. The actor said he had earlier attended the second edition of Kashmir marathon early this month. "I am always there to support such events which bring people together and promote physical fitness."

**WEATHER**

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

Humidity  
Max: 76 Min: 68

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 17.4°C Min: 0.9°C

Humidity  
Max: 87 Min: 61

Sunset : 17:34 Hours  
Sunrise : 06:55 Hours