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## LG visits Poonch, Rajouri; lays foundation stone of houses for families hit by recent natural calamities, Pak shelling during Op Sindoor



LG Manoj Sinha addressing gathering during an event at Poonch on Friday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday laid the foundation stone for construction of new houses for families affected due to recent natural calamities and unprovoked Pakistani shelling during Operation Sindoor, in Poonch and Rajouri.

Development Society (HRDS India). The Lieutenant Governor reaffirmed the commitment of Government of India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, towards complete rehabilitation of affected families and to improve the life of every resident of Poonch and Rajouri.

tion paid to the families affected by flash floods and Pakistani shelling in both the districts. Under Security Related Expenditure (SRE) and Central Schemes relief of more than Rs. 10 Cr was already provided to other house owners in Poonch. It is being ensured that not a single family is deprived of their rights and fundamental needs," the Lieutenant Governor said.

▶ 133 houses in Poonch, 388 in Rajouri that were completely damaged will be built free of cost with the help of HRDS India

▶ LG reaffirms commitment of GoI under PM Narendra Modi towards complete rehabilitation of affected families and to improve life of every resident of Poonch, Rajouri

▶ Says, earlier ex-gratia relief, employment to NoKs of deceased were provided and compensation paid to families affected by flash floods and Pakistani shelling: LG

▶ It is being ensured that not a single family is deprived of their rights, fundamental needs

## Speaker administers oath to newly elected MLAs



Speaker, JKLA Advocate Abdul Rahim Rather administering oath to MLAs Devyani Rana and Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Speaker, Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Advocate Abdul Rahim Rather on Friday administered the oath to two newly elected MLAs, Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi and

Devyani Rana of Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly. Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi has been elected from Budgam Assembly constituency while

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## 130 kanal state, custodian land retrieved at Sikanderpur Bishnah from encroachers, NDPS Act offenders

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: District Administration Jammu has retrieved prime land worth crores of rupees during an anti-encroachment and demolition drive at village Sikanderpur, Tehsil Bishnah. The drive was carried out on Friday on the directions of District Magistrate Jammu, Dr. Rakesh Minhas and in coordination with SSP Jammu, Joginder Singh.

Land measuring about 130 kanal, falling under Khasra Nos. 308, 389, 2206, was under illegal occupation with several illegal structures raised by the encroachers, which include offenders booked under NDPS act.

The land retrieved is being handed over to the concerned department and part of it would be proposed for con-



JCB demolishing an illegal structure raised on encroached land at Sikanderpur.

structing Niabat, Patwar Halqa and Police Chowki.

The anti-encroachment drive was conducted under the overall supervision of

SDM Jammu South, Manu Hansa and Superintendent of Police HQ Jammu, Irshad Rather in presence of Tehsildar Bishnah,

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## Arms, ammunition recovered from hideout near LoC in Kupwara

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Security forces on Friday foiled a potential terror plot by recovering a cache of arms and ammunition, including two M-series assault rifles, from a hideout near the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district, police said.

Based on specific input, a search operation was launched by security forces in the Neeriyam Forest area along the Line of Control in the Handwara

area of the north Kashmir district, a police official said. He said during the operation, the security forces bust-



ed a major hideout which led to the recovery of arms and ammunition including, two M-series (M4) rifles

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## NIA counsel seeks time to take instructions on Er Rashid's bail plea

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency on Friday sought time to take instructions on the plea of jailed Jammu and Kashmir MP Engineer Rashid, who sought to attend the upcoming Parliament session in December.

The counsel for the federal agency sought an adjournment to take instructions before Additional Sessions Judge Prashant Sharma, who listed the matter for further proceedings on November 26.

The application filed by advocate Vikhyat Oberoi appearing for Sheikh Abdul Rashid, popularly known as Engineer Rashid, on Tuesday had sought interim bail or custody parole on the grounds that Rashid was a parliamentarian and needed to attend the upcoming session to fulfil his public duty.

The court had then sought the agency's response on the plea.

**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 25.2°C Min: 12.0°C

Humidity  
Max: 80 Min: 69

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 17.3°C Min: -0.5°C

Humidity  
Max: 90 Min: 71

Sunset : 17:27 Hours  
Sunrise : 07:06 Hours

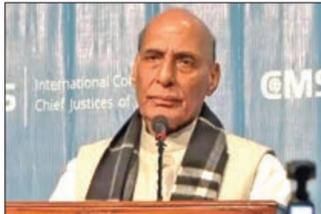
## Today's new world requires new United Nations, international order: Rajnath

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
LUCKNOW: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said the United Nations could have played a "much stronger" role in global conflicts such as Israel-Hamas and Ukraine-Russia, and in humanitarian crises unfolding in Sudan, stressing that today's new world needs a new UN and international order.

He was addressing the International Conference of Chief Justices of the World organised by the private City Montessori School in his par-

liamentary constituency of Lucknow.

He said that today, con-



licts are ongoing in several parts of the world - the Israel-Hamas conflict, the Ukraine-Russia war and humanitarian crises unfolding in Sudan and many

regions of Africa.

"Amid all this, we could have expected to see a much stronger role of the United Nations. We are not seeing that, but we could have," he remarked.

Singh added that this gap in their action does not reflect any lack of intent on the part of the United Nations; rather, it stems from the complexities of global politics, the influence exerted by major powers, and the slow pace of institutional processes. "These factors have

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## GoI approves increased number of person-days provided under MGNREGA to 150 days for UT of J&K

### LG expresses gratitude to Modi & Chouhan

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development, Shivraj Singh Chouhan for increasing number of person-days provided under MGNREGA to 150 days for J&K to enhance livelihood security in rural areas affected by natural calamity.

In a post on X, the Lieutenant Governor has

said: "I'm grateful to Hon'ble PM Sh. Narendra Modi Ji and Hon'ble Union Minister of Rural Development Sh. Shivraj Singh Chouhan Ji for increasing number of person-days provided under MGNREGA to 150 days for J&K

**This will enhance livelihood security in rural areas affected by natural calamity: LG**

to enhance livelihood security in rural areas affected by natural calamity.

1962 Panchayats of J&K UT were declared 'flood affected' and it had caused adverse impact on livelihood.

Special relief was sought from GoI and today's decision will ensure stable income to vulnerable rural households, relieve the families from economic distress and create durable assets."

Earlier, the Department of

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) had recommended extending the benefit of additional employment of 50 days over and above 100 days per household under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA in

the 'flood/cloud burst/landslide' (natural calamity) affected areas of UT of Jammu & Kashmir for FY 2025-26.

In view of the likelihood of increased demand for employment on public works due to the natural calamity, it has been decided, under Section 3(4) of Mahatma Gandhi NREG Act, to provide up to 50 days of additional employment over and above 100 days per household in the affected rural areas of UT of Jammu & Kashmir for the Financial Year 2025-26.

## Modi meets Australian counterpart, discusses cooperation in defence & security, critical minerals, trade

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JOHANNESBURG: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday met his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese in Johannesburg and the two leaders took stock of progress in cooperation in diverse areas, including defence and security, critical minerals, trade & investment and people-to-people ties.

PM Modi met Albanese hours after he arrived in South Africa to attend the G20 Leaders' Summit. "Both leaders expressed satisfaction on substantial deepening and diversification of our ties as we mark 5 years of - Comprehensive Strategic Partnership," Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Randhir



PM Narendra Modi in bilateral meeting with Australian PM Anthony Albanese on the sidelines of 20th G20 Leaders' Summit in Johannesburg.

Jaiswal said in a social media post.

He said that the two leaders took stock of progress in cooperation in diverse areas, including defence and securi-

ty, critical minerals, trade & investment, education and people-to-people contacts, and discussed ways to further expand multifaceted bilateral cooperation in these

and new areas.

"They also committed to strengthen global fight against terrorism," he said.

Albanese expressed condolences over the recent terrorist attack in Delhi and the bus accident in Saudi Arabia, in which several Indians were killed.

"We have much to discuss, and our relationship is very strong," he said. "I think the economic relationship we can strengthen further, and our defence and security ties are also very important going forward. And I look forward to our discussion today," Albanese added.

Later, in a social media post, Albanese said Australia and India are "great friends and partners".

"From trade, defence and security to education and clean energy our relationship is fundamentally important. Wonderful to catch up with my friend Prime Minister Modi ahead of the G20 Summit," he added.

A day earlier, Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong held talks with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in Delhi, and they reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral cooperation and progress under different pillars of the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

The two ministers co-chaired the 16th India-Australia Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue (FMFD) in Delhi.

## Srinagar police expands inspection drive beyond hospitals; search fertiliser shops, car dealers

Doctors' lockers checked at hospitals in Ganderbal, Kupwara

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: In a series of coordinated operations aimed at bolstering security and ensuring compliance with regulatory norms, Srinagar police has been conducting extensive inspection drives across medical institutions, chemical and fertiliser shops, and car dealerships over the last two days, an official spokesperson said here on Friday.

This move is seen as a precautionary step after busting of a "white collar terror" module by the special teams formed by SSP (Srinagar) G V Sundep Chakravarty.

The Jammu and Kashmir Police, in coordination with their counterparts in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana, bust-

ed the module and arrested several, including three doctors this month.

The unregulated sale of ammonium nitrate, the purchase of second-hand cars, and hiding weapons in lockers by the doctors came up during the investigation of the case, prompting the police to carry out precautionary measures, the official said.

The search is a part of the ongoing commitment to preventing misuse of facilities and materials for unlawful activities, according to the official.

The Srinagar police, on two consecutive days, carried out checks at the locker facilities and storage racks of various hospitals and public health centres to ensure that

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