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People of J&K are heartbeat of peace: LG



LG Manoj Sinha delivering keynote address at Vishwagram's International Symposium at Srinagar on Wednesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha delivered a keynote address on Wednesday, at two-day International Symposium on "Peace, People and Possibilities in Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory". The Symposium has been organized by Vishwagram, a non-profit organisation dedicated to fostering education, compassion, art and service across India.

Lieutenant Governor spoke about a new vision of a rising Jammu Kashmir that is peaceful, fear-free, prosperous, united and in which every citizen is empowered and touched by India's rapid progress. He said huge sacrifices have been made in last 5 years to make Jammu Kashmir where it is now. "The peace visible in Jammu Kashmir today has given an opportunity to all to flourish with mutual respect and everyone is getting equal opportunity to live a dignified life. One can see the impact of Peace, efforts of people for a better tomorrow and immense possibilities for all without any discrimination. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we have followed the principles of people-first, social justice and equality, which has transformed both the lives of the people and this crown jewel of the nation," the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor

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- We are determined for strengthening socio-economic development and to turn the dreams of our youth into reality
- Speaks about new vision of rising J&K that is peaceful, fear-free, prosperous, united and in which every citizen is empowered and touched by India's rapid progress
- Highlights strong resolve to dismantle terror ecosystem and affirmed commitment to maintaining peace, justice and equity

Gunfight underway between terrorists, SFs in Kishtwar

Search operation launched in Poonch

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A gun battle broke out between terrorists and security forces on Wednesday in Kishtwar district, officials said. "In an intelligence-based operation, launched in coordination with the Jammu and Kashmir Police early this morning, alert troops of the White Knight Corps established contact with terrorists in the general area of Chhatru," the White Knight Corps said in a post on X. "The operation is in progress," it said. The forces are battling against at least two to three terrorists, and there was a report of one jawan sustaining a minor injury. Security forces are continuously monitoring the movement of terrorists in the mountainous district, resulting in multiple encounters in the belt which borders Doda and

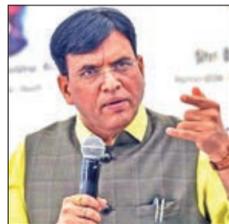


Udhampur districts.

Kishtwar has seen six encounters in the past seven months as forces continue their hunt for Pakistan-based terrorists hiding in these hills. Meanwhile, security forces on launched a search operation following suspicious movement in the border areas of Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, officials said. The operation was launched by the Special Operations Group (SOG), army and the CRPF following reports of movement of suspected persons in the Balakote-Mendhar border areas, they said. The forces are on high alert and locals have been urged to share any information about suspicious movements in their areas. On Tuesday, troops recovered a suspicious drone in the Sakhi Maidan border area of Mendhar, they added.

No locus standi for Pak to comment on India's internal affairs: Mandaviya

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Union Minister of Labour and Employment Mansukh Mandaviya on Wednesday said Pakistan has no locus standi to comment on India's internal affairs, and it should stop abusing global forums. The minister asserted that Pakistan is engaged in acts of cross-border terrorism against Indian citizens and advised the neighbouring country to introspect. Mandaviya was presenting India's national statement at the Plenary Session of the Second World Summit for Social Development in Doha, Qatar.



He took strong objection to certain unjustified references made by the President of Pakistan to India in his remarks on Tuesday. "This is an abuse of an international forum to distract the world from focusing on social development

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JKAS officer files defamation case, Rs 7 Cr recovery suit against 'journalist' in Jammu Court

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: After demand of Rs 20,000 by a fake journalist Shubham Manswalia for deleting a video from his unregistered portal "The Daily Truth News" another report of blackmailing surfaced in Jammu as a result of which a Jammu & Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) officer, Zakir Hussain Wani, Additional Secretary, Power Development Department (PDD) has filed Rs 7 crore recovery suit against journalist Tousif Kraipak, alleging that the latter made defamatory statements against him

on social media and other public platforms with an intent to damage his professional reputation and public standing. In the suit, Wani claimed that the statements circulated by Kraipak were false, malicious, and defamatory, causing serious harm to his image as a public servant and subjecting him to mental distress and public ridicule. The officer has sought financial damages, removal of the alleged defamatory content, and a restraint on further such statements. Kraipak appeared before the Court through his counsel, Advocate M. A. Dar, and received the suit copy in the proceedings. The matter is currently pending before the Principal District and Sessions Judge, Jammu, and the next date of hearing has been fixed for December 11, 2025. Besides this, there are many such complaints against fake journalists operating unregistered portals. The exposure of such fraudulent individuals, including Shubham of The Daily Truth News, who is already facing charges in snatching case, is a wake-up call for the authorities to act decisively against

those who exploit the name of journalism for extortion and intimidation," said Ex-President Press Club of Jammu Manu Shrivats. He cautioned that the unchecked proliferation of unregistered portals and YouTube channels in the region poses a serious threat to the credibility of legitimate media and has led to growing instances of harassment, defamation, and blackmail. "These self-styled 'digital journalists' neither follow ethical journalism nor hold any legal recognition. They misuse social media

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All wings of democracy exist for welfare of citizens: CJI

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MUMBAI: All the wings of democracy - executive, judiciary and legislature - exist for the welfare of citizens and none can work in isolation, Chief Justice of India Bhushan Gavai said on Wednesday. Speaking at the project initiation function of the Maharashtra National Law University's (MNLU) campus in Mumbai, Gavai said the principles of liberty, justice and equality are embodied in our Constitution. "Judiciary has neither the

power of the sword nor the power of words. Unless the executive is on board, it is



difficult for the judiciary to provide adequate infrastructure to judiciary as well as legal education," the CJI said. Gavai said law education is now developing

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3 drug peddlers held, property of another attached

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UDHAMPUR: Three drug peddlers were arrested along with heroin while the property of another peddler was attached in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district on Wednesday, a police spokesperson said. The arrest of the trio took the total number of drug peddlers nabbed in Udhampur so far this year to 156, the spokesperson said. He said Pawan Kumar Dansal and Rajinder Kumar of Manwal were arrested after 5 grams and 4.2 grams of heroin were recovered from their possession during frisking in Majalta area. Police also intercepted a two-wheeler driven by Kazim Ashraf, a resident of Bhaderwah and seized 7.18 grams of heroin from him, the spokesperson said. Three separate cases under relevant sections of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act were registered against the arrested peddlers, he said. In another incident, the

Postal, home voting begins for Budgam by-elections

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BUDGAM: The process of postal ballot voting began for 27-AC Budgam at BDO office Budgam, marking an important step in ensuring that all eligible voters, especially employees in essential services who may not be able to attend polling stations on election day for 27-AC budgam, have the opportunity to exercise their democratic rights. Speaking on the occasion, the District Election Officer (DEO) Budgam Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat underscored the commitment to ensuring a free and fair voting process for all eligible voters.

The DEO said, the postal voting ballot facility at BDO office Budgam is well-organized, providing a streamlined process for employees to cast their votes and to strengthen democracy. "As per the guidelines of ECI, the District administration has worked diligently to assist voters for casting their vote via postal ballot while maintaining the integrity of the postal ballot system," he added. The initiation of postal ballot voting in Budgam demonstrates inclusive participation of all employees in the electoral process. The postal ballot voting process will continue for three consecutive days, starting from November 5, 2025. District administration Budgam will maintain their efforts to support voters and ensure that every voice is heard. Employees from all essential service departments of the District were seen active and enthusiastic in casting their vote for democracy. Meanwhile, home voting also commenced across the constituency.

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Two long-time absconders arrested

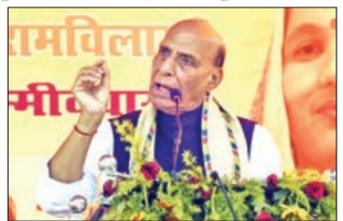
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POONCH: Two criminals wanted in two separate cases were arrested after over a decade-long hunt in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, police said. Burju, a resident of Chandimarth village, was booked in a case registered at police station Surankote in 2013 under section 436 of the Rambir Penal Code, dealing with mischief by fire or explosive substance with intent to destroy a dwelling, a police spokesperson said. Despite repeated efforts over the years, he said the accused had managed to remain underground but

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Rahul trying to create anarchy by demanding reservation in defence forces: Rajnath

STATE TIMES NEWS
BANKA/JAMMU/GAYA-JI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday alleged that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was "trying to create anarchy" in the country by "demanding reservation in the armed forces". Singh also took a jibe at Gandhi, the leader of the opposition in the Lok Sabha, over his recent fishing bid during a poll campaign in Bihar, alleging that the Congress leader has "no option left but to jump into a pond". The senior BJP leader also

slammed Gandhi for levelling the 'vote chori' allegation against the Election Commission, claiming that



the Congress MP is "targeting constitutional bodies without any basis". Addressing a public rally in Bihar's Jamui district, Singh

said, "What happened to Rahul ji? He is raising the issue of reservation in the defence forces. He is simply trying to create anarchy in the country by demanding reservation in the defence forces. Our forces are above all these." "Soldiers of India have only one religion, which is 'Sainya Dharma'. The BJP supports reservation. We have given reservation to the poor and other eligible sections of the society," Singh said. Rahul Gandhi,

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BJP to mark 150 years of 'Vande Mataram' at 150 places on Nov 7; PM to attend Delhi event

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI/GURUGRAM: "Vande Mataram" will be collectively sung at events planned in 150 places of significance across the country to mark 150 years of the national song, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi set to attend one such programme at the Indira Gandhi Stadium in Delhi on November 7. Addressing a press conference at party headquarters here, BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh said the party plans to celebrate the milestone as a festival. "Several programmes to celebrate the occasion will be organised across the country from November 7 to 26 (Constitution Day). Vande Mataram will be sung at 150



places of significance on November 7, which will be followed by a pledge for using indigenous products," Chugh said, adding poetry writing, recitation and painting will feature in these events across 20 days. Information about PM attending the event at the IG Stadium was shared by BJP national secretary Om Prakash Dhankar. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the singing of the song Vande

Mataram at the Indira Gandhi Stadium in Delhi," Dhankar said while interacting with mediapersons at the BJP office in Gurugram. The places where the Vande Mataram commemorative events will be held include Kargil War Memorial, Andaman and Nicobar Cellular Jail, Odisha's Sawarak Ashram, Shaheed Smarak Park in Agra and Namoo Ghat in Varanasi. During the conference, Chugh said Vande Mataram served as a slogan and a guiding mantra in the lives and actions of millions of revolutionaries during India's freedom struggle. "Many freedom fighters faced the gallows chanting Vande Mataram and endured the oppression of foreign

rulers with this slogan on their lips," he said. "The song was composed by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee in 1875, and its first famous public rendition was done by Rabindranath Tagore in Calcutta in 1896. By 1905, during the period of Bengal's partition, the song had been set to the classical raga 'Desh Malhar' and had become immensely popular, echoing as the voice of the people," he added. Dhankar, at the press conference, also said that the chief ministers of all the states will also participate in the programmes in their respective capitals to mark the special day. Vande Mataram, an ode to the motherland, was adopted as the national song in 1950.

Tourism Dept showcases J&K's culture, cuisines and countryside at 'Bharat Parv' in Gujarat

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AHMEDABAD: Jammu and Kashmir's rich tourism potential, vibrant art, craft, and authentic cuisines were showcased at a national-level festival organised in Gujarat's Narmada district to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. J&K Tourism is participating in the ongoing 'Bharat Parv' at Ekta Nagar in Narmada district where the Union Territory has set up a pavilion to highlight its traditional culture, cuisines and adventure offerings, among other features, said a Jammu and Kashmir administration release on Wednesday. The festival has been organised as part of the nationwide celebrations of

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Patel, independent India's first home minister. 'Bharat Parv' has been organised under the aegis of the Union tourism ministry to showcase India's unity in diversity through a vibrant convergence of culture, cuisine, crafts, and thematic exhibits from all states and Union Territories. Joint Director Tourism, Jammu, Aijaz Qaiser along with other senior officials represented the Jammu & Kashmir at Bharat Parv. A live 'studio kitchen' was set up by Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation (JKTDC) to give visitors a first

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 26.8°C Min: 14.6°C

Humidity
Max: 65 Min: 62

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 13.8°C Min: 5.6°C

Humidity
Max: 85 Min: 31

Sunset : 17:37 Hours
Sunrise : 06:52 Hours