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LG addresses Investors & Business leaders at Expo-2020 Dubai New business partnership will further strengthen J&K-Dubai's trade, investment ties: LG



LG Manoj Sinha addressing Investors & Business leaders at Expo-2020 Dubai on Thursday.

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DUBAI: Several important MoUs were signed on Thursday with Al Maya Group, MATU Investments LLC, GL Employment Brokerage LLC & Noon to invest in J&K Expo-2020 Dubai.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, who presided over the signing ceremony said this will further strengthen J&K-Dubai's trade, investment ties.

The summit has received a great response from the representatives of global companies, investors and business managers. Lieutenant Governor also held a meeting with Chairman of

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DP world, H.E. Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem. DP World is set to build an inland port in Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing the Investors Summit at Dubai, the Lt Governor highlighted the strong business scenario in Jammu & Kashmir.

Big business groups from UAE

have shown interest in investing in J&K marking the beginning of a new and comprehensive partnership, the Lt Governor said.

"Relationship between India and UAE has matured enough over the years to become enduring 'Global Partners' in the 21st Century. These

are those times in the journey of Jammu Kashmir where opportunities are in plenty", observed the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor said the UT of J&K now has a sage & conducive environment for the businesses to flourish, besides having a young population and a demographic dividend to its advantage.

We are devising new paths, new policies, creating critical infrastructure and unlocking the business potential of Jammu Kashmir to strengthen our business ecosystem for the post-pandemic world and embarking on the journey of growth and development, added the Lt Governor.

"J&K has the capability to provide opportunity to industries to compete, connect and collaborate with its readily available abundant resources. In the last 28 months, J&K has transformed from sleeping business destination to the land of opportunities & investment", the Lt Governor said.

Due to transparent policies, ease of doing business, we were able to clock investment proposal worth Rs.45,000 Crore &

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Golden sunset moments in Jammu amid raining spell on Thursday. (Pic by Shilpa Thakur)

J&K records 349 fresh COVID cases 6 areas declared micro-containment zones in Jammu

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JAMMU: J&K recorded 349 fresh Corona cases, taking the tally to 3,42,768 on Thursday, while three new deaths were reported from the UT in the past 24 hours. Meanwhile, six areas of Jammu City have been declared as micro containment zones.

In an order, the District Magistrate Anshul Garg declared Lane Near H.No 100, Sector 4, Roop Nagar and Lane No 2, near Sector 2, Shant Nagar, Janipur; Lane Near H No 27, Sector 2, Trikuta Nagar Extension, Lane No 7, Channi Himmat, Lane near H No 47, Sector 6 Trikuta Nagar; and area in and around J&K Bank, Amphalla, as micro-containment zones.

"There is sufficient ground for proceeding under Section 144 of CrPC for

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Pakistan will have to desist from its designs in J&K: Rajnath

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DEHRADUN: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Thursday said Pakistan will have to desist from its 'mischievous activities' in Jammu and Kashmir.

India wants good relations with all countries especially with its neighbours because friends can be changed not neighbours, Singh said. "But Pakistan does not understand this and continues with its design in Jammu and Kashmir."

"Atalji went to Pakistan because he wanted good ties with it. But strangely our neighbour does not desist from its mischievous activities in Jammu and Kashmir. However, I can assure you it will have to," Singh said at a party rally in Uttarkashi, referring to former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's visit.

"It wants to keep the question of Jammu and Kashmir



alive," he said.

Singh said by demolishing terror camps on Pakistan territory through surgical and airstrikes, Indian troops gave a message to the entire world that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi it was a strong India capable of giving a befitting reply to Pakistan even on its own turf. Describing the BJP as a party that does not compromise on its ideology,

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Information on all completed projects, dev works readily available on FD's website

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JAMMU: The Government on Thursday maintained that it has taken path-breaking initiatives to promote transparency in execution of developmental projects across Jammu and Kashmir. These initiatives are unique in the country which provide latest updates on the projects with geo-tagged photographs and other project-related information.

J&K Government launched web portal 'EMPOWERMENT' (Enabling Monitoring and Public Overview of Works

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Prof Romshoo appointed as WIHG's Governing Body member

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JAMMU: Vice-Chancellor, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) Awantipora, Prof. Shakil A. Romshoo has been nominated as a Member of the Governing Body of the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG), Dehradun, for a period of three years.

The order for the appointment of Prof Romshoo has been issued by the Government of India.

WIHG Dehradun, is an autonomous research institute of the Ministry of Science and Technology, Govt. of India.

Prof. Romshoo has successfully completed several national and international research projects with the geographical focus of the western Himalayas and has published more than 200 highly cited research papers. More than a dozen

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 14.4°C Min: 10.3°C

Humidity
Max: 95 Min: 86

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 6.1°C Min: 0.3°C

Humidity
Max: 99 Min: 86

Sunset: 17:41 Hours
Sunrise: 07:34 Hours

44 games listed for direct appointment in Govt jobs Govt frames rules for appointments of outstanding Sportspersons of J&K

■ SANJAY SHARMA

JAMMU: The Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday repealed Jammu and Kashmir (Appointment of Outstanding Sports Persons) Rules, 1998 and framed Jammu and Kashmir (Appointment of Outstanding Sports Persons) Rules, 2022 and recognised 44 sports/games for direct appointment in Government jobs for the outstanding sports persons.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the

Constitution of India, the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is pleased to make the Jammu and

Kumar Dwivedi Principal Secretary, General Administration Department. "These rules shall come into force at once," it added.

5 gazetted & 25 non-gazetted posts to be filled up each year

Kashmir (Appointment of Outstanding Sports Persons) Rules, 2022 for recruitment of Outstanding Sportspersons against Gazetted [Level-8 (47600-151100)] and Non-Gazetted posts reserved for the purpose," reads S.O. 12 notification issued by Manoj

"A Sportsperson who is a domicile of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and has represented India in International Games/Competitions namely Olympic Games/Paralympic/World Cup (played once in four years)/ Asian Games/Commonwealth Games/

International Cricket Matches (Main Indian Team)/ World University Games, in any of the sports 44 disciplines mentioned in these rules or a person who has won first, second or third positions in International competitions namely World Championship/ Asian Championship /Commonwealth Championship/ SAF Games/ Championship in any of the 44 sports disciplines mentioned in these Rules will be considered for recruitment against Gazetted Category," the

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Channi connived with anti-national forces to sabotage PM's Punjab trip: Chugh



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National General Secretary, Tarun Chugh on Thursday lambasted the Channi Government for joining hands with anti-national ele-

ments to sabotage Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Punjab.

He said the Congress government at the behest of Sonia Gandhi engineered a grave threat to the life of the PM and shattered constitutional norms to insult the office of the Prime Minister.

Chugh said the Channi Government's nefarious designs were clear enough the moment PM lauded at Bhatinda and there was no chief minister or any senior officer to receive him.

Besides, the chief minister even both the Deputy CMs had no grace to receive

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Modi briefs President on security breach Punjab Govt forms high-level panel to probe lapses

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday briefed President Ram Nath Kovind over the security breach during his visit to Punjab, drawing his concern over the serious lapse.

In a tweet, the President's secretariat said, "President Ram Nath Kovind met Prime Minister Modi at the Rashtrapati Bhavan today and received from him a first-hand account of the security breach in his convoy in Punjab yesterday. The President expressed his

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Former J&K CMs to lose SSG security cover

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

S R I N A G A R / N E W DELHI: Four former chief ministers of Jammu and Kashmir, including Farooq Abdullah and Ghulam Nabi Azad, are likely to lose their Special Security Group (SSG) protection as the union territory's administration has decided to wind up the elite unit established in 2000, officials said on Thursday.

The move comes a little over 19 months after the Centre had issued a gazette notification -- Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Adaptation of State Laws)

Order, 2020 -- on March 31, 2020, amending the Special Security Group Act of the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir government by omitting a clause that provided former chief ministers and their families with SSG security.

Officials said the decision was taken by the Security Review Coordination Committee, a group that oversees the threat perception of important leaders in Jammu and Kashmir.

The officials said the SSG will be "right-sized" by reducing the number of the elite force to the "bare min-

imum". It will be headed by an officer below the rank of Superintendent of Police as against Director, who is of the rank of Inspector General of Police and above.

However, the officials feel there was a re-think over the downsizing of the SSG as some experts within the police force feel that this may hamper the preparedness of the elite unit.

The SSG will now be entrusted with the security of serving chief ministers and their immediate family members.

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J&K Police charge-sheets four JeM terrorists

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JAMMU: Jammu Police produced challan in the Court of Special Judge NIA against three Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorists, who were caught by police for smuggling arms.

As per case, on July 11, 2021 information through reliable sources was received at Police Station Gangal stating that some trucks with registration numbers of Valley are being used to transport illegal arms/ammunition and explosives from border area of Jammu to Kashmir. One such Truck/Tralla bearing registration number

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ACB charge-sheets former ADs, TSOs FCS&CA among 39 for misappropriation of ration

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has produced charge-sheet against 39 persons including Assistant Directors, Tehsil Supply Officers, Supervisors, Storekeepers, Ration Dealers of FCS&CA Jammu and private beneficiaries i.e. flour mill owners. Giving details, the official said that instant case was registered on basis of JSC wherein it was alleged that ration meant for Below Poverty Line (BPL), Antodaya Anna Yojna (AAY) and Annapurna schemes (APS) has been drawn in excess ration in Tehsil Jammu (Rural) fraudulently and sold in the open market. "Joint Surprise check was conducted on allegations in Tehsil Jammu Rural,

Pandita, the then Assistant Director Mills Jammu and other public servants including the then Assistant Directors, then Tehsil Supply Officers, Supervisors, Storekeepers, Ration Dealers of FCS&CA Jammu and private beneficiaries i.e. flour mill owners. Giving details, the official said that instant case was registered on basis of JSC wherein it was alleged that ration meant for Below Poverty Line (BPL), Antodaya Anna Yojna (AAY) and Annapurna schemes (APS) has been drawn in excess ration in Tehsil Jammu (Rural) fraudulently and sold in the open market. "Joint Surprise check was conducted on allegations in Tehsil Jammu Rural,

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Why comparison between politicians & dacoits becomes tempting at times?



JAMMU: Either they are politicians or they are dacoits-- like 'benevolent' Maan Singh. When many of the politicians tend to be both, they make mess of the both.

Most of the modern day politicians in the Indian polity are fashioned to be very liberal in making promises and benevolent in announcing funds for projects during their visits to various areas. When in the government, they consider the exchequer as their fiefdom to use it the way it suits them or their interests. When in the opposition they become extravagant in making the promises to woo voters. In both the cases they are playing with the sacred trust of the taxpayers, who pay for the country's growth and progress, welfare and national security and so on and so forth.

Unlike Maan Singh, most of the politicians adopt novel means in fleecing the masses by utilizing taxed money of the people on their personal comforts. Politicians seldom pay taxes. In 2017, the

then Finance Minister Arun Jaitley was compelled to observe sarcastically in his budget speech, "We can conclude that we are largely a tax non-compliant society". May be he was constrained to say so because 75 per cent of MPs and MLAs nationwide had declared annual incomes less than Rs 10 lakh, the analysis found. Around 35 per cent of lawmakers said their annual income is less than Rs 2.5 lakh while 40 per cent have declared annual income between Rs 2.5 lakh and Rs 10 lakh. As many as 1,141 (24 per cent) MPs and MLAs claimed exemption from income tax or have no income at all.

While pretending to be working for the public good, their vested interest remains in every deal and project. India has desperately seen the scams and scandals involving politicians, who have emptied the coffers of the country through their conduits. Some do it on a larger scale and some like petty thieves. Who doesn't know the truth of the Constituency Development Fund, allotted to every parliamentarian and legislator? True, the whopping funds available are released for developmental purpose but the costs are known to everyone. These generally go to schemes through agents or

supporters for obvious reasons. It is not that every chosen representative indulges in loot and plunder but many do. This is true about every scheme and project. Even defense deals have not been spared. And, height of all this is that none of the politicians ever spend even a penny for the public welfare out of their personal accounts. Indian politicians don't inspire but they conspire. Their promises fall frail before their middling performances. Their elation causes nothing but frustration. They have brought the nation to such a passé where from retrieval appears to be a distant dream. They have been vindicating the prophecy; day in and day out, made by Churchill even before India got the freedom. He had observed, "...Power will go to the hands of rascals, rogues, freebooters; all Indian leaders will be of low caliber and men of straw. They will have sweet tongues and silly hearts. They will fight amongst themselves for power and India will be lost in political squabbles. A day would come when even air and water would be taxed in India."

On the contrary, some of the dacoits like Daku Maan Singh are wrapped in the annals of history as most benevolent, who

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