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6 Investment Agreements inked with Global Investors at EXPO-2020 J&K received USD 2.5 bn in investments, UT no longer sleeping biz destination: LG

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DUBAI: India's Union Territory (UT) of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) has inked six agreements with global investors at EXPO2020 Dubai to bring in investments in the UT's real estate, infrastructure, tourism, healthcare, manpower employment sectors among others.

Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor addressed the Investors Summit in Dubai yesterday, which was attended by renowned business leaders and investors from the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Jammu & Kashmir has moved from a sleeping business destination to the land of opportunities and investment. The Union Territory received investments to the tune of USD 2.5 billion in 2021 and showcased the enormous opportunities and business potential in the



LG Manoj Sinha interacting with Minister of State for Foreign Trade, UAE, H.E. Dr. Thani Bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi.

Invites global businesses to invest in UT's key sectors

DUBAI: Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha has invited global businesses to invest in key sectors, including tourism, handloom and handicrafts, to boost the growth of industrial enterprises, cottage and village industries in the Union Territory.

Sinha's engagements at the Dubai Expo 2020 were part of the Jammu and Kashmir Week, which began from January 3, at the India Pavilion at the Expo.

As part of the Jammu and Kashmir Week, Sinha, along with other government officials from the Union Territory (UT), held various meetings and invited global investors to invest across key sectors like tourism, handloom & handicrafts, food processing among others, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

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Six Jr Scale JKAS officers posted in Info Deptt

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JAMMU: The Government of Friday posted six Junior Scale Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) officers in Information Department for a period of two months.

According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary General Administration Department, the six Junior Scale JKAS officers who have been posted in Information Department include Tawheed Ahmad, Block Development Officer (BDO), Tangdhar, Kupwara, Sushil Singh BDO

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MP cadre IAS officer shifted to J&K on deputation

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JAMMU: The Central Government has approved the inter-cadre deputation of Shyambir, an IAS officer from Madhya Pradesh cadre, to Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The deputation has been approved for a period of three years.

region, Sinha said.

Jammu & Kashmir has signed 5 MoUs with Al Maya Group, MATU Investments LLC, GL Employment Brokerage LLC, Century Financial and Noon E-commerce respectively; 1 LoI between Magna Waves Pvt. Ltd along with Emaar Group and Lulu International.

Sinha also met the DP World Chairman, Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem to discuss potential areas of collaboration between the Government of Jammu & Kashmir and DP World.

Talking about the upcoming opportunities with these leading investors, Shri Sinha added, Jammu & Kashmir is working relentlessly to provide an investment friendly environment to the global investors. From the business point of view, J&K has the capability to provide opportunity to the industries

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10 Vaccination drive organised at JK Public School Kunjwani



Life is to go on, be it heavy rains or scorching sun; Shilpa Thakur captures commuters wading through Jammu-Srinagar highway on Friday.

Jammu-Srinagar National Highway closed Heavy rain triggers massive landslide near Ban Toll Plaza; no injuries reported

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JAMMU: Authorities suspended traffic till further order on Jammu-Srinagar NHW-44 in view of inclement weather conditions followed by landslides, shooting stones and snowfall.

It is raining heavily on whole stretch of NH44 with

Avalanche alert issued in Kashmir, heavy snowfall predicted

snowfall in Banihal. Shooting stones are reported at many places from Udhampur to Banihal. The road is littered with boulders. Traffic is completely suspended, said SSP Traffic NHW-44 Ramban Shabir Ahmed, adding

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Asstt GE, Jr Eng of MES caught red-handed while taking bribe

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JAMMU: The Anti-Corruption wing of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday arrested Assistant Garrison Engineer (AGE) and Junior Engineer (JE) posted in Satwari Office of Military Engineering Service (MES) red handed while taking Rs 20 thousand as bribe from a contractor.

As per the details, a contractor filed a complaint with the CBI that he had executed construction works worth Rs 50 lakh for the department and now AGE Imran Ulla and JE Mahesh Chanda, posted in MES

Satwari office, are demanding Rs One lakh from him to release his pending payment.

Acting on the complaint, CBI sleuths laid a trap to catch both the officials red handed while taking bribe. The contractor contacted both the officers and instead of giving them Rs One lakh, he offered to pay Rs 20 thousand as advance.

Both the officers called the contractor to Satwari office on Friday afternoon and as soon as both the officers took a bribe from the contractor, the CBI sleuths arrested both of them on the spot.

Threatening businessman on gunpoint, forcing to sign papers Court directs SHO Channi Himmat to register FIR against Ex-minister Harsh Dev, his wife

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JAMMU: Sub-Judge Jammu Renu Dogra on Friday directed the Station House Officer (SHO) Channi Himmat, Jammu to register FIR against Chairman JKNPP, Harsh Dev Singh and his wife, Manju Devi for threatening one businessman Sanjay Gandotra and getting signed some papers from him on gunpoint.

As per the application filed by Sanjay Gandotra (complainant) through Advocate Himanshu Beotra, on August 17, 2021 at about

6:44 PM, when complainant Sanjay Gandotra and his wife Shalini Gandotra were at their store located in Channi Himmat, the wife of Harsh Dev Singh, Manju Devi informed them telephonically that they would visit their business point, after which both accused persons along with their PSOs reached there at about 7:15 PM.

On reaching store, accused persons Harsh Dev and his wife Manju Devi asked complainant and his wife to come out of store and made them sit in their black Scorpio.

They further made the complainant to drive the car while his wife was made to sit with Manju Devi along with their PSO on rear seat and Harsh Dev Singh, himself sat at front passenger seat.

However after driving to some distance, PSO of accused, on direction of Harsh Dev Singh pointed his gun on complainant and Harsh Dev Singh started abusing him rigorously. Both the accused further directed the complainant Sanjay Gandotra to sign few papers, which they had brought with them.

As an atmosphere of commotion got created by aforesaid criminal act, Harsh Dev Singh shouted at complainant to drive car towards the house of accused and further threatened that they would be confined in the house of accused, until he would sign the papers.

While Harsh Dev Singh was continuing with his criminal act, Manju Devi also started abusing complainant and his wife besides threatening to eliminate them, their kids and other family members, in case they

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Two SPs Telecom placed in Selection Grade

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JAMMU: The Government on placed two Superintendents of Police (SP) (Telecom) in the Selection Grade.

"On the recommendations of the Selection Committee, sanction is accorded to the placement of the two Superintendents of Police (Telecom), in the Selection Grade of Superintendent of Police (Telecom) [Pay Level 12 (Rs 78800-209200)],"

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Rashid posted as Asstt Comm STD Kashmir, Naiku gets Addl charge

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JAMMU: The government on Friday transferred and given additional charge to JKAS officers.

According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary General Administration Department, Shabnam Rashid, JKAS,

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 13.2°C Min: 11.1°C

Humidity
Max : 88 Min : 83

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 4.4°C Min: 2.6°C

Humidity
Max : 96 Min: 94

Sunset : 17:42 Hours
Sunrise : 07:34 Hours

Centre terms breach in PM's security unique, seeks involvement of NIA

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NEW DELHI: The Centre on Friday supported a petition in the Supreme Court for a thorough probe into a "massive security breach" during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to Punjab, and sought involvement of the NIA in the investigation as there was a possibility of "international terrorist angle" and it was a unique case that had the potential to cause embarrassment.

A bench headed by Chief Justice N V Ramana, which orally directed the Centre and the Punjab government

MHA panel visits Ferozepur; FIR filed

CHANDIGARH/FEROZEPUR: A Central team probing the "serious lapses" in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's security during his Ferozepur tour visited the town Friday and held interaction with senior officials, while the Punjab government submitted a report to Centre saying an FIR has been registered in the matter.

The three-member committee, constituted by the Union Home Ministry on Thursday, sought full details about the sequence of events that unfolded during Modi's January 5 visit, sources said. The Punjab government has maintained there was no security lapse during

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to stop their inquiries till January 10, was told by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta on behalf of the central government that the prime minister's convoy

started from Bhatinda by road on January 5 only after an assurance was given by the Director General of Punjab Police that the

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Amandeep murder case: SC grants bail to Royal Singh

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JAMMU: In a much publicized murder case of Amandeep Singh, wherein Trial Court awarded life-imprisonment to accused Royal Singh, a three-Judges Bench of Supreme Court comprising Chief Justice N V Ramana, Justice Surya Kant and Justice Hima Kohli, after hearing both the sides, observed that petitioner has already suffered incarceration for a period of more than 12 years and more particularly, the fact that there is not much likelihood of hearing of the appeal preferred by him

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Four areas in Jammu, two in Kathua declared micro containment zones

Complete restriction on non-essential movement in Reasi from 9 PM to 6 AM; No restrictions on movement of Yatris

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JAMMU: In view of the rapid surge in Covid-19 positive cases in Jammu and Kathua, the district administrations have declared four areas in Jammu and two areas in Kathua as micro containment zones the city, a government spokesman said on Friday.

According to order issued by District Magistrate Jammu Anshul Garg, Lane near H. No 102, Sector-02, Vikas Nagar, Jammu, Lane near H. No 527, near Sharika Peth Mandir, Subash Nagar, Jammu,

J&K logs 542 COVID cases, 1 death

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir faced a surge in COVID infections with 542 fresh cases being reported in the last 24 hours, with one death, officials here said on Friday.

The additions took the overall number of infections to 3,43,310, they said.

Out of the fresh cases, 288 were from the Jammu division and 254 from the Kashmir division of the union territory, they said. Jammu district recorded 176 cases, the highest, across the UT. There are 2,492 active cases in the region, while the number of recovered patients has reached 3,36,284, the officials said. The region has lost

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Lane near H.No 207, Scooter Garage, Channi Sector-07 Gurudwara near Nanak Nagar, Jammu, and Lane near Talab Market, Police Line near Sharvan

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'PM was exposed to life threat close to Pak border' Punjab HM, CS, DGP be arrested, sacked; attempt to murder case be registered against them: Chugh

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JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Friday demanded

sacking of Punjab Home Minister Sukhjinder Randhawa, Chief Secretary Anirudh Tiwari and DGP S Chattopadhyaya should be arrested for posing a threat to the life of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Punjab and said that an attempt to murder case be registered against them for gross negligence in maintaining PM's security

In a statement, Chugh said the Congress government in Punjab flagrantly violated the provisions of the Blue Book which laid down rules

for the PM's security. He said it was the complete responsibility of the Punjab government and it had failed



criminally to perform its duty.

Chugh said it was a matter of grave concern and shame that the Punjab government allowed it to happen just 15 km away from the Indo-Pak border. Was there a plot between Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan

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Kashmir colluded to recognise terror, glorify terrorism



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JAMMU: With Kashmir terrorism entering into fourth decade, certain questions continue to remain shrouded in mystery. The answers lie with the police, the civil administration, the politicians who have been holding executive and constitutional positions and the media-both official and the independent one.

On intermittent intervals, the police and the security forces have been placing the number of terrorists between 200 and 300, quite often at staggering number of 250. Last month, the statistics were shown below 200, claiming these to be lowest for the first time since the inception of terrorism. Why doesn't the number show decline with almost two to three terrorists getting eliminated on daily or alternate basis. Most of those neutralised are officially categorized as 'top', 'district' and 'divisional commanders'. Obviously, with their departure to so-called 'Jannat of 72 Hoors with tons of liquor (which is otherwise prohibited on earth)', how are these slots filled up? By direct recruitment or by way of promotion! Promotions in the civil

departments from Junior Assistant to Senior Assistant, Under Secretary to Deputy Secretary and so on or in the police organization from Constable to Head Constable, SI to Inspector or Dy SP to SP are earned on the basis performance and experience but in the case of terrorists, it appears that the rank promotion is based on number of innocents killed or attacks committed on security forces. This is a million dollar question for the police, who attribute titles (ranks) to ultras. And how is it that the police get intimidated about the 'rank' of the eliminated terrorists? In its press release on December 19 last year, Zonal Police Headquarter has headlined its story 'Pakistani Terrorist Saifulla @Abu Khalid of LeT killed in Srinagar' in which it refers the neutralised ultra as Group Commander, Srinagar. Doesn't this amount recognition and respectability to the terrorist?

In the first phase of Kashmir terrorism in nineties, terrorists were fancied to decorate themselves with highest military ranks and the supportive media, thriving on the Government advertisements, used to glorify them as 'Air Marshal Noor Khan', 'General Moosa'. Now the common ranks being affixed to Pak sponsored terrorists are 'Top Commander', 'District Commander' and

'Divisional Commander'. The media attention for terrorists too has been selective. The Kashmir media including some premier national news agencies would never describe ultras as terrorists; they call them militants. Similarly, they will never write terrorism, instead they will use the term militancy. They will mention 'subversive act' and not 'terror act'. This is being done deliberately, not out of fear but for love of the cause, the inhuman and barbaric terrorists pursue at the behest of rogue nation of Pakistan.

Most of the newspapers, magazines, and other information sources in the Valley deem militant a neutral term, whereas terrorist conventionally indicates disapproval of the behavior of the individual or organization so labeled, regardless of the motivations for such behavior. Obviously, they would go for a milder term.

At the administrative level too, there is tendency to dilute terrorism by mild versions, as is evident by the scheme launched by Jammu and Kashmir Government as State Rehabilitation Council for Militancy Victims and not 'Terror Victims'. Such a mindset, in fact, has been guiding force in devising policies and programmes in Jammu and Kashmir, which is why during the

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