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## ‘Awaam Ki Awaaz’: LG pays tributes to civilian martyrs Perpetrators behind Rajouri terror attack will pay heavy price: LG

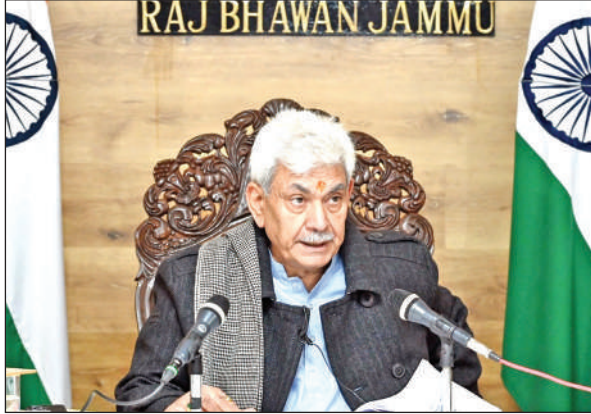
**Concrete measures are being taken to ensure families of martyrs live a life of dignity. Entire nation stands united in its fight against terror: Sinha**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Sunday called for people's participation for effective implementation of projects on the ground.

"Today, the goal before us is clear. With active public participation, we are treading the path of rapid, inclusive, equitable and sustainable development of Jammu Kashmir", Sinha said during 'Awaam Ki Awaaz' programme.

The programme began with the Lt. Governor paying tributes to the civilians martyred in the Rajouri terror attack.

"My tributes to civilians martyred in the terror attack in Rajouri. Perpetrators will have to pay a heavy price for their heinous action. Concrete measures are being taken to ensure families of martyrs live a life of dignity.



The whole nation stands united in its fight against terror", said the Lt Governor. We have entered in a New Year united in step and unit-

**People's participation needed for effective implementation of projects: LG**

ed in resolve. We have triumphed over several challenges and achieved new milestones in several sectors

of the economy in 2022. The new initiatives have helped fulfill the aspirations of the common man, the Lt Governor said.

Sharing inspiring stories of the citizens selflessly serving the humanity, the Lt Governor said that the

enlightened citizens like Dr. Udes Pal Sharma and Jaspreet Singh from Poonch have given enviable strength and self-confidence to the society. They are earning the trust and goodwill of people through their hard work, he added.

The Lt Governor made special mention of women change-makers who are driving socio-economic change in the society.

Women are key drivers of social transformation. Jagmohan Kaur, Sarpanch of Rajouri's Sangpur Panchayat, is inspiring people of her area with her incredible work and quest for social change on the ground, the Lt Governor noted.

We also must draw inspiration from Jamruda and Zeenat of Kupwara who are shining examples

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## Encounter breaks out in Budgam

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: An encounter broke out between security forces and terrorists in Budgam district on Sunday, police said. Based on a specific input about presence of terrorists in Redbush area of Magam in the central Kashmir district, security forces launched a cordon and search operation there, a police official said. He said the search operation turned into an encounter after

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## Labourer dies in landslide at Kishtwar

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KISHTWAR: A 55-year-old labourer was buried in a landslide in the Kishtwar district on Sunday, officials said.

The deceased has been identified as Ganesh Kumar (55), son of Lal Chand, resident of Mughal-Maidan Kishtwar.

While confirming the incident, DC Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav said that

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## India won't be coerced by anybody: Jaishankar's strong response to Pakistan, China

**Balakot strike sent much-needed message**



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: India's counter response to terrorism emanating from Pakistan and to aggressive cross-border skirmish with China displayed that the nation will not be coerced by anybody, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said.

He added that the country will do everything to ensure its security. The Balakot air strikes conducted by the Air Force in

response to the Pulwama terror attack had sent the much-needed message across, he said referring to the incident in 2019.

"On the northern borders, China is today seeking to change the status quo by bringing in large forces and violating our borders. Despite COVID-19, our counter response was strong and firm. Our troops deployed in thousands safeguarded our frontiers in

extreme terrain and harsh border and (protection of borders) continues to this day," Jaishankar said while addressing the Tamil weekly Thuglak's 53rd anniversary here on Saturday evening.

"The national wellbeing has many facets and national security is without question the basic foundation. All countries are tested in this regard but we perhaps had more than our fair share of problems ranging from insurgency to cross-border terrorism, especially terrorism. The Balakot air strikes sent the much-needed message," the External Affairs Minister said.

"India is a nation that will not be coerced by anybody and it will do everything to ensure its security," Jaishankar said.

At the same time, the Central government is working to create a full

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## Terror hideout busted; Three AK assault rifles, 10 grenades seized



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH/JAMMU: Security forces on Sunday busted a terrorist hideout in border district of Poonch, leading to the recovery of a huge quantity of arms, ammunition and explosives, officials said.

The hideout was busted during a joint operation by the police and the Army at Bahian Wali village in Surankote tehsil, they said.

Three AK assault rifles, a box containing 10 grenades, a grenade thrower and

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## Assembly polls must take place in J&K: Farooq

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Assembly elections must take place in Jammu and Kashmir as lieutenant governor's administration cannot resolve the issues of the people, National Conference (NC) President Farooq Abdullah said on Sunday.

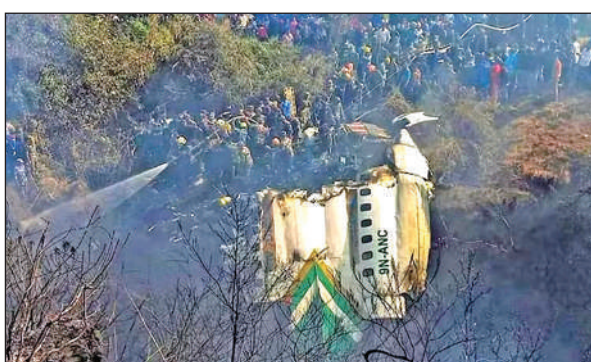
Speaking to reporters in Baramulla district in north Kashmir, Abdullah also said the elections lead to the formation of people's government.

"Elections must take place. Elections lead to the formation of people's government and resolve their issues. A lieutenant governor cannot do that," he said.

On Monday's meeting called by the Election Commission of India to demonstrate a prototype to enable remote voting for migrant workers and students, the former Union minister said that NC will also attend it. "Let them invite. Our party will also

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## 68 killed in Yeti Airline plane crash in Nepal



**■ AGENCY**  
KATHMANDU: At least 68 people were killed when a Nepalese passenger plane with 72 people onboard, including five Indians, crashed into a river gorge while landing at the newly-opened airport in central

Nepal's resort city of Pokhara on Sunday in the Himalayan nation's deadliest aviation accident in over 30 years.

Yeti Airlines' 9N-ANC ATR-72 aircraft took off from Kathmandu's Tribhuvan International

Airport at 10:33 am and crashed on the bank of the Seti River between the old airport and the new airport minutes before landing, according to the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (CAAN).

A total of 68 passengers and four crew members were on board the aircraft. The flight time between Kathmandu and Pokhara is 25 minutes.

"So far, dead bodies of 68 people have been recovered from the crash site," an official at the Search and Rescue Coordination Committee of the CAAN told PTI over the phone. Bodies of those who died have been retrieved

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## Minimum temperature settles below freezing point in many parts of Kashmir

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Night temperature in most places of Kashmir settled below the freezing point across the Valley, even as the weather office has forecast a further dip in the minimum temperature over the next few days in view of dry weather, officials said on Sunday.

In the wake of dry weather after Friday's snowfall, the minimum temperature at most places in the valley decreased on Saturday night, the officials said.

Srinagar recorded a low of minus 0.6 degrees Celsius on Saturday night half a degree down from the night before, they said.



Qazigund, the gateway to the Valley, registered a minimum temperature of minus 0.7 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag in south Kashmir recorded a low of minus 1.4

degrees Celsius. The minimum in Kupwara, a frontier district, settled at minus 1.3 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

Pahalgam in Anantnag dis-

## Low-level avalanche warning for 11 districts; construction workers shifted from Sonamarg

SRINAGAR: Authorities in Jammu and Kashmir have issued an avalanche warning with low danger level for 11 districts till Monday.

The avalanches are likely to occur above 2,000 metres over Anantnag, Bandipora, Baramulla, Doda, Ganderbal, Kishtwar, Kulgam, Poonch, Rajouri, Ramban and Reasi in the next 24 hours, the State Disaster Management Authority said.

It advised the public to avoid venturing in the avalanche-prone areas. Two avalanches hit the Sonamarg area of Ganderbal, while another hit Gurez in Bandipora on Saturday. However, there was no loss

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trict, which also serves as a base camp for the annual Anarnath Yatra, registered a low of minus 10.9 degrees Celsius -- down five degrees Celsius from a night earlier.

The resort was the coldest recorded place in Jammu and Kashmir.

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## LG, Union MoS jointly inaugurate X-Band Doppler Weather Radar at Banihal Top

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Union Minister of State, Dr Jitendra Singh on Sunday jointly inaugurated the X-Band Doppler Weather Radar at Banihal Top, during the 148th Foundation Day celebrations of India Meteorological Department.

The event was attended by Pushkar Singh Dhami, Chief Minister of Uttarakhand and Sukhvinder Singh, Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, virtually.

On the occasion Doppler Weather Radar Systems for Uttarakhand and Himachal



LG Manoj Sinha and Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh jointly inaugurating X-Band Doppler Weather Radar at Banihal Top.

Pradesh were also inaugurated.

Addressing the event

virtually, the Lt Governor congratulated the India Meteorological Department,

Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India for

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## Bharat Jodo Yatra to reach J&K on January 19: Patil

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: The Bharat Jodo Yatra, led by Rahul Gandhi, will reach Jammu and Kashmir on January 19 and culminate in a huge rally here on January 30, Congress leader Rajani Patil said on Sunday, asserting that the Jammu and Kashmir administration has promised all support to the foot march.

The yatra will culminate in Srinagar on January 30.

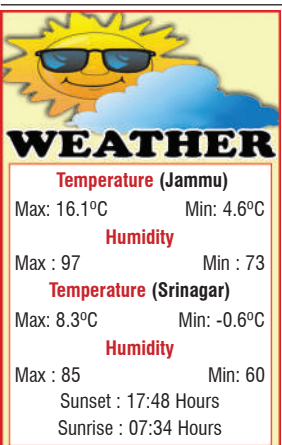
Patil, the Jammu and Kashmir in-charge of the Congress, told reporters that Gandhi will arrive at Lakhampur on the Punjab-Jammu border on January 19. A flag-holding ceremony will be held there to welcome

the former Congress chief, who will then walk from Lakhampur to Kathua, Samba and reach Jammu's Satwari Chowk, where a public gathering will be held.

Patil said Gandhi will reach Banihal from Jammu through Udhampur. From Jammu, he will reach Srinagar's Pantha Chowk after travelling through Anantnag.

"A big rally will be held here after Gandhi walks in the valley for three days. We are receiving several calls from people to attend the rally. We need a huge venue to accommodate so many people," she said. Patil said Congress president Mallikarjun

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**WEATHER**

**Temperature (Jammu)**  
Max: 16.1°C Min: 4.6°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 97 Min: 73

**Temperature (Srinagar)**  
Max: 8.3°C Min: -0.6°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 85 Min: 60

Sunset : 17:48 Hours  
Sunrise : 07:34 Hours