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LG releases Narendra Modi's book 'Exam Warriors' in Hindi, Urdu, English at Jammu School education going in right direction in J&K: Sinha



LG Manoj Sinha releasing PM Narendra Modi's inspiring book 'Exam Warriors' in Hindi, Urdu and English in Jammu on Monday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday noted that school education in Jammu and Kashmir is going in the right direction with many breakthrough initiatives of the department like reducing the dropout ratio and increasing the enrolment rate.

"We should continue to work for extending an ideal education to the students with innovative interven-

tions, Sinha said after releasing the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's inspiring book 'Exam Warriors' in Hindi, Urdu and English at Jammu.

Pertinently, in this path-breaking, bestselling book 'Exam Warriors', the Prime Minister has outlined a refreshing approach to exams urging everyone to celebrate the exam like a festival with enthusiasm and gaiety.

Interacting virtually with students and teachers from across the districts, the Lt Governor said that the 34 mantras given by the Prime Minister in this book are not just to be read and memorized, but we all should try to imbibe them in our lives so that the exam becomes an occasion of celebration and not of stress.

"PM's 34 Mantras for students, teachers and parents will beat the exam stress and

help the exam warriors appearing for board exams to deal with anxiety and stress," the Lt Governor said.

This book should be constant companion of young aspirants, the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor observed that education is not merely about competition among children. Education teaches us the ways to develop compassion and joy towards life and other human beings, he added. The Lt Governor also spoke about 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' an annual event held every year since 2018, in which the Prime Minister interacts with students, teachers and parents from across the country and shares valuable tips on how to take board and entrance exams in relaxed and stress free manner. It is a movement that is driven by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's efforts to bring together students, parents, teachers and the society to foster an environment where the unique

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2 LeT operatives chargesheeted for grenade attack in Rajouri
■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) operatives were on Monday chargesheeted in a case related to grenade attack on a house in Rajouri district in 2021, resulting in the killing of a minor boy and injuries to several others, an official said.

The chargesheet against the arrested accused, Altaf Hussain Shah of Draj village (Rajouri) and his Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK)-based associate Mohd Qasim alias Suleiman, was

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Ten JKAS officers transferred
■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Monday transferred ten JKAS officers.

According to the order issued by Dr. Piyush Singla, Secretary, General Administration Department, Pardeep Kumar, JKAS, Deputy Secretary, Information Department, has been transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Reasi; Ishtaq Ahmad Bhat, IKAS, Deputy Secretary, Culture Department,

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Digital era in J&K; all services made online

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Following an important decision, all services in Jammu and Kashmir have been switched to online mode. With this the offline services came to end on Monday.

The path breaking measure followed the decision taken by Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta in a meeting of Committee of Secretaries (CoS) this afternoon attended by all the Administrative Secretaries.

Dr Mehta directed Commissioner Secretary, IT to ensure that all government services are only made available through online mode from today.

He reiterated that no serv-

ice shall remain offline and applicants need not to visit any of the government offices for availing any services.

The Chief Secretary enjoined upon all the Secretaries to monitor that the services are being delivered online in a hassle free manner.

The Chief Secretary also advised them to constitute control rooms in Administrative departments as well as at HoD level and in the offices of Deputy Commissioners for providing support to public. He asked them to run campaigns so that ample awareness is created among masses. He told them to conduct awareness

programmes in educational institutions and at the Panchayat level.

He stressed upon all the officers to take note of all the services provided by their respective departments and implement these orders.

The Chief Secretary was informed that over 400 services have already been offered in online mode across all the departments and many of them are integrated with the quality check and feedback seeking mechanism of RAS. It was also revealed these services are also being on boarded on the digital portal of e-UNNAT, Service Plus and Digi Locker for the ease and free access of general public.

Gandhi Nagar robbery: Court rejects notorious gangster's bail plea

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Excise Magistrate Jammu Umesh Sharma rejected bail plea of a notorious gangster Raja Singh involved in broad daylight robbery at Gandhi Nagar. The allegations against accused were regarding commission of offences punish-

able under sections 395/342/120-B of IPC, 3/25 of Indian Arms Act.

The Excise Magistrate after hearing Advocate Narinder K Attri for applicant Raja Singh whereas APP Yogesh Bamba with SHO Gandhi Nagar Pankaj

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Political parties slam J&K administration's order on land encroachment

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU/SRINAGAR: Political leaders cutting across party lines on Monday hit out at the recent direction by authorities in Jammu and Kashmir to remove encroachment from government land as parties took

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EC holds consultation on remote voting

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Election Commission on Monday held consultations with recognised national and state political parties on its proposal on remote voting with a majority of opposition parties pressing for a broad-based consensus on legal, administrative and logistical framework, including the definition of domestic migrants before taking the matter further.

While some parties saw the demonstration of the prototype remote electronic voting machine (RVM), others stayed away from it, saying technological interventions can wait before a consensus is developed on legal and administrative issues.

Sources in the poll panel said some political parties requested for demonstration of Remote Voting Machine in

Raised issue of holding assembly polls in JK at EC meet: NC, PDP

SRINAGAR: The PDP and National Conference on Monday said the Election Commission's proposal for allowing remote voting as an effort to strengthen democracy in the country was ironic as residents of Jammu and Kashmir were not allowed to exercise their right to franchise.

"The intentions of the Election Commission might be good but people make up their minds by what is happening to them. People

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the states also.

While the poll panel had invited eight national and 57 state parties recognised by it, 40 state parties attended

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Agnipath transformative policy, game changer in making armed forces future-ready: Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Addressing the first batch of Agniveers, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday asserted that Agnipath, a short-term military employment scheme, is a transformative policy and a game changer in strengthening the armed forces and making them future-ready. A statement said Modi, in his virtual address, congratulated them on being the pioneers of this "path-breaking" scheme which, he noted, will further empower women. He said the young Agniveers will make the armed forces more youthful and tech-savvy.

Technologically-advanced soldiers will play a key role in our armed forces, he said, adding that the current generation of youth especially has this potential and



Agniveers will play a leading role in the forces in the times to come. The prime minister said new India is filled with renewed vigour and efforts are underway to modernise the armed forces as well as make them 'aatmanirbhar' (self-reliant). In the 21st century, the way wars are fought is changing, he said, speaking about the new fronts of contactless warfare

and challenges of cyber warfare.

Lauding their potential, he said their spirit is reflective of the bravery of the armed forces which has always kept the flag of the nation flying high. The experience they will acquire through this opportunity will be a source of pride for life, he added. "Hailing the potential of youth and Agniveers, Prime

Minister concluded by saying that they are the ones who are going to provide leadership to the nation in the 21st century," the statement quoting Modi said.

He said Agnipath will further empower women and expressed happiness at how women Agniveers are adding pride to naval forces.

The prime minister said he looks forward to seeing women Agniveers in all three forces, noting that they are leading armed forces on various fronts and cited examples of women posted in Siachen and driving modern fighter planes.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was also present at the interaction.

Under the Agnipath scheme, announced on June 14 last year, the three

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Inter-state narcotics supplier arrested in Anantnag

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Police on Monday arrested an inter-state narcotics supplier in Anantnag district, officials said.

A police team conducted raids in Bijbehara area of Anantnag district and arrested Shamas-ud-din Ganai, they said.

He was brought to Samba and interrogated by police, they said.

Samba Senior Superintendent of Police Benam Tosh said that Ganai, who hails

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Congress consistently blocked J&K's integration, now crying 'Bharat Jodo': Dr Jitendra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI, January 16: In a hard-hitting comment on Rahul Gandhi's so-called "Bharat Jodo Yatra" entering Jammu & Kashmir, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said here on Monday that it was the Congress leadership which had consistently blocked J&K's integration with India for seven decades and is now ironically crying "Bharat Jodo".

In an interview during a Talk Show hosted by national



TV channel "Bharat 24", Dr. Jitendra said, the Congress memory may be short, but the public memory is not that short. He suggested that

Rahul Gandhi and his colleagues should read the history and take a cue from the Ekta Yatra taken out by BJP in early 1992 which culminated in hoisting of tricolor at Lal Chowk in Srinagar and in which the present PM Narendra Modi had played an important role and was accompanied by senior leaders, including Murli Manohar Joshi. The intent of that Yatra was to send out a message across the

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Jammu-Srinagar highway closed due to landslide in Ramban Minimum temperature decreases at most places in Kashmir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BANIHAL/JAMMU: The Jammu-Srinagar national highway was closed for traffic on Monday due to a landslide in Ramban district, leaving hundreds of vehicles stranded, an official said.

The 270-km highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, was blocked by the landslide at Pantiyal area.

An iron tunnel setup at this point to facilitate traffic in the wake of stone shooting has been damaged, they said.

There have been incidents of shooting stones in other areas in Ramban section, they said.



Hundreds of heavy motor vehicles (HMTVs) and Light motor vehicles (LMVs) are stranded at different points of the highway due to the closure.

Men and machinery have been deployed to clear the area.

Meanwhile, the night temperature dropped in most places of Kashmir as the weather stayed dry, even as the Meteorological Department has forecast spells of wet weather from the mid-week due to western disturbances hitting the region, officials said.

The minimum temperature at most places in the valley decreased on Sunday night owing

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 17.4°C Min: 4.1°C

Humidity
Max: 96 Min: 55

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 7.2°C Min: -1.9°C

Humidity
Max: 79 Min: 63

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Sunrise : 07:34 Hours

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