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AC gives nod to LG's Rolling Cultural, Sports Trophies for employees



LG Manoj Sinha chairing Administrative Council meeting in Jammu on Tuesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here on Tuesday under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha gave its approval to Lieutenant Governor's Rolling Cultural and Sports Trophies for government employees.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor and Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K attended the meeting.

This initiative is part of the overall policy of Government to promote sporting activities, on one hand, and HR welfare policy of the Government, on the other hand. The sports events are expected to inculcate values like competition, discipline, teamwork and will lead to overall personality development of the employees. As part of the initiative, exclusive teams shall be formed for female employees to encourage them also. It will also act as an event to the employees who work in taxing environment besides improving skills to tackle challenging jobs in hand.

Under the initiative, the Culture Department, in association with the General Administration, shall also organize cultural activities viz. debates, poetry, quiz and painting competitions etc. spanning across a calendar year to promote creativity among the employees, on the one hand, and local culture, on the other hand.

The AC approved the proposal of participation of employees in scores of sporting disciplines viz. cricket, football, volleyball, table tennis, hockey etc. which shall be organised in close association of the General Administration Department and the Youth Services and Sports Department (J&K Sports Council).

Terror recruitment module busted in Baramulla, 5 teenagers prevented from joining

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Security forces have busted a terrorist recruitment module in the Baramulla district being run by Pakistani handlers through social media, a senior police officer said on Tuesday.

"Five youths, including two juveniles, were rescued from terror folds, counselled"

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29 JEs of PW(R&B) Deptt assigned look-after charge of AEs; two promoted, 16 adjusted

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Government on Tuesday assigned look after charge of Assistant Engineers (Civil) of PW(R&B) Department to 29 Junior Engineers (JEs) and placed two Engineers as Assistant Executive Engineers (AEEs) and adjusted six Executive Engineers (XEs) among 16 officers. "In continuation"

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Daredevil bikers performing during full dress rehearsal of R-Day Parade in Jammu on Tuesday.

Spl DG Crime constitutes SIT led by IPS officer in ETT Scam

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In compliance to directions of the Special Judge Anti-Corruption, Jammu for further investigation in ETT scam, the Special Director General of Crime Branch constituted a committee headed by Sudhanshu Verma for further investigation. Bhagwan Singh Dandia, Dy SP EOW CB CRIME; Inspector Naveen EOW CB Jammu; Inspector Mohd Irfan EOW CB Jammu, Inspector Sumit Magotra and Inspector Ashwani Kumar EOW CB Jammu will be other members of SIT.

It is worthwhile to mention here that SIT has to make further investigation in

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Bharat Jodo Yatra has 'changed narrative' in country: Rahul



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi briefing media in Jammu on Tuesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said his Bharat Jodo Yatra has achieved success in "changing the narrative" in the country and brought crores of people together to denounce hatred and spread the message of love.

He alleged that the BJP and the RSS have created an atmosphere of hatred in the country and said suppressing or frightening people cannot stop the truth from coming out.

"The yatra has achieved something fundamental, very powerful and what the yatra has done cannot be changed. It has shown that there are two visions of India, one is hate-filled, arrogant and cowardly and another is love-filled, embracing and brave. It (yatra) has made these two visions absolutely crystal clear," Gandhi told a

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Digvijaya's remarks on surgical strikes ridiculous: Rahul

JHAJJAR KOTLI/JAMMU: Snubbing Digvijaya Singh for questioning surgical strikes, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday termed his comments "ridiculous" and said the armed forces are doing their job "exceptionally well" and do not need to give any proof.

Gandhi, who faced a volley of questions from the media on Singh's remarks on surgical strikes and the Pulwama terror attack, said he and the party completely disagreed with his statement. "There are people who will

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Digvijaya speaking Pak ISI language to demoralize armed forces: Chugh

'Rahul Gandhi leading a Bharat Todo Yatra'

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: B-JP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Tuesday blasted senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh for his remarks against the surgical strikes saying that the Congress has a habit of speaking the Pakistan ISI language in J&K in their effort to demoralise the Indian security forces.

Chugh demanded the Congress high command to take a disciplinary action against Digvijaya Singh and also suggested the Lieutenant Governor of the Union territory to take strong note of the former Madhya Pradesh chief minister for his anti-national speech.

He said the Congress leaders have been always trying to demoralize the armed forces of the country whenever they rose to fight the anti-national elements.

"The surgical strikes were a spectacular achievement of

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the armed forces which for the first time proved that India could be aggressive as well in fighting the ISI-sponsored terrorism. Instead of saluting the jawans who carried out the strikes, the Congress cannot help adopting an anti-national stance to discourage the armed forces," he said.

Chugh asserted that if the Congress Party did not agree with Digvijaya's statement then he should be immediately expelled from the party for his anti-national remarks.

Chugh questioned Rahul Gandhi if his Yatra was a Bharat Jodo Yatra or was it a Bharat Todo Yatra in

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'NICCI Digi-Dost' Chatbot to assist people in availing digital services

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday launched a digital initiative of providing chat bot aided assistance to the applicants making online applications for different services through e-UNNAT platform.

On the occasion Commissioner Secretary, IT and Information Departments; Commissioner Secretary Cooperatives; Secretary PD&MD; Secretary GAD; Deputy Commissioners; SIO NIC; other scientists and officers from the NIC and IT Department were present.

Dr Mehta

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Dr Yashpal-led panel to probe into violations in STGs

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government has constituted an inquiry committee to investigate allegations on violation of Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs).

"Sanction is accorded to the constitution of an Inquiry Committee of officers to enquire into the allegations leveled against doctors of Health and

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Hitesh posted as Addl Secy JSD, Rakesh Jt Comm JMC

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government on Tuesday transferred two JKAS officers.

According to the order issued by Dr. Piyush Singla, Secretary, General Administration Department Hitesh Gupta, JKAS, Joint Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Jammu, holding additional charge of Additional

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 18.2°C Min: 8.5°C

Humidity
Max: 90 Min: 65

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 7.5°C Min: -2.3°C

Humidity
Max: 94 Min: 83

Sunset: 17:57 Hours
Sunrise: 07:31 Hours

Insensitive Congress demoralizes armed forces in sensitive J&K

The Congress has suffered a major seizure on reaching Jammu, on way to Kashmir to conclude the Bharat Jodo Yatra, with the Jin (evil spirit) of Balakote striking the frail structured 75-year old Digvijay Singh, who has started seeking again proof of the Balakote surgical strike. He should have invoked Divydrishti of Tapasvi Rahul Gandhi Baba instead of playing to the gallery through media persons. Obviously, the rant was to keep the PAGD and the Kashmiri secessionists in good humour. The PAGD constituents are the strong votaries of dialogue with Pakistan, critics of the security forces and proponents of soft separatism. The National Conference and the PDP are habitual of jumping the lines in attributing motives to the security forces in counter-terror operations. Just the other day, NC's Dr Mustafa Kamaal gave a malicious spin to the Uri and Pulwama attacks by alleging that "Almost clear that it was planned by Govt of India. We didn't see their photos or bodies...Until it's clear as to who's the killer, all fingers point toward agencies of the Govt of India." He told news agency ANI on January 16, 2023 that those killed in the Pulwama attack belonged to the Scheduled Caste community. These are the political actors, the Congress is aligning with.

However, at this point of time, credit must go to Digvijay for not referring to Kashmir, as India-occupied-Kashmir, before embarking on the Yatra to the Valley, as he did years ago in Bhopal in a statement to the media (Indian Express August 18, 2016). Infamous for referring to international terrorist Osama bin Laden as Osama Sahib and dreaded ultra Masood Azhar as Masood Azharji, the Congress loose cannon has spoken a lot of things about Pulwama Attack, Mughal rule, Hindutva etc.

Pakistan and India bashers in Kashmir must be quite pleased with the growing activism of Congress's motor mouth, as his acquisitions serve their purpose well to defame India at the international level, as also to assuage the hurt sentiment of their domestic population.

Digvijay Singh is used to seek proof of damages caused to Jaish-e-Muhammad training centre at Balakote. "If the US gave proof about Osama bin Laden's killing, India too should prove its claims", he has been saying. He repeated it again in Jammu. His party's new found ally Mehbooba Mufti must be quite elated over it as she too is on record having sought proof as a citizen of this country."

Jammu and Kashmir has been the Karnabhoomi of the Indian Armed Forces since independence. They have offered innumerable sacrifices for defending the integrity and sovereignty of the country. They continue to guard the borders-LoC and LAC-at the peril of their lives. What should Indian forces do to make their own compatriots believe what they did to the rogue nation, which is pursuing its agenda of giving thousand cuts to India? The answer will be quite difficult. Such queries call for out-of-box solutions and answers. If the Congress really wants proof of Balakote surgical strike, they should designate their representatives for gathering proof next time India pounces upon Pakistan. Such proof-seekers should be put in the cockpits in the jets during any future strike. By the way, since Digvijay will be close to the LoC in the next few days, why shouldn't he cross over and ask the Pakistanis what India did to them? Can't Indian politicians spare the armed forces from their political sluffest? The Congress has been making hue and cry over surgical strike in PoK despite having been briefed by the DGMO. Still they sought proof and sided with Pakistan, which had gone on denial mode.

The Congress should recall the US Operations in Abbottabad when Osama bin Laden was killed in his rat-hole along with scores of terrorists. Did the US Opposition seek explanations from President Barack Obama or the country's armed forces? The US neutralized al-Qaeda's No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahiri's in Kabul on July 31 last year; did Americans ask Joe Biden for proof? In a bid to oppose the BJP, the Congress is putting the valiant forces in the dock. All this is happening with an eye on the General Elections 2024. And, if the peoples' mandate again goes in favour of Narendra Modi's BJP, what will they do?

Sgr-Jmu NH closed only for 8 hours this winter: Officers to CS

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Srinagar-Jammu National Highway remained closed for just 8 hours in total this winter so far as against 220 hours in previous winter. No full day was lost in last two years due to closure of NH.

This was stated during a meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday to review the status of development of different roads and Highways connecting different parts of the UT.

In order to ensure movement of traffic on both the sides of the Highway the T5 tunnel would be dedicated to public on 15th of March and Jaiswal Bridge on 15th of February this year, the meet-

ing was informed.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, PWD; Secretary, Transport; Deputy Commissioner, Ramban; Transport Commissioner, Representatives from NHAI and other concerned officers.

Dr Mehta impressed upon the officers to ensure that there is smooth movement of traffic on the National Highway during these winters. He asked them to be ever ready with requisite men and machinery to deal with the weather vagaries. He stressed on minimising disruptions and ensuring that traffic movement remains uninterrupted throughout the year. He reiterated that traffic on this

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Signing of MoU with JAKEDA
Instant Loan Disbursal with STP
Corporate Social Responsibility Initiatives

by **Sh. Manoj Sinha**
Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor
Jammu & Kashmir

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