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# Participates virtually in conference on 'Drug Trafficking and National Security' J&K determined to completely dismantle drug syndicate, narco-terror nexus: LG



LG Manoj Sinha participating in conference on Drug Trafficking and National Security virtually on Saturday.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on Saturday chaired a regional conference on 'Drug Trafficking and National Security' in New Delhi, organized by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha participated

emphasizing Jammu and Kashmir UT's commitment to neutralise the narco-terror nexus and combat the drug

While addressing the conference, the Lieutenant Governor said that concerted efforts were made in the year 2024 to target the illicit proceeds of narcotics trafficking and 188 properties of traffickers have been identified attachment Smugglers and Foreign Exchange Manipulators Act (SAFEMA). 274 repeat offenders were detained

under PIT-NDPS Act. The Lieutenant Governor said in 2024 significant improvements were recorded over previous years and 210

which is the highest ever. In 2024, around 1,514 cases under NDPS Act were registered and 2,260 arrests were made. He said the government is determined to completely dismantle the entire drug syndicate which is posing a serious and direct threat to the nation's sovereignty and security. Five special NDPS Courts have been established for speedy trial of

"Financial investigations are now being carried out in all cases to work out forward and backward linkages so that the entire network is neutralised in every NDPS case,"  $_{
m the}$ Lieutenant Governor said.

He said, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, J&K Union Territory has adopted a whole of

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Two retired officials, police constable among

#### **Suspicious movement** near LoC in Jammu; search ops conducted ■ STATE TÎMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Army on Saturday conducted a search operation after getting a tipoff about suspicious movement near the Line of Control (LoC) in the Akhnoor sector here, security officials said.

Some villagers observed the movement of some suspected persons, believed to be terrorists, at Jogiwan in

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#### **Security forces on** 'maximum alert' in Doda

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DODA: A police officer on Saturday said all security formations in Doda have been put on "maximum alert" ahead of Republic Day and in view of presence of two groups of terrorists noticed in the hilly district's higher reaches last year.

Doda Superintendent of Police Sandeep Mehta also said police have intensified their operations against

# **Modi to inaugurate Sonamarg** tunnel on Monday Security beefed up around tunnel

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Sonamarg tunnel in Jammu and Kashmir on January 13.

According to an official statement, the entire project, including the 12-km tunnel, has been constructed at a cost of over Rs 2,700 crore.

It comprises the Sonamarg main tunnel, an egress tunnel and approach roads.

Situated at an altitude of over 8,650 feet above sea level, it will enhance allweather connectivity between Srinagar and Sonamarg en route to Leh, bypassing landslide and avalanche routes, the statement said.

In a post on X, Modi echoed Minister Omar Abdullah's statement after the latter visited the site to review preparedness for his visit and shared some pictures and videos. Abdullah said, "The inauguration

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### **CM** reviews arrangements ahead of PM's inauguration

SONAMARG: Ahead of the formal inauguration of the Sonamarg Tunnel by Prime Minister Narendra Modi



CM Omar Abdullah reviewing arrangements at Sonamarg on Saturday.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday conducted an extensive review of arrangements at the project site in Sonamarg, Ganderbal district. Accompanied by his Advisor Nasir Aslam Wani and MLA Kangan Mian Mehar Ali, the Chief Minister was briefed by Chief Secretary

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#### 3-day orientation programme for elected MLAs concludes

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: "The MLAs should actively participate in the House proceedings with complete information of rules and procedures of the house. stated Speaker, Jammu and Legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather, while addressing the valedictory session of threeday orientation program held for newly elected MLAs of J&K Assembly at Assembly Jammu Complex,

The Speaker extended gratitude to all the participating members especially the newly elected members for ensuring their participa-

Senior journalist

Ashwani Kumar

bereaved

JAMMU: Sunita Channdra,

wife of senior journalist of

Jammu and Kashmir and

India Institute of Medical

Sciences, New Delhi, on

She was 61 and is survived

by Ashwani Kumar and their

Chandra was unwell for the

past several months and was

being treated at the AIIMS.

She was a social worker and

used to work with street chil-

dren under the Pahal project of Damodar Sati Udyog

Sanstha. She educated more

than 2,000 children from the

slum areas. These children

were in Jammu from differ-

ent parts of the country.

STATE TIMES NEWS

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two daughters.

#### tion and listening patiently to the resource persons. He hoped that this orientation programme will help the newly elected members to deeply understand the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the House. He reiterated that it is the vigilant legislature that can make executive accountable of its duties and responsibili-

The Speaker emphasized on the newly elected members to behave in a dignified manner in the House and follow the parliamentary democracy in true letter and spirit. He hoped

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## 10 booked for using fake documents **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Crime Branch (CB) Jammu has registered cases against ten individuals, including three retired and serving government officials, for allegedly using forged documents to secure government jobs and promotions. Those booked include a former Deputy Inspector in the Fisheries Department, an ex-Forester, and a Head Constable of the Indian Reserve Police (IRP). Additionally, seven others have also been accused of presenting fake documents.

The action was initiated following complaints from

several individuals. Shokat Ali, a resident of Bani, District Kathua, lodged a complaint that led to the registration of a case against Mohammad Farid, a former Deputy Inspector in the Fisheries Department from Kathua. Farid is accused of using a fake Class 8 schoolleaving certificate to secure his government job.

In another case, Parveen Kumar of Thandi Choi lodged a complaint through the Divisional Forest Officer, Jammu, against Raghubir Singh, a former Forester from Akhnoor. Singh is alleged to have used forged graduation mark sheets to obtain a promotion to the rank of Deputy Forester.

Similarly, Lal Hussain's grievance. submitted through the Commandant of the 15th IR Battalion, resulted in an FIR against Mohammad Munshi, a Head Constable from Rajouri. Munshi allegedly used a fraudulent qualification certificate to gain employment J&KPolice  $_{
m the}$ Department.

Furthermore, on the directions of the Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Jammu, an FIR has been registered against seven individuals for

allegedly preparing and submitting a forged compromise agreement in the court of the Sub-Registrar, Jammu. The accused include Abdul Karim, Mohammad Yousaf, Mohammad Hussain Mohammad, Abdul Gafoor (all residents of Kupar, Nagrota), Nazir Ahmed (from Katal Batal, Jammu), and Sadiq Mohammad (from Upper Gujjar Mohalla, Paloura, Jammu).

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Crime Jammu, Benam Tosh, confirmed that

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#### Grenade attack case cracked; 3 terror associates arrested "The grenade hit the roof of

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Three terror associates have been arrested on Saturday for their involvement in grenade attack case in Baramulla district. Arms and ammunition has been recovered from their possession, police said on Saturday.

Addressing a press conference, Superintendent of Operations, Baramulla, Feroz Yehya, said police cracked the case of a grenade attack on a Territorial Army camp that took place in Pattan area of the north Kashmir district on January 7. There was no casualty in the incident.

the MI room of the camp, causing significant damage. Thankfully, there were no casualties or injuries," Yehya said. "Technical and electronic

evidence was gathered onsite and a thorough investigation was conducted. A case was registered under relevant sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA)," he added.

The officer said the case was solved within 24 hours and three individuals were arrested.

Their disclosures led to the recovery of a hand

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# Ram Temple gives hope to 'suppressed' civilisations: Yogi

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

AYODHYA: Uttar Pradesh Minister Adityanath on Saturday said the Ram Temple in Ayodhya is a reminder to the "suppressed" civilisations and cultures of the world that they can assert their rights democratically and constitutional-

Addressing a programme held on the first anniversary of the consecration ceremony of Ram Lalla's idol at the temple, Adityanath said not losing patience even after countless sacrifices and going through an 'agnipariksha' (trial by fire) was inte-



gral to the Ram Mandir cam-

The Chief Minister bowed in front of Ram Lalla's idol, lit a lamp, offered flowers and performed an aarti. He also paid tributes to the late

Ashok Singhal, former working president of the Vishva Hindu Parishad and one of the key architects of the Ram movement. Adityanath said to mark

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#### J&K witnessed driest year in 5 decades in 2024

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir experienced its driest year in five decades in 2024 as the below-normal precipitation continued for the fifth consecutive year, with a sharp 29 per cent deficit in rainfall compared to the annual average of 1232.3 mm, weather experts said on Saturday.

"Jammu and Kashmir experienced its driest year in five decades in 2024, with rainfall levels plunging to just 870.9 mm against the normal annual average of 1232.3 mm -- a significant deficit of 29 per cent," a weather expert, Faizan

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#### up Jammu's economy: Farooq **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Claiming that Jammu's economy is currently under strain due to ill perceived policies of the BJP, National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Saturday said that the Omar Abdullah-led government is committed to boosting the region's economy by fully tapping into its tourism potential.

Addressing a gathering during his visit to Charwa-Mansar near Jammu, Abdullah emphasised the immense potential of the region and said reversing the development setbacks of the

past decade will not happen overnight.

Omar-led Govt dedicated to shore

"The Omar Abdullah-led government, from day one, prioritised the development of the Jammu region by appointing key cabinet mem-

bers from the area," he said. Abdullah also called for a comprehensive policy aimed at boosting Jammu's economy by fully leveraging its tourism potential.

He expressed concern that Jammu's economy is currently under strain due to the ill-conceived policies of the BJP and risks being overshadowed if immediate action is not taken to capitalise on its unique tourism offerings.

The NC leader stressed the importance of creating a well-structured tourism circuit that includes must-visit destinations such as Shiv Utterbehni-Khori, Purmandal, Patnitop. Bagh-e-Bahu, Mansar, Suchetgarh Border, as well as various tourism spots in

and Kathua. He emphasised the need for an itinerary that encourages longer stays and increased economic activity in the

Doda-Kishtwar-Bhaderwah

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# Dark web, cryptocurrency, drones continue to be challenge: Shah

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Saturday that dark web, cryptocurrency, online marketplace and drones continue to be a challenge for the country and these have to be checked by strict measures.

Chairing a regional conference on 'Drug Trafficking and National Security' here, Shah also asserted that the country will not allow even a single kg of drugs to be smuggled in or out of the

He said the government has not only been successful in eliminating many networks of drugs, but the terrorism linked with them too was also destroyed. He said many cases of narco-terrorism were busted in Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh

achievements. "The use of dark web, cryp-

tocurrency, online marketplace, drones continue to be a

to be found through joint efforts by the states and the central government and technocrats for the country's security and development.

leadership. "In the last 10 years, there

been a seven-fold increase in the seizure of drugs which is a major achievement. The Modi government has given a strong message of destroying the entire ecosystem of drugs



through strict action," he

The home minister said that in 2024, by seizing drugs worth Rs 16,914 crore, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and police across the country took the biggest action against drugs, which is a significant step in making a drug-free society.

drugs were seized while during 2014-24, altogether 24lakh kg of drugs were seized ward on the path of developa seven-fold increase as com-

pared to the previous decade He said drugs worth Rs 8,150 crore were disposed off in 2004-14 but in 2014-24, drugs worth Rs 54,851 crore were destroyed -" eight times more than the previous

The conference, organised by the NCB, aims to address the growing concern of drug trafficking and its impact on national security, with a special focus on eight states and Union Territories of northern

Shah also launched the drug disposal fortnight starting from Saturday to January 25. He said that during this period, one lakh kg of narcotics worth Rs

8,600 crore will be destroyed. The home minister also inaugurated the new office complex of the NCB's

## Dozen illegally built houses demolished in anti-encroachment drive in Jammu



JCB demolishing a house during drive at Sidhra area.

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A dozen illegally built houses and four plinths were demolished in a major encroachment drive here on Saturday, leading to retrieval of 10 kanals of the land belonging to the Jammu Development Authority (JDA), a senior government official said.

The successful drive was conducted by the JDA in close coordination with the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Jammu district administration and police at Sidhra, Majeen and Rangoora areas, the official said. He said the areas with large-scale recent

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Sunrise: 07:33 Hours

Her last rites will be performed in Jammu on January Meanwhile, the Press ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

challenge for us even today,' Shah said a technical solution to these problems have

He said the fight against drugs has gained a new strength under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's

Shah said that during 2004-14, a total of 3.63 kg of "No country can move for-

tion suffering from drug addiction. It is our responsibility that we all fight this challenge together and make all efforts to win this battle,"

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