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J&K's Industrial ecosystem witnesses unprecedented surge: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday inaugurated 'BRICS Youth Council Entrepreneurship Run-up Event' at Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu. In his address, the Lieutenant Governor congratulated the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, the Global Counter Terrorism Council (GCTC), IIM Jammu and all other associated departments for providing a dynamic platform for innovators, aspiring entrepreneurs, youth leaders to showcase innovative business ideas and entrepreneurial initiatives. The Lieutenant Governor highlighted the transformative initiatives of the government through the Department of Industries & Commerce that have redefined innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem and empowering youth of the UT.



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at the inaugural ceremony of 'BRICS Youth Council Entrepreneurship Run-up Event' at IIM Jammu on Friday.

"In the past few years J&K's Industrial ecosystem has witnessed an unprecedented surge, supporting the culture of innovation, research & development and scientific advancements. I want to see our youth among top-notch entrepreneurs of the country, contributing to its growth," the Lieutenant Governor said. He said the sincere efforts and policy interventions

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- ▶ Our sincere efforts and policy interventions made J&K a vibrant startup hub
- ▶ We continue to focus on policies ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

J&K's Ekta Kumari to lead NCC girls' contingent at R-Day parade

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: NCC cadet Ekta Kumari is set to be the first from Jammu and Kashmir to lead the National Cadet Corps girls' contingent at the Kartavya Path during the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi on Sunday. Hailing from Akhnoor in Jammu district, Ekta is a leading cadet of the NCC's First Jammu and Kashmir Naval Unit and a BSc student at Gandhi Nagar government college for women. This milestone has brought immense pride to Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh, Defence PRO Lieutenant Colonel Suneel Bartwal said. Inspired by her father, a retired soldier from the 12 Jammu and Kashmir (JAK) Light Infantry, Ekta's dream of serving the nation took root early in her life. Her educational journey began at Army Public School in Akhnoor, and it was her passion for the armed forces that led her to join the NCC during her college

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Specially designed Vande Bharat Express train for Kashmir arrives in Jammu



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Specially designed to operate seamlessly in Jammu and Kashmir's challenging winter conditions, the Vande Bharat Express train arrived in Jammu with a large number of people aspiring to experience a dream travel to Kashmir. The Jammu railway station on Friday echoed with a unique announcement which said "Yatrigan Kripya dhyana dein, Vande Bharat train sankhya 244027 Kashmir jane ke live platform number

ek par khadi hai". Locals and several passengers waiting for other trains at the station became ecstatic, shouting slogans of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai". Many among them rushed to platform number one soon after the arrival of the special Vande Bharat train which will run from Katra to Kashmir. "We are elated over the arrival of the special train to Kashmir. It is our dream to travel on this train. Now Kashmir is fully connected

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Sat Sharma elected as J&K BJP President unopposed



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Veteran leader Sat Pal Sharma was elected unopposed as the president of the Jammu and Kashmir unit of the BJP on Friday. This would be his second term as the party's Jammu

and Kashmir chief. Sharma called upon workers to support him in strengthening the party in the Union Territory. "Sat Pal Sharma has been elected unopposed in

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Properties of 11 Kishtwar-based absconding terrorists operating from PoK/Pak attached

STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: In a significant step towards eliminating terror networks in District Kishtwar, the Special NIA court Doda has issued order regarding attachment of 11 properties of absconding terrorists presently based at POK/PAK SSP Kishtwar on Friday said that the action was executed after an in-depth investigation in case FIR No. 272/2022, registered under sections 120-B, 121-A IPC, and 13, 18, 39 of UAPA at Police Station Kishtwar. The investigation, culminated in legal proceedings



before the Hon'ble NIA Special Court, Doda. Earlier, 36 Kishtwar based

terrorists, operating from PoK/Pakistan, were declared absconders by the Court.

Of these, the properties measuring 52 Kanals 8.875 Marlas of 11 terrorists operating from POK/PAK were identified and attached as per legal provisions. Based on records, the Additional District & Session Judge, Sudesh Sharma, Special Judge NIA Court, Doda, issued attachment orders under Section 83 CrPC vide order No. 33-34/FTC/NIA dated 23-01-2025. Acting on these directions, SSP Kishtwar formed special teams comprising senior officers of Police alongwith

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Drones, spotters in place for smooth conduct of R-Day functions in Kashmir: IGP

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Multi-tier security arrangements, including drones and spotters, are in place to ensure a smooth conduct of the Republic-Day functions in Kashmir, the valley's top cop, V K Birdi, said here on Friday. "Proper and secure arrangements have been made for those who want to participate in the function," the inspector general of police (IGP) told reporters after a full dress rehearsal at the Bakshi Stadium, the venue of the main Republic-Day function in the Kashmir valley on January 26.

The IGP said multi-tier security arrangements are in place and surveillance is being maintained to ensure a smooth conduct of the function. "Surveillance in the form of drones or spotters and very deep and intricate security arrangements have been made," he said. Birdi appealed to people to participate in the January 26 programmes in large numbers. He said surveillance is also being kept on "bad elements", including surrendered militants. "Police have their own SOP (standard operating

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Leaves of doctors, paramedics cancelled to deal with mysterious deaths in Rajouri

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: Authorities have cancelled all leaves of doctors and paramedics in the wake of a medical alert following the deaths of 17 people from Badhaal village in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district due to a mysterious illness. The number of people sent to quarantine has risen to 230. Union minister Dr Jitendra Singh said the initial investigation conducted by the toxicology laboratory in Lucknow concluded that the cause was not any infection, virus or bacteria but a toxin. Principal of Rajouri Government Medical College (GMC) Hospital, Dr Amarjeet Singh Bhatia, on Friday addressed a press conference in Rajouri and announced that all leaves of doctors and paramedic staff have been cancelled. "The winter vacations have also been cancelled

CB books teacher, ex-PHE employee for getting Govt jobs by using fake qualification certificates

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Crime Branch (CB) on Friday booked a teacher and an Ex-PHE employee for getting government jobs by using fake qualification certificates. According to a statement issued by the Crime Branch, "A written complaint was received in Crime Branch (EOW) Jammu from complainant namely Sonu Kumar, son of Durga Dass, resident of Kurlian Tehsil Kalakote, District Rajouri alleging therein that one Gulzar Hussain, son of Mohd. Abdullah, resident of Dhalyote, Tehsil Kalakote in

District Rajouri got appointed as a Teacher in Govt. Primary School Nadan Khetar under Education Zone Kalakote District Rajouri on the basis of fake qualification certificate thereby causing loss to the government exchequer." "During the course of criminal verification the enquiry officer established on the report of concerned authority of the concerned institute that the qualification certificate in question is not genuine," it said. The statement added another written complaint was received at Police

Station Crime Branch (EOW) Jammu from complainant namely Zaffar Din, son of Hussain Din, resident of Bain Bajalta, Jammu alleging therein that the employee of Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Rural Division, Jammu namely Ghulam Rasool, son of Mir Din, resident of Bain Bajalta, Jammu got regularized in service on the basis of production of fake qualification certificate and he managed to work in the Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Rural Division, Jammu thereby causing loss to government

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J&K Raj Bhawan celebrates Uttar Pradesh Foundation Day

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Raj Bhawan Jammu Kashmir on Friday celebrated the Foundation Day of Uttar Pradesh. LG pays tributes to freedom fighters, great revolutionaries from UP Senior Government officials, students, and the people of Uttar Pradesh currently living in the UT were the special invitees. The Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha extended his heartiest greetings and best wishes to the people of Uttar Pradesh.

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Resolute in ensuring no discrimination against girl child: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: In his message on National Girl Child Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday that India is proud of the accomplishments of its girls across all fields. Modi added that his government is equally resolute in ensuring no discrimination happens against the girl child. In a post on X, he said, "Today, on National Girl Child Day, we reiterate our commitment to keep empowering the girl child and ensure a wide range of opportunities for her. India is proud of the accomplishments of the girl child across all fields." Their feats continue to inspire us all, the prime minister added. Modi said his government has focused on sectors like education, technology, skills and healthcare among others which have con-



tributed to empowering the girl child.

Republic Day: Full Dress Rehearsal held across J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The full dress rehearsal for UT level celebration of Republic Day-2025 was held at M A Stadium Jammu, on Friday. The parade consisted of men and women contingents from Army, BSF, CRPF, JKP, JKAP, IRP, SSB, NCC cadets, Bharat Scouts and guides, Ex servicemen, J&K Forest Protection Force, UTDRF, JK Fire & Emergency Services and school students. Pipe and Brass bands of BSF, JKP, JKAP, Army and school students played tunes to the march past. Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar inspected the Parade and took the salute at the impressive March Past and hoisted the tricolor. School children and artists of J&K Academy of Art Culture and Languages presented a colorful cultural programme featuring theme based presentations. Dare



Glimpses of full dress rehearsal in Jammu and Srinagar respectively on Friday.

Devils of Jammu and Kashmir Police mesmerised the audience by their spectacular and thrilling performances. The cultural items depicted national integration, unity in diversity, harmony and composite culture of Jammu Kashmir UT, besides featuring patriotic songs, folk music and dance. Tableaux on themes celebrating

cultural diversity of J&K, PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojna, Swarnim Bharat Ki Virasat: Sahkar se Vikas, Fit India Movement, War Against Drugs, highlighted initiatives and achievements of the Government. Senior officers from UT administration, Nodal officers and the in-charges were also present. At Srinagar, a full dress rehearsal

function was conducted at Bakshi Stadium Srinagar where Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri unfurled the National Flag, took salute at the March Past and inspected Parade & Band contingents. Addressing the occasion, the Div Com highlighted developmental and administrative achievements of the region, pedaling J&K on the

path of peace, progress and prosperity. While mentioning the recent inauguration of Sonmarg Tunnel by the Prime Minister, the Div Com said that the Tunnel will ensure round the clock road connectivity to Sonmarg which will boost tourism. Bidhuri expressed confidence that the proposed railway connec-

tion from Kashmir to Kanyakumari would be realized in the near future. He also recounted the successful hosting of Kashmir Marathon in Srinagar & Legends League Cricket at Bakshi Stadium as the achievements of Administration to promote peace and creating opportunities for youth. Bidhuri took pride in successful and peaceful conduct of Lok Sabha & Assembly elections during last year attributing the credit to Police, Security Forces, Civil Administration and voters. Speaking regarding the delivery of essential services, Div Com stated that the administration has promptly restored essential services including electricity & water supply within the shortest possible time during disruptions caused by snow recently. While highlighting the challenges, Div Com said that the

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 22.0°C Min: 6.1°C

Humidity
Max: 83 Min: 51

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 13.8°C Min: -3.3°C

Humidity
Max: 89 Min: 40

Sunset : 17:56 Hours
Sunrise : 07:30 Hours