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# Unmatched gallantry of our brave hearts will continue to inspire generations: LG

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Thursday said that the unmatched gallantry of our brave hearts will continue to inspire generations to come.

Paying homage to the martyrs of 1971 war, on the occasion of 50th Vijay Diwas, the Lt Governor, said: "Today, I pay my tributes to the brave soldiers, officers of Army, Navy and Air force, who exhibited amazing valor and sacrifice in the 1971 war. I bow down with reverence to all the brave hearts, who attained martyrdom in that war. Our nation will always be indebted to their supreme sacrifice".

On the occasion, the Lt Governor laid a floral wreath at the Balidan Stambh War Memorial in Jammu also paid his respects to Army Veterans and Veer Naris.

Addressing all ranks, veterans and their family members, he exhorted them to carry forward the rich legacy of our armed forces.

"On this day in 1971, our brave soldiers and officers had not only changed the geography, but took a giant leap in establishing our country as a global super power", the Lt Governor observed.

The Lt Governor noted that India has



LG Manoj Sinha paying homage to martyrs of 1971 War. (More pics on pg-3)

been a supporter of peace since ancient times and has never adopted the policy of expansionism despite being a super power.

We have lived the values of peaceful coexistence, mutual harmony and believed in the philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. But, we never lowered our guard and successfully conquered every challenge, he said.

Earlier, the Lt Governor also paid homage to the country's first Chief of Defense Staff, General Bipin Rawat, his wife and all 11 officers and Jawans who

were martyred in an air tragedy recently.

Taking note of the nefarious designs of the neighboring country to create instability in J&K, the Lt Governor said that the capability of our brave soldiers is proof that we are determined to protect our motherland. The neighboring country running the biggest terror factory in the world must remember the crushing defeats of 1947, 1965, 1971 and 1999.

"We will not be deterred by terrorists. We will continue with our mission to develop

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## J&K Govt issues list of holidays for year 2022; no holiday on Sept 23

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SRINAGAR: The Government on Thursday issued a list of holidays for the upcoming year-2022 in the Union Territory. The government did not declare September 23, the birthday of Maharaja Hari Singh as a holiday, which was a major demand of Jammu-based parties.

"The holidays shall be observed in the Government

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## PSB strike: Banking operations hit across country on first day

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MUMBAI: Banking operations were affected across the country on Thursday as close to nine lakh employees of public sector banks went on a two-day strike to protest against the government's move to privatise state-owned lenders, unions said.

Customers of these public sector banks (PSBs) faced difficulties as services

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# Govt permits change of land use from agricultural to non-agricultural purposes

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a significant decision, the Administrative Council (AC) which met here on Thursday under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the regulations framed by the board of revenue for conversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes. These regulations were necessitated after the legislative changes in the land revenue act post-reorganization of the erstwhile state.

Farooq Khan and Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisors to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

These regulations have been issued to regulate the uncontrolled conversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes on the one hand and keeping the developmental aspirations of

## AC approves establishment of Medi-cities in Pampore, Jammu Gives nod to up-gradation of IG Govt Dental College Jammu, clears way for introduction of PG courses

JAMMU: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here on Thursday under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the proposal of Industries and Commerce Department to establish two medi-cities, one each at Sempora, Pampore and Miransahib, Jammu.

Farooq Khan and Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisors to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

The decision aims at strengthening the health services in the Union territory and support recovery and disaster resilience in calamity prone areas by increasing Government's capacity to promptly respond to emergency situations.

The Medicity in Kashmir Division will be established on an area of Sempora, Pampore Pulwama. The centrality of the place will act as a focal point for whole population of the valley for specialized health services.

Similarly, Medicity in Jammu division, will be established at Miransahib, Jammu. The land is ideally located close to the main city and can cater to the medical service requirements of the entire division. Pertinently, setting

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the UT and the people on the other hand.

Under the new regulations, the District Collector has been empowered to grant permission to the change in

land use from agricultural to non-agricultural purposes in accordance with the procedure as to be notified by the board of Revenue. The

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## Reshuffle in J&K Police; 27 SSPs, SPs transferred

Vinod SSP Udh; Sandeep SSP CICE; Balwal SSP Sgr; Abhishek Samba; Mohita Ramban; Rohit Poonch; Aslam Rajouri; Zahid SSP CID Hq; Arun SP CID SB Jmu; Handa SP North Jmu

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Thursday transferred 27 police officer including Senior Superintendents of Police (SSPs) and Superintendents of Police (SPs) transferred

According to the order issued by Shaleen Kabra, Principal Secretary, Home Department, Javid Ahmed Koul, IPS, SSP Traffic City Srinagar has been trans-

ferred and posted as SO to ADGP, Traffic J&K with additional charge of the posts of DIG, Traffic, Jammu and DIG, Traffic, Kashmir; Shridhar Patil, IPS, awaiting orders of posting upon modification of transfer on deputation to the Union territory of Ladakh, has been posted as AIG (Tech) PHQ.

Dr. Vinod Kumar, IPS, SSP Poonch has been

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## 2 LeT terrorists killed in encounter at Kulgam

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SRINAGAR: Two Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) terrorists were killed in an encounter with security forces in Kulgam district on Thursday, police said.

Acting on a specific input regarding the presence of terrorists in village Redwani area of Kulgam, a joint cordon and search operation was launched by Police, 1st RR and 18Bn CRPF on Wednesday night, a police spokesperson said.

During the search operation, as the presence of terrorists got ascertained, they



were given repeated opportunities to surrender; however they fired indiscriminately upon the joint search party which was retaliated leading to an encounter.

Two ultras were killed in

the exchange of fire in the early hours of Thursday, the spokesperson said, adding that they have been identified as Amir Bashir Dar resident of Kujjar Frisal and Adil Yousuf Shan resident of

Sursano Hatipora, Kulgam.

"According to police records, both the killed terrorists were categorised terrorists. They were also part of groups involved in several terror crime cases, including attacks on security forces and civilian atrocities," he added.

Incriminating material, arms and ammunition, including two pistols, two magazines, seven pistol rounds and one grenade, were recovered from their possession. All the recovered materials have been

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## Dr Nazir Ganai appointed as new VC SKUAST-K

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JAMMU: Chancellor of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture Sciences & Technology, Kashmir (SKUAST-K), Manoj Sinha on Thursday appointed Dr. Nazir A. Ganai as Vice Chancellor of SKUAST-K.

"In exercise of power vested in me under section 25(1) of the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture Sciences & Technology Act, 1982, I, Manoj

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## Kundal posted as DC Rajouri; Shavan MD JKPC

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Thursday transferred two JKAS officers. According to GAD order, Vikas Kundal, IAS (AGMUT:2013), Managing Director (MD), Jammu and Kashmir Project Construction Corporation (JKPCC) has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri, vice Rajesh Kumar Shavan, JKAS, who has been posted as MD, JKPC.

**WEATHER**

**Temperature (Jammu)**

Max: 16.2°C Min: 5.9°C

**Humidity**

Max : 91 Min : 83

**Temperature (Srinagar)**

Max: 9.6°C Min: -2.1°C

**Humidity**

Max : 77 Min: 56

Sunset : 17:27 Hours

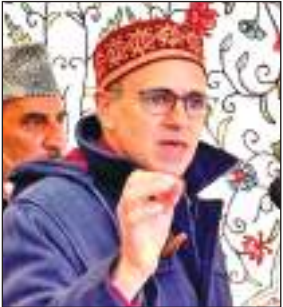
Sunrise : 07:26 Hours

## BJP creating new political parties in Kashmir to ensure majority in assembly: Omar

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SRINAGAR: National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Thursday claimed that the BJP was creating new political parties in the Valley to ensure a majority in the legislative assembly for passing a resolution in favour of the abrogation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status and its bifurcation into union territories.

He said the saffron party knew it that it will fall short of the majority in the House on its own whenever elections



are held.

"They want to use a majority in the assembly to bring a resolution that will undo the earlier resolution. Then they will go to the Supreme Court

and tell it that the case filed (by NC Lok Sabha members) against abrogation (of Article 370) is false as people are satisfied. The Supreme Court will have no option but to throw out the case, Abdullah said.

"The BJP knows it won't get any seats from Kashmir... That's why new parties are being created to shore up a majority. The PAGD was formed to ensure that the BJP does not get a majority," he added.

Abdullah was addressing

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## 133 fresh COVID-19 cases, 5 deaths in J&K

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday recorded 133 fresh COVID-19 cases that took its tally to 3,39,404, while five more fatalities pushed the death toll 4,508, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, 31 were from the Jammu division and 102 from the Kashmir division of the union territory, they said.

Srinagar district recorded the highest number of new cases at 48, followed by 24 in Baramulla district.

The number of active COVID-19 cases in

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## Bhalla appointed Working President JKPCC



### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Congress President Sonia Gandhi has appointed senior leader Raman Bhalla as Working President of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee.

Raman Bhalla is one of the leaders of Congress who has a mass base in Jammu and Kashmir.

A law graduate from Jammu University,

Committee.

"Congress President has approved the proposal of the appointment of Raman Bhalla as Working President of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee with immediate effect," reads a communiqué issued by K.C Venugopal, General Secretary, All India Congress Committee.

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## Modi to address Mayors' Conference today

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate and address the All India Mayors' Conference, which is being organised in Varanasi, on Friday via video conferencing.

The PMO said mayors from various states will participate in the conference whose theme is New Urban India.

It has been the constant endeavour of the prime minister to ensure ease of living in urban areas, it noted, adding the government

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