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People want to be heard; expect IB in Jammu Frontier incident quick action from J&K Admn: LG



LG Manoj Sinha interacting with people during LG's Mulaqaat programme in Jammu on Wednesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: People want to be heard and expect quick action from the administration, Lt Governor Manoj Sinha said on Wednesday. directing the officers to resolve their complaints and

strengthen public confidence. Interacting with people during the latest edition of 'LG's Mulaqaat'- a live public

gramme $^{\rm at}$ Secretariat here, Sinha said effective handling of complaints and grievances is fundamental to accountability and prompt resolution of public concerns in a timely and cost-effective way.

The Lt Governor directed the officers to strengthen public confidence. He also passed on-spot directions to

Listening to people first is the top priority of the administration. The ease of conversations through LG's Mulaqaat stimulates different departments to support citizen-centric system that provides seamless and integrated public services to meet the increasing societal expectations, said the Lt

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Central

Bureau of Investigations

(CBI) on Wednesday con-

ducted raids at 14 locations

in Jammu and Kashmir after

registering fresh FIR for

alleged irregularities in the

examination conducted by

Jammu and Kashmir Service

Selection Board (JKSSB)

for recruitment of Financial

Accounts Assistant (FAA) in

The CBI has booked 20

people in this case, including

Neelam Khajuria, former

member of the Jammu and

35,097 beneficiaries under PM Awas Yojana-Gramin

the Finance Department.

ensured equitable, objective, and unbiased process. All the departments are working in an efficient, effective, integrated, and coherent manner with increased citizen participation, he added.

Deputy Noting that Commissioners and SPs are the face of the administration, the Lt Governor called upon officials to discharge their responsibilities and serve the common man with utmost sensitivity, besides adhering to the timelines of developmental projects and ensuring close synergy between different government agencies to achieve optimal results on the ground.

Taking serious note of grievances regarding delays in issuance of revenue extracts, the Lt Governor directed all the Deputy Commissioners to personally monitor the extension of rev-

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officer Anju Raina and Dr

Karnail Singh, who was then

Medical Officer of the BSF

frontier headquarters and

also an accused in the J&K

Police Sub-Inspector recruit-

ment examination scam case.

The searches were conduct-

ed at the residences of Dr.

Karnail Singh, the then

Ashwani Kumar: Ashok

Kumar, the then ASI in the

J&K Police; Roshan Bral

working as ReT teacher;

MeritTrac Services Private

Limited, Bengaluru; Neelam

Medical

Frontier

Officer,

Hqrs, Paloura;

raids residences of KAS officer, 14 others

Devi;

Sharma;

Bandana

Rajinder

free, safe: BSF IG Border

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Security Force (BSF) has foiled all cross-border infiltration attempts this year and the International Border (IB) in the Jammu frontier is incident free and safe, a senior official said.

Drone activity has also largely decreased in Jammu and the majority of weapons and explosives dropped from unmanned aerial vehicles have also been recovered, BSF Inspector General (Jammu Frontier) DK Boora said at a press confer-

"The (International) border is incident free despite huge pressure on the forces and attempts from across the border to carry out infiltrations," he said.

"All infiltration attempts have been foiled. Seven infiltration bids were foiled and all the guides and infiltrators eliminated," he said, adding that none of the infiltration attempts this year had been

Raina, the then Section

JKSSB;

Avinash Sharma; Bandana

Gurpreet Singh; Kulwinder

Lakshmi

Mukesh Kumar:

Patyar; Manisha

Mukta

Sharma;

Shubam

Kumari:

Choudhary;

Makhnotra;

Gurjeet Kour;



successful.

Boora added that four AK assault rifles, seven pistols and nearly 50 kg heroin had been seized. "The border in Jammu is

totally safe. We have been able to ensure safety and security throughout the year. We hope that there will be no infiltrations from across the border in 2023," he said. Boora said he hoped that

such a situation would prevail on the borders in the days to come.

FAA paper leak scam: CBI registers FIR;

tration," he added. Referring to the pressure along the

on troops International Border during the winter months as the focus of infiltration shifts from the Line of Control (LoC), he said there was always pressure on them.

be no compromise with the

security of the borderline. We

will work to ensure zero infil-

"Our motto is zero infiltration. Whether it is winter. summer, fog or rain, our focus is not to allow anyone to cross the International

Admitting that drone activity was a problem, Boora said, "As the problem intensified, the measures to contain it were upgraded," he said.

Boora added that the deployment of the new measures and equipment had largely decreased drone activity in Jammu.

Comparing the drone activity with that in the Punjab sector, he said that unlike before, the BSF was shooting down unmanned aerial vehicles every two to three

"The troops are alert to the drone threat. In the future, we are confident of fully containing it. In Jammu, it has been contained with the joint effort and coordination of security forces and police," he

He said security forces and police had recovered most of the weapons and explosives dropped from drones in various places of the

Huge cache of arms, explosives seized from terrorist hideout in Poonch



STATE TIMES NEWS POONCH/JAMMU:

hideout in the border district large cache of arms and

Security forcesWednesday busted a terrorist of Poonch and recovered a

BSF procures 2 SUV-mounted jammers, 100 drones STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The BSF has procured two SUVmounted jammers, more than 1,400 hand-held thermal imagers and about 100 drones for surveillance and security activities along important Indian frontiers Pakistan Bangladesh, a senior officer said Wednesday.

The Border Security Force (BSF) has also identified a total of 635 "vulnerable patches" all along the 2,289km-long international border with Pakistan and along West Bengal and Assam (as part of the India-Bangladesh border) for installing surveillance systems developed inhouse by the force.

The force has procured two vehicle-mounted jammers, onboard Mahindra Scorpio vehicles, for protecting troops against remotely triggered IEDs during their movement in Jammu and Kashmir (from Jammu

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Sunset: 18:52 Hours

Sunrise: 06:10 Hours

Min: 36

Max: 74

Kashmir Services Selection Khajuria, JKAS, the then 69 rounds, one pistol Board (JKSSB), section Member, JKSSB; Anju ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 LG transfers Rs 149.17 Cr directly to bank accounts of

STATE TIMES NEWS

explosives, a police official

The recoveries made from

the hideout included two AK

assault rifles, six magazines

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday transferred installments to the tune of Rs. 149.17 crore directly to the bank accounts of 35,097 beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin. Secretariat.

The Lt Governor said the PMAY-G will fulfill beneficiaries' dream of a 'Pucca House' with basic amenities, boost their self-esteem, social status and standard of living. Highlighting that the welfare of the poor & vulnerable section is the top priority of UT administration, the Lt Governor said that PMAY-G benefits genuinely homeless. those living in dilapidated houses and a large number of women & households from vulnerable groups. Basic needs assistance will give impetus to rural development and empower the poorest, he

added. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, welfare schemes like PMAY-G have transformed people's lives. Our aim is to build a strong and prosperous rural J&K, said the Lt

Despite being a slow

starter, J&K has gained momentum in realizing the vision of 'Housing for all'. Our target is to build more than 2 lakh houses. Special camps have been organized to identify the left out deserving beneficiaries of PMAY, the Lt Governor added.

Housing provides stability to poor families and contributes to poverty reduction. and the families who have got their own house are now ready to fulfill other developmental aspirations of their family members, observed the Lt Governor. The Lt Governor maintained

Singh; Harpal Singh and unknown officials and others. The examination was conducted by the JKSSB on March 6 and its results were published on April 21.

The results showed a high

percentage of selected candidates from the districts of Jammu, Kathua and Reasi,

Arrested DySP Varinder Singh deemed to be suspended since Nov 11: Home Deptt ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A deputy superintendent of police posted in the crime branch has been suspended after being caught by the Corruption Bureau while accepting a bribe of Rs 50,000 more than two weeks ago, an official order issued on Wednesday said.

Varinder Singh has been placed under suspension with effect from November 11, the date he was arrested, and booked in a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act at the Anti-Corruption police station in Jammu, it

leading to allegations of paper leak and other irregularities.

"There were allegations regarding malpractices in the examination Government of Jammu and Kashmir constituted an inquiry committee to look into the same. The report of the committee revealed the alleged conspiracy amongst officials of JKSSB, a private company based Bengaluru, beneficiary candidates and others causing gross irregularities in the conduct of the said examination," the CBI

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SI recruitment scam: HC rejects bail plea of BSF officer ■ STATE TIMES NEWS Rejecting the bail plea,

JAMMU: The Jammu and

Kashmir High Court on Wednesday rejected the bail plea of BSF Commandant (Medical) Karnail Singh who was among the 24 people charge-sheeted by the CBI in the police sub-inspector recruitment scam in the Union territory.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) arrested Singh on October 18 for allegedly using touts to get his son the question paper of the recruitment examination conducted by the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) in March.

Justice Mohan Lal said there is every danger of the course of justice being thwarted, if the petitioner is freed on bail.

"Offence indicated against the petitioner is heinous and grave in nature and such types of offences are to be dealt with severity and with iron hands. Showing leniency in such matters would be really a case of misplaced sympathy," Justice Lal said in his 14-page order.

Additional Advocate General Monika Kohli. appearing for the respondents in the case, vehemently opposed the grant of

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Modi took steps to preserve tribal glory: Shah

STATE TIMES NEWS

AHMEDABAD: Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday accused the Congress of not doing anything to preserve the glorious history of tribals, and said Prime Minister

Shah was addressing a public rally at Kadana village in Mahisagar district in support of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidates ahead of the Gujarat Assembly elections. Voting in Mahisagar district will be held in the second phase of the elections on December 5.

"Post-Independence, it was



worked for preserving the pride and legacy of tribals. It was PM Modi who had in 2021 declared that tribal freedom fighter Bhagwan Birsa Muda's anniversary will be celebrated as Adivasi Gaurav Diwas," Shah said.

PM Narendra Modi who



He said though Munda and

many other tribals had played a crucial role in the freedom struggle, they were not given their due

credit under the Congress

"Till the Congress was in power, it did not work for preserving the glorious history of tribals. As soon as people made Modi the minister, he announced that 10 adivasi museums will be built across the country," the Union minister said.

Referring to the election of Droupadi Murmu, a tribal woman, as the President of India earlier this year, Shah said the Congress

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J&K needs massive developmental push to meet aspirations of people: Azad

STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: Jammu and Kashmir is lagging behind many states and needs a massive developmental push to meet the aspirations of its people, Democratic Azad (DAP) chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad said on Wednesday.

He said his tenure as the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir from 2005 to 2008 is still considered as the best in terms of development initiatives as his government had directed all departments to work on double shifts to ensure speedy completion of various projects.

"The Union territory is lagging far behind many other states of the country on the developmental front. Its



tour of the Chenab Valley

party he formed recently

after quitting the Congress,

said, "If our party comes to power, we will ensure people get better roads, hospitals and educational facilities.

He said his party has a Azad, who is on a three-day region to strengthen the Kashmir.

vision of inclusive development for Jammu and "As chief minister, I

ensured all the three regions

of undivided Jammu and Kashmir (Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir) get development projects equally. My vision is the same for all the regions," he said.

He appealed to people to join his party to become an ambassador of peace and progress in the country.

"Jammu and Kashmir needs to be the beacon of peace, prosperity and development for the whole country and my party has the vision to accomplish this mission," he said, adding when parties lack vision, they focus on petty issues.

Expressing concern over the hardships faced by Scheduled Tribe and Scheduled Caste communities, he said his party will work for the uplift of the weaker sections of the socie-

"Gujjar and Bakerwal communities are suffering the most with minimal economic advantages. The time is over now and they will get their due rights once we are in power." he said.

Six IC/PPs among 14 SIs, ASIs, transferred

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jammu, Chandan Kohli on Wednesday transferred six Sub Inspectors (SIs), three Police Sub-Inspectors (PSIs) and five Assistant Sub-Inspectors (ASIs).

According to the order issued, SI Tarsem Raj has been transferred from Police Post Digiana and posted to Police Station Gandhi Nagar; SI Majid Hussain from Police Post Sidhra to DPL Jammu; SI Jarnail Singh from BPP Dewangarh DPL Jammu; SI Parshotam Lal from DPL Jammu and posted as Incharge Police Post Mandir Bahu Fort; SI Sugriv Kumar from DPL Jammu and posted as Incharge Police Post Beli Charana; SI Ram

Rattan from DPL Jammu and posted as Incharge Police Post Pouni Chak.

PSI Jeevan Kumar has been transferred from Police Post Beli Charana and posted to DPL Jammu; PSI Balbir Singh has been transferred from Police Station Bahu Fort and posted as Incharge Police PSI Nitish Digiana; Khajuria has been transferred from Police Post Pouni Chak and posted as Incharge Police Post Sidhra ASI now SI Manjeet Singh has been transferred from BPP Gajansoo and posted as Incharge BPP Dewangarh; ASI Janak Raj has been transferred from BPP Agar Chak and posted as Incharge BPP Sai; ASI Parshotam Lal has been transferred from BPP Sai and posited

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