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Top Indian Universities visit JKPS Kunjwani's Career Counselling Fair

Committed to take concrete measures for welfare of martyrs' families: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said his administration is committed to take concrete measures for the welfare of the families of those who laid down their lives fighting terrorism in the Union Territory.

Sinha urged society, enlightened citizens, business organisations and corporates to come forward and support the government to create a system which provides ample opportunities to the dependents of the fallen personnel.

The Lt Governor was speaking at a function after inaugurating a Digital Skill Development programme for the wards of slain policemen to generate sustainable livelihood in J-K Police Public School here.

The initiative under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by Indus Towers Limited is a tribute to bravehearts of Jammu Kashmir Police who made the ultimate sacrifice for the country.

"I pay my humble tributes to those immortal heroes who sacrificed their lives in order to promote the lives of others. J-K Police, Army, Central Police Forces have made significant contributions in nation building. Let us all together take a pledge to discharge our duty towards the families of our martyrs and strengthen our resolve to work for



LG Manoj Sinha speaking during an event held at J&K Police Public School, Miran Sahib on Saturday.

their well-being," Sinha said.

He reiterated his administration's commitment to take concrete measures for the families of the fallen personnel so that they may live a life of comfort and dignity.

"The welfare of the families of those who served and protected the country's integrity and sovereignty will always be the top priority of the government," Sinha said.

"A grateful and thankful society must collectively support the government to create a system which provides ample

opportunities to the dependents of the martyrs," he added.

The Lt Governor asked Indus Towers Limited to ensure 100 percent placements of children who are enrolled in the skill development training.

Skill development programme must have an overarching impact on economic independence of the trainees, he said, adding it should be followed by Job placement and self-employment.

Highlighting the significance of equipping the youth with market-driven skills, the

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J&K registers 12 pc growth in GST collection for Nov 2022

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir has recorded 12 percent growth in GST revenue collection for the month of November, 2022 compared to the same month last year, against the National average of 8% percent as per the figures released by the Union Ministry of Finance.

Speaking about this development, Additional Commissioner State

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Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu likely to be next HP CM

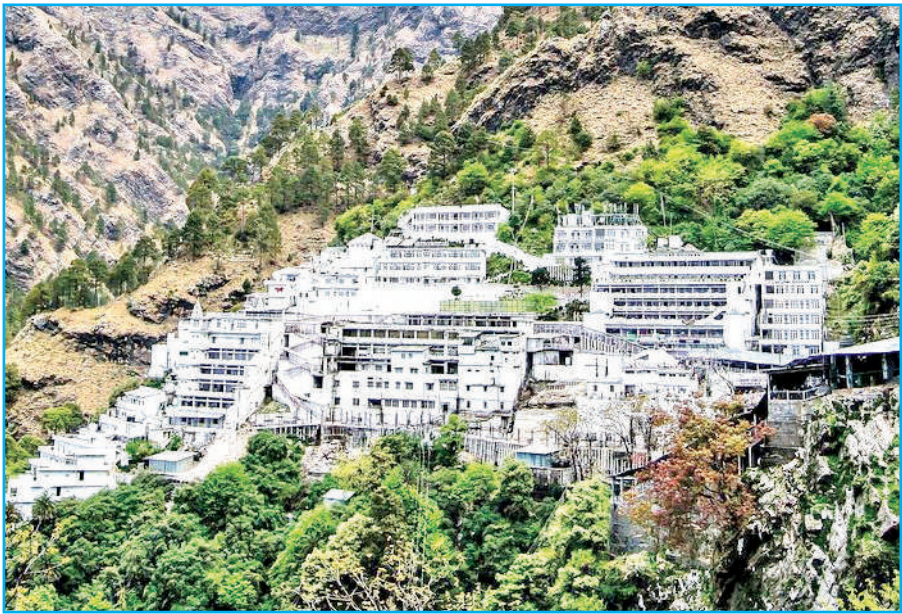
■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu who headed the Congress campaign committee in Himachal Pradesh is likely to be the next chief minister, party sources said on Saturday.

The sources said the party high command has cleared the name of Sukhu, the MLA from Nadaun, for the top job.

He is likely to be elected as the Congress Legislature Party leader at a meeting

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Vaishno Devi pilgrimage footfall in 2022 highest in 9 years

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Nearly 87 lakh pilgrims have paid their obeisance at the famous Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine atop Trikuta hills so far this year, the highest in the past nine years, an official of the shrine board said on Saturday.

The inflow of the pilgrims is expected to pick up further

in the coming days as the year draws to close, the official said, hoping that the figure may surpass 90 lakh by the end of December.

"Till December 6 this year, 86.40 lakh pilgrims visited the cave shrine for the blessings of Mata Rani - a manifestation of the Hindu mother goddess, Durga or Adi Shakti - which is highest

annual figure in the past nine years," a shrine board official told PTI.

He said about 13,000 pilgrims on an average are visiting the shrine at present on a daily basis but the number is likely to go up in the coming weeks ahead of the new year celebrations. The official said the highest

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JeM 'commander' Ashiq Nengroo's house demolished in Pulwama



Authorities demolishing JeM terrorist Ashiq Nengroo's house at Pulwama.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The residence of Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terrorist 'commander' Ashiq Nengroo was demolished by the authorities in

Pulwama district on Saturday, officials said.

The two-storey house at New Colony in Rajpora had come up on state land,

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Dr Sourabh appointed Asstt Prof, AIIMS Delhi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Son of the soil, Dr Sourabh Agstam, son of Prof Suram Chand, resident of Barrian, District Udhampur brought laurels to the Union Territory on being appointed as Assistant Professor, Department of Cardiology, AIIMS New Delhi.

Dr Sourabh Agstam has been a brilliant student right from the beginning and secured positions in Classes 10th and 12th. He qualified all National Level exams in first attempts at younger age, done his studies from top National Level Institutes, MBBS from Banaras Hindu University, MD Medicine from AIIMS, DM Cardiology from PGIMER Chandigarh,



WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 24.8°C Min: 13.2°C

Humidity
Max: 71 Min: 69

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 6.8°C Min: 2.8°C

Humidity
Max: 94 Min: 83

Sunset : 17:27 Hours
Sunrise : 07:23 Hours

Terrorism at its lowest ebb in J&K; Jammu region almost cleared: DGP

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir is at its lowest ebb and the Jammu region almost cleared of the menace due to the pro-active approach of security agencies along with the cooperation of people, Director General of Police Dilbag Singh said on Saturday.

He said police, along with other security forces, are frustrating on a daily basis the Pakistani conspiracies to disturb the peaceful atmosphere in the Union Territory.

"If you take into account the facts and figures, the militancy has reached its lowest ebb (in Jammu and



Kashmir). Barring one district where three to four terrorists are active, the rest of nine districts in Jammu region are militancy-free," Singh told reporters on the sidelines of a function here.

He said 2022 proved a most successful year for the security agencies in their fight against terrorism. The situation is such that the new recruits are forced to think 10 times whether the path they are going to tread is worth a selection or rejection, he added.

"We are also counselling the young boys and making them understand the conspiracies being hatched by Pakistani agencies that are enjoying the bloodshed in Jammu and Kashmir. They have bled J-K over the past 30 years and time has come to understand their strategy, shun the

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Rahul to spend 8 days during concluding phase of Bharat Jodo Yatra in J&K: Cong

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is going to spend eight days during the concluding phase of the Bharat Jodo Yatra' in Jammu and Kashmir, Senior party leader and Rajya Sabha member Rajni Patil said on Saturday.

Patil, AICC in-charge J-K affairs, said Gandhi is expected to enter the Union Territory in the third week of next month and appealed to the people as well as political, social and NGOs to "join the yatra which is above politics and meant to unite hearts for the benefit of the nation".

"Gandhi is going to spend eight days in Jammu and Kashmir -- four days each in

Jammu and the valley -- after reaching here in the third week of January. The date and route were not finalised so far," Patil, flanked by senior party leaders including J-K Pradesh Congress Committee president Vikar Rasool Wani, told reporters here.

Earlier, she held a series of meetings with senior party leaders including former legislators and ministers in preparations for the smooth conduct of the yatra in J-K.

Asserting that the Gandhised historic yatra has generated a "good atmosphere" in the country, Patil said the yatra has nothing to do with politics and the party is

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Need to focus on preparations for prolonged wars: IAF Chief

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The ongoing conflict in Ukraine that began in February has brought to focus the need for making preparations for prolonged wars instead of short and swift operations, Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari said on Saturday.

In an interactive session at the AajTak Agenda programme, Air Chief Marshal Chaudhari, replying to a question on his force's operational readiness in case of requirement, said, "IAF's preparations have been to be able to deliver weapons of our choice at the time of our choosing."



Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar said his force is

focusing on doing away with obsolete norms and practices, adding the possibility of a tri-services rank system is also being examined.

"We are studying what are the practices which are not relevant. We are thinking of making some changes in the

ranks. For example, we are also considering why not change the ranks and the possibility of making it a common tri-services sort of rank/nomination," he said.

"Among our sailors, we have a rank of petty officer. What is petty? Why should it be a petty officer. Above him, there is a chief petty officer. Why should it be chief petty officers? We can give a good name to them. Similarly, there are old rules which are not

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Udhampur neglected because of NC, Cong appeasement policy: Dr Jitendra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Hitting out hard at the opposition party governments in the past, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said here today that Udhampur and other hill regions were neglected because of the appeasement policy followed by successive governments headed by National Conference (NC) and Congress whose priority was vote bank consideration and who made it a point to convey the message that their plans of development were not meant for such districts or regions from where they did not expect such votes.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing a public rally of BJP at Udhampur on Saturday.

Addressing a mammoth BJP public rally here today Dr Jitendra Singh said, Udhampur did not get its due and was always discriminated against because it was

always a stronghold of erstwhile Jana Sangh and then Bharatiya Janata Party, but ever since Narendra Modi took over as Prime Minister in 2014, he has made it clear

Snowfall in higher reaches of Kashmir; minimum temp rises

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Higher reaches of Kashmir received fresh snowfall for the second day on Saturday even as the minimum temperature rose and stayed above the freezing point at most places in the Valley, officials said.

The middle and higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir received light to moderate snow, they said.

Gurez, in north Kashmir's Baniwara district, received five inches of snow, Keran and Machil, in Kupwara, three inches each, Sinthan Pass four inches and Mughal Road four inches, the officials said.

The famous ski-resort of Gulmarg recorded four inch-

es of fresh snow and Sonamarg tourist resort in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district six inches, they added.

The minimum temperature across the valley, except in Gulmarg, stayed above the freezing point owing to a cloud cover, the officials said.

Srinagar recorded the minimum temperature of 2.8 degrees Celsius.

The mercury in Pahalgam tourist spot in south Kashmir settled at a low of 1.2 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

They said Qazigund -- the gateway town to the valley -- recorded a low of 2.8 degrees Celsius, while the

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