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# J&K cities, towns experiencing transformational urbanism: LG



LG Manoj Sinha speaking after laying foundation stone of Satellite Township & Housing Colony at Srinagar on Wednesday.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Highlighting the efforts of the government to rejuvenate the urban landscape in the Union Territory, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said, cities and towns of Jammu and Kashmir are experiencing a transformational urbanism that has been achieved through excellence in infrastructure planning and execution and stimulated local development.

## Sinha conducts on-site inspection of upcoming transit accommodations

**BARAMULLA/BANDIPORA:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday conducted on-site inspection and reviewed ongoing construction work of the transit accommodations for PM Package employees at Baramulla and Bandipora.

The Lt Governor ascertained the progress of the work being carried out at the two sites and laid emphasis on timely completion of all the works. He interacted with the officials, engineers engaged at Baramulla and Bandipora.

The concerned Deputy Commissioners briefed the Lt Governor on the progress of works pertaining to different departments including power, water

"Ongoing transformation in Srinagar, Jammu and their neighbouring towns is the harbinger of sustainable development, the Lt Governor said while laying the foundation stone of Srinagar Development Authority's Satellite Township at Rakh Gund Aksha and a Housing Colony at Bemina, Srinagar.

Congratulating the SDA officials for developing first of its kind satellite township in Kashmir division, the Lt Governor said the new initiative is aimed to decongest the city and to meet the needs of affordable homes for growing population.

The housing colony 'Shehjar Heights' is a symbol of aspiration of the middle class. The two projects will not only provide quality and valuable space for families but also become the driver of economic development and unlock the potential

## 9 KPs killed in J&K in 3 years: Union MoS

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Nine Kashmiri Pandits have been killed by terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir since 2020, Rajya Sabha was informed on Wednesday.

Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said four Kashmiri Pandits were killed in 2022 and as many in 2021, while one was killed in 2020. The victims include a person belonging to Kashmiri Rajput

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## 65 of 67 terror cases probed by NIA get conviction: Rai

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has so far registered 497 cases of terrorism and judgment has been pronounced in 67 cases of which conviction has been obtained in 65 cases.

Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said in Rajya Sabha that as on December 2, the NIA has registered 497 cases

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## Elements trying to generate funds for terror activities on police radar: DGP

**Next polls to be conducted in peaceful atmosphere; hartals, stone-pelting thing of past**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police Dilbag Singh on Wednesday said some elements were attempting to generate funds for terror activities and are on the radar of the force.

He warned of stringent action against those found involved in the drug trade, saying Pakistan and its agencies were supplying narcotics to generate funds for terror activities and harm the young generation in the Union Territory.

"A number of terror funding cases have been busted in the recent past yet there are reports of some elements attempting to generate funds for terror activities who are on (our) constant radar," the DGP said while addressing police personnel in the border district of Poonch.

The police chief said strict action will be taken against any officer or official found



DGP Dilbag Singh briefing media on the sidelines of an event at Poonch.

involved or helping the drug trade.

He also chaired a separate meeting of the police officers and directed them to maintain synergy with other security agencies to uproot terrorism, terrorist networks and narco-terrorism.

"Some people in the past have managed to cross the border (into Pakistan) and are in touch with their associates to revive the terror structure here. We have to make sure that no space is

allowed to anyone linked with terror," Singh said.

He stressed on utilising technical as well as human resources in tracking terrorists who managed to infiltrate from across the Line of Control (LoC).

He also directed monitoring and keeping vigilance on the terror support system to demolish the ecosystem.

The DGP, who was accompanied by Additional Director General of

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## SIU conducts searches at 2 locations in Anantnag



SIU team carrying out search in a premises at Anantnag.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The Special Investigation Unit (SIU) of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Wednesday conducted searches at two locations in connection with a case regis-

tered under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) in Anantnag district, officials said.

The raids were conducted after obtaining search

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## NC will not 'beg' Centre for polls in J&K: Omar

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: National Conference Vice-President Omar Abdullah Wednesday said his party will not beg the Centre for assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking to reporters after a party function in Pahalgam, in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, he said the delay in the polls does not worry his party. The BJP is "scared" and lacks the courage to

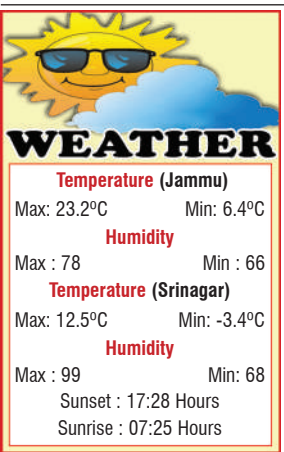
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## IED detected, destroyed in Baramulla

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Security forces detected and diffused an improvised explosive device (IED) in Baramulla district on Wednesday, officials said.

The IED was lying on the roadside near PDD office in this north Kashmir district, they said.

A bomb disposal squad destroyed it without causing any kind of loss, officials added.



**WEATHER**

**Temperature (Jammu)**  
Max: 23.2°C Min: 6.4°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 78 Min: 66

**Temperature (Srinagar)**  
Max: 12.5°C Min: -3.4°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 99 Min: 68

Sunset : 17:28 Hours  
Sunrise : 07:25 Hours

## Petition regarding dearth of staff in High Court: DB directs Secy Law Deptt to file affidavit

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a petition filed by Joginder Singh, Bench Secretary, High Court regarding dearth of staff at various level (i.e.) High Court and District Courts, Pay Anomaly in respect of officers and staff and promotional avenues to Law Graduate Readers of High Court, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Justice Rajnesh Oswal and Justice Puneet Gupta directed Law Secretary to file a detailed affidavit clarifying aspects and also with regard to the steps undertaken

by the Department in furtherance of financial concurrence for the 24 posts mentioned above.

When the petition came-up for hearing, the DB observed that pursuant to the order dated 11.11.2022, draft of Rs. 10,000 has been deposited. It is worthwhile to mention here that on 11.11.2022, the Division Bench imposed costs Rs 10,000 on Com/Secy Finance. DB after perusal of the order dated 30.11.2022, placed on record by the Finance Department, reveals that the Finance Department has conveyed its concurrence to the creation

of 24 posts, the details of which has been given in the order itself. However, it is mentioned in the said order that the department shall update the Service Recruitment Rules accordingly. The perusal of the status report filed by the Law Department, reveals that the proposal for creation of 334 posts involves financial implication and the matter has been forwarded to the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs (Government of India). DB observed that it is not understandable that the

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## Gandhi Nagar dacoity case: Court sent five accused to police custody till Dec 19

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a much publicized broad day light dacoity at the house of one Rakesh Agarwal, alias Kesha Bania in Gandhi Nagar area last week, the Chief Judicial Magistrate Jammu sent all the accused namely Amit Rana alias Harpreet Singh son of Paramajeet Singh, resident of Hanuman Road Connaught Place, New Delhi, presently putting up at Digiana; Manjeet Singh, son of Surinder Singh, resident of Ralhan Dasuya in Hoshiarpur; Harjinder Singh, son of Jasvir Singh, resident of of

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## Inflation to further decline; Govt on track to meet fiscal deficit target: FM

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday exuded confidence that inflation would further decline and the government is on track to meet its budgetary target for deficit and said that there is no fear of stagflation in India.

Replying to the debate on first batch of Supplementary Demands for Grants 2022-23 in Lok Sabha, the finance minister said inflation has come down and it is now in the tolerable band of the

RBI. Inflation has been declining



since April 2022 and it is declining further, she said. As per the law, Monetary Policy Committee headed by RBI Governor has been given task of maintaining inflation at 4 per cent with

the upper tolerance limit of 6 per cent and the lower tolerance limit of 2 per cent.

"We will bring it down further for the sake of common people," she quipped saying the issue is being raised by Congress during

whose regime inflation was in double digit.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his group of ministers are constantly

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## Digvijaya Singh arrives in Jammu to oversee preparations for 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'



Senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh being welcomed by party leaders on his arrival at Jammu airport on Wednesday.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Senior Congress leader and former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Digvijaya Singh arrived here on Wednesday for a two-day visit to oversee preparations for the party's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' march in Jammu and Kashmir.

According to the Congress, the Rahul Gandhi-led yatra from Kanyakumari is likely to enter the Union territory in the third week of January.

Singh, a member of Rajya Sabha who is looking after the preparations for the yatra, was received at the

Jammu airport by senior Congress leaders led by former minister Yogesh Sawhney, chief spokesperson of the Pradesh Congress Committee Ravinder Sharma said.

He said Pradesh Youth Congress president Bhamu Chib and Seva Dal chief Sahil Singh Langeh were also present at the airport.

Gandhi will spend eight days in Jammu and Kashmir during the final phase of the yatra, which started from Kanyakumari on September 7 to mobilise public support against the politics of "fear, bigotry and prejudice" and the economics of livelihood destruction, increasing unemployment and growing inequalities, the party said.

## 3-year UG courses won't be discontinued till 4-year programme fully implemented: UGC chief

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Three-year undergraduate courses will not be discontinued till the four-year programme is fully implemented, and under the new pattern, graduates can directly join Ph.D programmes, University Grants Commission Chairman M Jagadeesh Kumar said.

The new credit and curriculum framework for undergraduate (UG) courses was announced earlier this week and it defines Honours degree courses as a four-year programme.

However, Kumar clarified that varsities can choose between the three and four year programmes. "It is left to the universities," he said in an interview with PTI on Wednesday.

He was asked whether it is mandatory for universities to migrate to the four-year pattern for Honours degrees.

"The current three-year UG programmes will continue whether they are called UG degrees such as BA, B.Com, or B.Sc or UG degrees with Honours such as BA (Hon.), B.Com (Hon.), or B.Sc (Hon.)," the University Grants Commission (UGC) chairman said.

Varsities can also take advantage of the four-year undergraduate programme (FYUP) curriculum framework and introduce new courses in three-year UG programmes, Kumar said.

They can do this "with multiple entry and exit

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