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Anti-terror ops won't stop till last terrorist eliminated: LG

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday asserted that antiterrorist operations will not be stopped until the last terrorist is eliminated in the Union Territory

Sinha also said Jammu and Kashmir has marched a great distance in the last three years in ensuring that no section of society is left

"Jammu and Kashmir government is committed that until last terrorist and mentors on the ground are eliminated, anti terrorist operations will not be stopped and assault on terror ecosystem will not be slowed down," the LG said while inaugurating Amar Jawan Shourya Sthal in Reasi.

He said that fear, corruption and dynasty rule in Jammu and Kashmir for a long time had caused damaged to the social setup here, but during past 2-3 years, there has been a great



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha speaking after inaugurating Amar Jawan Shourya Sthal in Reasi on Thursday.

"The effort is to bring major positive changes in social setup in J&K."

He said that for the past thirty years, cross-border terrorism in the Union Territory has been posing a challenge to us. "It is history in itself, the way the army, paramilitary forces and police has given befitting reply to this challenge.

The LG said that the crackdown against terror came became more intense after the Indian Parliament took a "historic decision" in August 2019 under the command of Prime Minister.

In 2019, the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir was bifurcated into two Union territories - Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir and the Article 370, that granted special powers to the state, was abrogated.

The army, CRPF and

police have got many success-

es and stone-pelting and strike have become part of

"Salute to veer Naris, our veterans and tributes to all those martyrs who have sacrificed their lives for our country," Sinha said after laying a floral wreath at Vir

history now, he said

The LG observed that after the abrogation of Article 370, the ecosystem nurturing terrorism has been disman-

"All round economic growth is primary importance for us so that every citizen is able to live a life of honour and dignity in the environment of peace. The new dynamism in rural infrastructure will result in far greater prosperity for the people," the LG

"We have kept the wheels of progress moving to ensure that no section of society is left behind, to ensure that growth benefits

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Three of family die in road accident near Bani

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA/JAMMU: Three members of a family were killed when the car in which they were travelling skidded off the road and fell into a deep gorge in Kathua district on Wednesday night, police said.

Two other members of the family were injured in the accident, they said. After skidding off the road,

the car rolled down into over 300-ft-deep Sewa ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

J&K: Smuggling via drones new challenge, says BSF

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Smuggling of arms and drugs through drones is a new challenge, but the BSF has undertaken several measures, including using anti-drone technology, to foil such attempts, a senior officer of the force said here on Thursday.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a function here, Inspector General, Kashmir Frontier, BSF Ashok Yadav, said the

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Delimitation Commission empowered to redraw constituencies in J&K: Centre to SC

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Centre on Thursday told the Supreme Court that a delimitation commission formed to redraw the Legislative Assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir was empowered to

Seeking dismissal of plea challenging challenging the government's decision to constitute a delimitation commission, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, told the top court carry out delimitation for the

that the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 does not preclude the establishmentofDelimitation Commission by

the Central government. "It is submitted that Sections 61 and 62 of the 2019 Act do not preclude the establishment

Delimitation Commission by the Central Government under section 62 of the 2019 Act... It is submitted that the 2019 Act provides for two alternative mechanisms to Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

"By virtue of Sections 60-61, while the power to determine delimitation is conferred Election Commission, Section 62(2) and 62(3) confers powers to carry out delimitation on the Delimitation Commission constituted under Section 3 of the Delimitation Act,' Mehta told a bench of Justices S K Kaul and Abhay S Oka which reserved its verdict on Thursday. On

AC approves subsidized Rooftop Solar Power Plants on residential buildings across J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a significant step towards a greener future, the Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved installation of Roof Top Solar power plantson Residential Buildings across all districts of J&K. Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the

Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar

Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K attended the

The 20 MW Rooftop Solar Power Plants on Residential Buildings shall be installed by the Jammu and Kashmir Energy Development Agency (JAKEDA), Science and Technology Department, under "Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Programme, Phase-II" of Ministry of New Renewable Energy

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Major revenue scam exposed in Jammu

Retrieved in 2020, 7 Kanals Govt-land in Sunjwan encroached again

VIVEK SHARMA

JAMMU: Taking administration for a ride and brazenly mocking the system, an organized gang of landgrabbers, led by a politician, has encroached seven kanals of prime state land in the Jammu periphery, Sunjwan of Tehsil Bahu, which had ironically been retrieved by the government in 2020.

The dare-devil act reflects the deep-rooted nexus between the land mafia and the Revenue Department, notwithstanding tall claims of zero tolerance on corruption by the Union Territory administration. This is also poor reflection of much trumpeted claim of transparent and effective delivery mechanism.



land grabbers started construction.

bers uprooted the sign board installed over the retrieved land in 2020 by the then SDM Jammu Shrikant Balasaheb Suse, an efficient IAS Officer presently DC Leh, after he got the seven kanals prime land vacated from the possession of the grabbers.

In July this year, the land grabbers started constructions on the encroached land under survey No.886,887,889 etc. measuring above seven kanals land situated at village Sunjwan of Tehsil Bahu Jammu and nobody in the administration bothered to object. The concerned revenue officer seems to have kept his eyes closed for obvious reasons.

officers led by DC Jammu visited Sunjwan area where Temple land was being sold. A strong police contingent has been deployed to ensure that no land-grabber could encroach the land and sell it further. These days, the illegal construc-

oday, a team of revenue

tion of houses is going on unabatedly day and night without any check, sources added. Sources revealed that Rs 2 crore

deal was settled recently with revenue officials, including the SDM South, Tehsildar Bahu, Naib Tehsildar Bahu and others to 'keep their eyes closed'.

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Ensure 100 pc certification of works taken up under JJM: CS other concerned officers of

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday said that the certification of completed works under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) is of paramount importance and should be carried out for all the finished works by the concerned department.

He made these remarks during a periodical review meeting held by him to take stock of the progress made in the implementation of the Mission in the UT.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Jal Shakti Department; CEO, JJM; Chief Engineers and the department.

Outstation based officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

Dr Mehta impressed upon the officers to speed up their pace of work so that the deadline is not missed further. He enjoined upon them to enhance their outreach activities also for the awareness of masses. He told them to give special focus on the works the demands of which had been made during the Back to Village or upcoming My Town My Pride programmes.

The Chief ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Sufficient funds to pay salaries: J-K Police

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday asserted that it has sufficient funds to pay the monthly salaries to its

"Some social accounts, media persons and individuals are falsely reporting that due to nonavailability of budget, the salary of the police employees covered under NPS (new pension scheme) could not

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Shankaracharya temple illuminated with G20 logo ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The famous Shankaracharva temple here was illuminated with the G20 logo on Thursday as India took over the presidency of the international group, officials said

The Shankaracharya or the Jyeshteshwara Temple, situated atop Shankaracharya hill on

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Sunset: 17:26 Hours

Sunrise: 07:15 Hours

Min: 78

Max: 96

JKP SI paper leak scam: CJM rejects teacher's bail plea

STATE TIMES NEWS

Chief Judicial Magistrate Jammu Anjum Ara rejected bail application of Jagdish Lal, a teacher, involved in much publicized JKP Sub Inspector paper leak and recruitment scam.

After hearing both the sides, CJM Jammu Anjum Ara observed that chargesheet in the present case has been filed. However, it is evident from the record that CBI is conducting further investigation in the matter and will file subsequent charge-sheet in the case as there are more evidence to be collected by the non-applicant and there is possibility of involvement of many more accused in the present case of the recruitment and the leakage of paper of sub-inspec-

"The accused is involved in a serious economic offence regarding the irregularities in written examination of Sub Inspectors and he has played a key role in the criminal conspiracy to leak the question paper and sell the same to the candidates in lieu of money.

The investigating agency, CBI has prayed in the charge-sheet that further investigation is still going on

in the case and they will file a subsequent charge sheet as and when the investigation is complete.

It is also alleged that the present accused is highly influential and if bailed out may hamper the investigation and also may influence witnesses and destroy evidence which is yet to be col-

It appears that the offences alleged to be committed by the accused involves interstate gangs operating in several States. In such circumstances, the accused cannot claim bail on

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J&K Bank highest income tax payer in Chandigarh circle ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Income Tax Department on Thursday conducted an Awareness-Cum-Interaction Program on the Importance of Voluntary Compliance to Income Tax Act, 1961 here at J&K Bank's Corporate Headquarters.

The program was attended by Bank's General Managers, Deputy General Managers and senior officers while as Commissioner Assistant Circle Srinagar, Gulzarin Akhtar along with other officers of the department participated in the awareness pro-

Lauding J&K Bank on

Will continue fight for J&K's statehood; land, job rights: Azad



DAP Chairman, Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing a gathering in Doda on Thursday

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Democratic Azad Party Chairman and former Chief Minister, Ghulam Nabi Azad on Thursday said that he will continue to fight on

the political front to ensure statehood is restored to Jammu and Kashmir and all the rights taken away on August 5, 2019 are granted

Azad said that for lasting peace and stability, his party will create diverse employment opportunities for the youths if it gets into

AAP masters in telling lies; spends Rs 15.8 Cr to advertise Rs 40,000 worth chemical for 'Prali' decomposing

Party has earned a 'Khaas' _niche for itself in telling lies and



getting away with it too. Neither once, nor twice but again and again, the AAP top brass brazenly tell lies and strangely believe it to be true as well, testifying the

Goebbels time-tested theory of 'repeat a lie often enough and people will believe

Believe it or not, like Rahul Gandhi's gold production from potatoes, Kejriwal gave a quick solution to Prali (stubble) burning, amid widespread alarm over deteriorating air pollution

hugely in Punjab, saying that a chemical would be devised to address the issue without causing environmental hazards but will also provide benefit of getting fertilizer out of it. The claim was not made in huff but had a sound basis too. But what happened next was a classical case of Kejri functioning.

Post commitment of its Chief Minister, the Delhi government announced with much fanfare that a pilot project would be launched for demonstrating the use of a bio-decomposer, developed by the Indian Agriculture Research (Pusa). Accordingly in 2020, the Agriculture Department of the Delhi Administration covered 1,900 acres of farmland across 39 villages and in last October, decision was taken to bring 4,000 acres of farmland under

spray. The project, however, faced certain technical snags, witnessing hue and cry all over. Eyebrows were raised over the credibility of the Chief Minister and the opposition openly yelled 'fraud, deceit and what not'. The AAP leadership kept on telling lie after lie. However, the hullabaloo was not just the opposition crying wolf as is the trend in Indian politics

The Directorate of Information and Publicity (DIP) of the National Capital administration said in a written reply on August 1, 2021 to BJP MLA OP Sharma's question during the Monsoon Session of the Assembly that the Delhi government has spent over Rs 15.8 crore on advertisements about the Pusa bio-decomposer and Rs 40,000 on the chemical that converts paddy straw (stubble) into manure to combat air pollution.

were interesting, surprising and shocking as well. An amount of Rs 40,000 was spent on the purchase of the chemical to convert stubble into compost. The Agriculture Branch of Development held 56 training programmes with an expenditure of Rs 4,69,000 to raise awareness among farmers against stubble burning. Officials of the Pusa Institute and the government trained around 1,400-1,500 farmers in converting stubble into compost at a special camp. After, that even the chief minister had hailed its use, but the bio-decomposer had run into some problems, following which the Delhi government has ordered a third party probe while Punjab is also separately testing it.

The 'big lie' exploded into a 'big disaster' in October this year, with the

continued Prali burning in Punjab, ironically being ruled by the AAP government and its appeasement policy towards farmers thereof, due to which the air quality index (AQI) of Delhi NCR region reached 300 plus in the third week of October last.

To shift the blame as usual, Kejriwal took the recourse to gimmickry by ordering blanket ban on fireworks on Diwali, which created uproar, earning backlash for the Chief Minister to insult the Hindu sentiments, which, however, does not matter to him at all. But to his sheer discomfort, the Punjab farmers are now up in arms, against the AAP government for betraying them by not fulfilling the lavish and lofty promises. Na Khuda Hi Mila, Na Visale Sanam; Na Idhar Ke Rahe, Na Udhar Ke Rahe!

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