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# New threats to peace, terrorism one of them: LG



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at Message of Humanity Conference organised by Dogra Sadar Sabha, J&K on Thursday.

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said that terrorism exported by the neighbouring country is being witnessed as one of the new threats to peace.

"We are dealing with threat of terrorism firmly and confident of rooting out this menace from our soil, the Lt Governor said while addressing the Message of Humanity Conference organised by Dogra Sadar Sabha, J&K.

The Conference was presided over by Governor of Kerala, Arif Mohammed Khan.

The Lt Governor said that the convention provided a unique platform to spread the eternal and universal message of peace, social equality and communal harmony; aptly echoing the belief of all humanistic thinkers around the world.

We are the inheritors of a great civilisation that has always believed in world

peace and universal brotherhood. Thinkers and individuals must take advantage of the immense moral force of the two and contribute to create an inclusive ecosystem for the society, he said.

Noting that social development and aspirations of people can be fulfilled only in conditions of peace, the Lt Governor said every segment of society must realize the futility of conflict and utility of peace, harmony and brotherhood.

## Kerala Guv hits out at those instrumental in eruption of terrorism, separatism

JAMMU: Kashmir is the crown of India, Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan said on Thursday and hit out at those instrumental in the eruption of separatism and terrorism in the Valley.

He also hit out at separatist leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani and claimed that his ancestors had come to Kashmir after being forced out of their homes in Central Asia.

"After coming here (Kashmir) from Gilan (Iran), you (Geelani) wanted to disintegrate India into pieces (by engineering separatism and terrorism in J-K). He (Geelani) had come from Gilan (Iran). He was a Gilan national (not a Kashmiri)," Khan said at a function here.

"Your (Geelani's) name says that you have come from outside India," he said.

Khan said that nobody leaves his home unless there is a threat to his life. "There were atrocities against the family of Prophet Mohammad and his followers, forcing them to leave their homes," he added. He said they

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As India has assumed G20 Presidency for the next one year, the message of peace, friendship and cooperation enshrined in our cultural heritage should become the guiding principle for the world, said the Lt Governor

Earlier, Prominent religious scholars from different religions, including Padma Shri Vishwamurti Shastri,

Moulana Shahzad Azam Anwari Qasmi, President SGPC, S Ranjit Singh and Fr.Lawrence Tharsis, spoke about the message of fraternity and love as taught by all religions which need to be instilled in the hearts of younger generations.

Thakur Gulchain Singh Charak, President

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## Salary of 162 employees withheld for late reporting, absence

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In order to ensure punctuality in Government Offices, the Senior Officers of District Administration Srinagar on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Thursday conducted surprise inspection of various Government Offices in Srinagar and checked the attendance of employees.

The inspection teams headed by Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Srinagar, Sub Divisional Magistrate, East and Sub Divisional Magistrate West undertook surprise inspection of different Government Offices across the District including Rural Development Department, District Panchayat Office, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Chief Agriculture Officer, R&B, I&FC, FCS&CA, RTO, Revenue Training Institute, R&B, Health Institutions in Medical Zone Batamaloo, Kothibagh Higher Secondary, Middle School Kothibagh, Executive Engineer Water Works Division, UPHC, Qamarwari, BH School, Barthana, PHC, Zainakote,. GGMS Zainakote,

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## Inspr Jaipal deployed with PC Jammu for three months

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: On the approval of Director General of Police (DGP), Inspector Jaipal Sharma has been deployed with PC Jammu for a period of three months. "Inspector Jaipal Sharma of Executive Police, presently attached with Armed Zone, is deployed with PC Jammu for a period of three months with immediate effect. He shall be relieved forthwith," reads an order issued by Ramesh Angral, AIG of Police (Personnel) for DGP, J&K, Jammu.

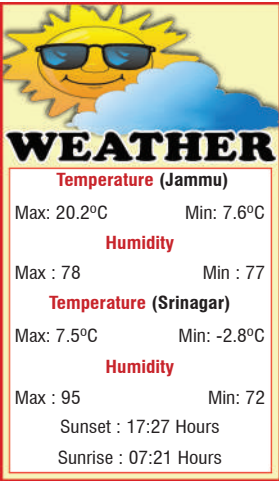
## Mehbooba vacates Govt accommodation in Anantnag district

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Thursday vacated the government accommodation provided to her in Anantnag district, more than a week after the local authorities had asked her to move out.

Mufti, who was one of

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 20.2°C Min: 7.6°C

Humidity

Max: 78 Min: 77

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 7.5°C Min: -2.8°C

Humidity

Max: 95 Min: 72

Sunset : 17:27 Hours

Sunrise : 07:21 Hours

# J&K faces governance deficit: Azad

## 'My fight for statehood, land, job rights for locals will never stop'



DAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing public during rally at Kupwara district.

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KUPWARA: Democratic Azad Party chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Thursday said that the developmental projects approved and executed during his

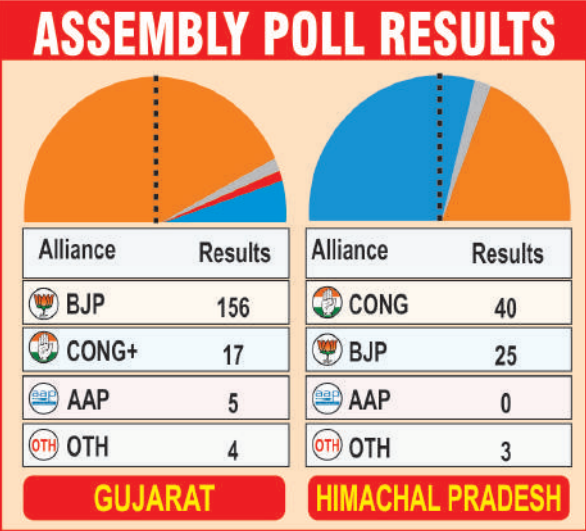
short tenure as J&K chief Minister in Kupwara district have changed the infrastructural landscape of this border region. He said since then no government in power ever could match the developmen-

tal pace and all the benefits people took were being sanctioned or executed during his tenure only.

"Tell me what they did to benefit people. You have got

15 major bridges spanning around 200 to 100 mtrs. 200 bedded district hospital at Kupwara, Degree College for boys and girls, 200

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ness has led the BJP to the best-ever tally for any party in the state assembly polls, reducing to insignificance people's perceived discontent with issues like inflation and local leadership.

In his barnstorming campaign across the state in which he addressed 31 rallies and led three road shows, Modi travelled through various regions of his home state, urging voters to make "Bhupendra break the records of Narendra", an exhortation for a higher tally for the Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel-led

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The apex court said due to the prolonged process of appointment of judges and the delay in clearing the names, several potential judges are withdrawing their consent to be elevated to the bench, which has always been considered an "honour".

While hearing a matter

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said in his address to BJP workers at the party's headquarters after the BJP wrote new records in his home state by winning over 155 seats and fetching over 52 per cent of votes. The BJP lost to the Congress in Himachal Pradesh though.

While the people of Gujarat have "broken records in breaking new records", the BJP fell behind the Congress by less than one per

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## DDC repoll: Independents win Drugmulla, Hajin-A

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The State Election Commissioner, K.K Sharma on Thursday appreciated the efforts of various departments involved in ensuring smooth conduct and counting of votes of repoll of two District Development Council seats in Kashmir.

The SEC further said that despite the cold conditions prevalent in the Valley, the officials associated with the counting and the related things have extraordinarily carried out their duties for declaration of results to the utmost satisfaction of

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## JKSSB postpones CBT exam scheduled for today

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board (JKSSB) on Thursday postponed Computer Based Written Test (CBT) for the post of Sub Inspector, Home Department, which was slated to be held on December 09, 2022.

"It is notified that the examination (CBT) for the post of Sub Inspector, Home Department advertised vide Notification no. 06 of 2021, scheduled for 9th December 2022, has been postponed.

The fresh date of examination shall be notified separately," reads an order issued by Controller of Examination JKSSB, Reyaz Ahmad Malik.

# HC asks J&K Admn to probe irregularities by SSRB; cancels JE, SI exams

## A high-level committee headed by not less than a retired High Court Judge to enquire into conduct of Service Selection Board for its 'brazen irregularities and illegalities'

Aptech limited in furtherance of the aforementioned award of contract to conduct examinations are also set aside and cancelled at whatever stage they are on date", a single-bench of the High Court headed by Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal said.

The court said keeping in view the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case and for the foregoing reasons, it was of the opinion that the process adopted and decision made by awarding contract to Aptech Limited is "malafide" and change of condition in tender was intended to favour Aptech Limited.

"These decisions will have an effect on public interest as the respondent number 2 (Aptech) has been assigned

to conduct examinations, wherein the selectees will be appointed to hold public posts, accordingly this writ petition is allowed and the contract awarded by respondent No 1 (SSRB) in favour of Aptech pursuant to e-NIT for conduct of its various examinations through computer-based tests mode is quashed," the court said in its order.

It further said the present writ petition has been filed by the petitioners, who claim to be the aspirants and have responded to the advertisement for various examinations to be conducted by the JKSSB. The two such examinations are JE and SI to which all the petitioners have responded to and applied. The petitioners had

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## Poll results show all sections supporting BJP; rivals exploiting social faultlines for gains: Modi

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about protracted delay by the Centre in clearing the names recommended by the collegium, a bench headed by Justice S K Kaul said, before the last hearing, 19 names were sent back to the collegium by the government.

"How will this ping-pong battle settle?" asked the bench, also comprising Justices A S Oka and Vikram Nath.

"What troubled us was the fact that there were many names pending for months and years and some reiterated cases," it said, adding, "Our job as judges of the Supreme Court is to

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## that can be called organizational set up in the Congress. This has taken a toll on the party. The huge gap developed during the past five years due to leadership vacuum is difficult for the Congress to fill, he said, adding that the scenario has been so deplorable that the Congress has not been able to organize rallies and public meetings for the central leaders during the electioneering. This raises many questions, he maintained.

Azad said that the Gujarat elections used to be mainly confined between the Congress and the BJP but with the entry of the third factor in terms of Arvind Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party the scenario has totally changed. Those disgruntled with the BJP, or having ideological differences with it, or did not subscribe to its policies will now find an option in the AAP to vote. He referred to the pro-active campaign carried out by the AAP in Gujarat with Kejriwal almost staying put there and working tirelessly to ensure the shift of the Congress vote to his party. This seems to have happened as well, as a result the Congress will find a huge dent in its support base. This is going to impact the Congress's capacity and capability to be a challenger to the national party like the BJP in the crucial 2024 national elections. It will be ironic that a regional party will be snatching the Congress space in the state like Gujarat and be a challenger to the BJP.



to these basic level democratic institutions. Hitherto-fore restricted to urban areas, the BJP's win used to be restricted to Municipal Corporations, Municipalities and Town Area Committees. But due to its sustained political activities and robust organizational structure, the BJP has now succeeded in making significant inroads in the rural areas. In fact there is nothing of the sort

the scenario in the just concluded elections has been different and the Congress is facing the imminent threat of being pushed to the wall. He attributed lack of leadership at both, national and the state level, responsible for the sad state of affairs, saying that this

predominant factor paved way for the BJP to breach the strong bastion of the party in the rural Gujarat. Such a lackadaisical attitude of the leadership has forced the Congress to die its own death. Essentially a rural based party since its inception, the Congress had a strong hold on Zila Parishads and almost used to sweep the elections

## Congress deliberately allowed BJP to grow in rural Gujarat

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Taking jibe at the Congress for deliberately allowing space for the BJP to grow in the rural Gujarat, Chairman, Democratic Azad Party and former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad has held its leadership squarely responsible for the party debacle in the political-ly significant state.

In an exclusive interview to STATE TIMES here the other day, Azad recalled the stiff fight given by the Congress to the BJP in 2017 Gujarat Assembly elections, leaving a slender margin between the two parties. But



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