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## J&K on move with confidence Modi urges political parties to refrain from towards progress, growth: LG

## Seeks peoples' participation in VBSY to achieve 100 pc saturation of schemes

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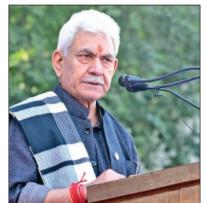
JAMMU: "As we stand at the sunset of 2023 and look back at the months that have passed, we see impressive growth, improved quality of life in rural and urban areas, and visible progress all around," Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Sunday during this month's Awaam ki Awaaz programme.

Sinha added: "I see Jammu and Kashmir on the move with confidence towards the goal.'

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the PRI members, Youth, Women Self-Help Groups, entrepreneurs, voluntary organizations and every section of the society for their active participation in Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra.

He said: "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, largest-ever outreach initiative of the Government of India, will cover every Panchayat and Urban Local Body of J&K. Peoples' participation is important to achieve 100 percent saturation of schemes, ensuring that their benefits reach all intended recipients".

Sharing the inspiring success stories of the citizens, the Lt Governor made a special mention of Munshi Ramji, a sen-



ior citizen from Udhampur, who has made an e-cycle using old laptop battery

Munshi Ramji felt motivated by the Prime Minister's Vocal for Local and Green India Initiative and hopes to sensitize and inspire others towards green alternatives.

The Lt Governor lauded Srinagar's Sadaf for achieving her goal of being a successful entrepreneur in-spite of her

Sadaf's life is a story of grit, self-belief, hard work and determination. Her competence, skills and knowledge is a source of inspiration for other citizens, he said.

The Lt Governor directed the District Administrations to felicitate extraordinary and courageous women like Bhaderwah's Meenakshi Devi and extend them necessary support.

Meenakshi Devi, a female e-rickshaw driver, is the epitome of Nari Shakti. Despite immense challenges, she is offering hope to her family and inspiration to others facing adversity, the Lt Governor said.

Appreciating Pooja of Kot Bhalwal, Jammu, who has established her own homemade chocolate brand called 'Smiley Chocolates', the Lt Governor said the foray of Pooja into entrepreneurship is inspiring other women of the area to choose a courageous path and turn the challenges into opportunities.

The Lt Governor also shared the entrepreneurial journey of Javed Ahmed of Tangmarg, a beneficiary of the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, who

breach is needed to find a DELHI: Prime solution so that it cannot Minister Narendra Modi has happen again, according to expressed his deep concern

> The Prime Minister said it is important to know the

politicising Parliament security breach

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the security breach as unfor-

tunate and worrisome, say-

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cies are conducting a thor-

ough investigation. He said a

deep investigation of the

intentions of the accused and the elements active behind the incident. Modi also appealed to Opposition parties to play a constructive role Parliament as proceedings of both Houses have been adjourned in the last two

Poor feel empowered, confident when they get pucca houses, gas cylinders: PM

VARANASI (UP): Prime Minister Narendra Modi Sunday mocked the Congress' slogan of 'garibi hatao' (remove pover ty) and said the poor feel empowered and confident when they get a pucca house and gas cylinders for their homes.

A poor now says that the day he got a gas cylinder stove in his house the difference between then rich and the poor ended for him, Modi said, addressing the Viksit Bharat Sankalp

He termed the yatra his own "examination" and a feedback mechanism to learn directly from people if welfare schemes meant for them is reaching them.

"The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra is in a way my 'kasauti' (test) also, Modi said. "It is my examination... whether what ever I had said and whatever I am doing, I want to hear from you and from the entire country whether it has happened in the right proportion. Whether it has been done for the person for whom it was intended to, and whether the work which was to be done, has happened or not." ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

days of the current session over the issue. Earlier, in a meeting on Thursday, the Prime Minister had directed senior Ministers to treat the security breach in Lok Sabha with utmost seriousness. He cautioned against politicising the issue and urged to take

collective measures to avoid such security breaches in future. The security breach in Parliament occurred on Wednesday when two intruders entered Lok Sabha from the visitors gallery releasing yellow

## Social awareness continuous process: Bhagwat



Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief

Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday said social awareness is a continuous process which changes as per the prevailing situations. Addressing a gathering after launching the centenary year of the Lokmanya Tilak Smarak

#### Mandir here, Bhagwat said as society keeps evolving, "dialogue needs to continue". The need for social and political awareness was much discussed and worked upon during the independence movement, he said.

Lokmanya Tilak played an important role in raising the awareness, he said. "Tilak's declaration that Swaraj is my birthright, and I shall have it' was a means to tell society that don't run away from struggle, don't give up and work to fulfil your responsibilities'. There is a need to unite everyone on the path to progress and develop**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

BENGALURU: Justice of India D Y Chandrachud on Sunday said though households provide a private sanctuary to the inhabitants, it may not be simply an equitable space.

Dwelling on the topic Constitutional imperativeness of the state, navigating discrimination in public and private spaces' the Chief Justice underlined that the gain of improving private lives will reflect on public life as well, for these private structures are not constitutional vacuums'.

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Memorial Lecture organised the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru

According to the CJI, courts in India have in the past privileged the institution of marriage over the individual. The courts inherited the thought that the need to preserve the Justice Chandrachud was institutions is greater than



Private lives at households are not

immune from the applications of the core principles of constitutional law,

"In all fairness, this tendency to insulate private lives of individuals is well founded. even if we may disagree.

constitutional vacuums for injustice: CJI After all, privacy is but an extension of personhood and dignity. It is a right that guarantees against the excessive intrusion of the individual's life by both state and non-state actors against the excesses of the public and private authorities. It accords an effective barrier against surveillance and restrictions on expression,"

> "I asked myself, what is the harm in stopping law at this threshold of the household? The answer lies in the fact that the household as much as it provides a private

the Chief Justice noted.

## Traditions, innovations should be balanced in armed forces: Rajnath

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HYDERABAD: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday stressed the need for maintaining the traditions of the armed forces while adopting innovation and said there has to be a balance between both of them.

Addressing the Combined Graduation Parade (CGP) at the Air Force Academy at Dundigul near here, Singh urged the newly commissioned officers to never lose their openness towards new ideas, innovative thinking and idealism.

He exhorted the officers to give due importance to tradition in the Armed Forces, terming it as time-tested, but pointed out that if tradition is followed for a long time without thinking, then a state of "inertia or ossification" occurs in the system. To avoid this situation and keep pace with the constantlyevolving times, there is a need to innovate.

The Defence Minister called for striking a balance between tradition and innovation, describing it as extremely crucial.

"Strike a balance between tradition and innovation to evolving times. If we follow

keep pace with constantlyonly tradition, we will

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 It took Indian Army to show to world that 'enough is

## Russia & Ukraine launch numerous

#### drone attacks STATE TIMES NEWS

KYIV: Russia and Ukraine reportedly launched mass drone attacks at each other's territories for a second straight day Sunday, one of which apparently targeted a Russian military airport. At least 35 Ukrainian

drones were shot down overnight over three regions in southwestern Russia, the Russian Defence Ministry said in a post on the messaging app Telegram.

A Russian air base hosting bomber aircraft used in the war in Ukraine was among the targets, according to a Russian Telegram channel critical of the Kremlin. The channel posted short videos of drones flying over low-rise housing in what it said was the Russian town of Morozovsk, whose air base is home to Russia's 559th Bomber Aviation Regiment.

Vasily Golubev, the governor of Russia's Rostov province, separately reported "mass drone strikes" near Morozovsk and another town farther west, but didn't

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Sunset: 17:19 Hours

Sunrise: 07:22 Hours

Min: 76

Max: 95

# CS addresses 41st National Pensioners Day celebrations

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Sunday remarked that pensioners have dedicated their main part of life for the service of their nation and we need to honour and respect them in every sphere of life. The Chief Secretary made

these remarks while delivering a momentous address during the celebrations of 41st National Pensioners Day at Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) here, organised by Central Government Pensioners Welfare Association Jammu (CGP-



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo participating in 41st National Pensioners Day celebrations at IIPA. Jammu on Sunday.

Commissioner, B.R Sharma; Patron CGPWAJ. S.S. Wazir; President CGPWAJ, Kuldeep Khoda; Vice President CGPWAJ, Dr. Sudershan Kumar; General Secretary, CGPWAJ, K.B Jandial; retired Civil Service

officers and officers of other central departments were also present on the occasion. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Secretary expressed gratitude to the retired officers for their dedi-

LG attends Mahamana Malaviya Mission's event at Bengaluru

nation and made profound

impact on society, economy and education," the Lt

rendered by them throughout their professional lives. He expressed gratitude to pensioners for their resilience, hard work, and dedication, which have laid the foundation for a prosperous nation.

Acknowledging their role in shaping the future of nation, Atal Dulloo underlined the importance of honouring and respecting the pensioners, maintaining that they have set an example for budding officers on how to perform and conduct during their service career.

The Chief Secretary also made refrence to the landmark judgement of Supreme Court in which it

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**STATE TIMES NEWS** NEW DELHI: China fol-

lowed "wolf-warrior diplomacy" and "salami-slicing" tactics with impunity browbeating smaller neighbours and it took the Indian Army to show to the world that "enough is enough" and challenge the "neighbourhood bully", says Gen Manoj Mukund Naravane, the 28th Chief of Army Staff, recounting the Indian response to the Chinese aggression in Eastern Ladakh in 2020.

In his memoirs 'Four Stars of Destiny', Naravane, providing a rare insight into the deadly Galwan Valley clash-

es, says Chinese President Xi Jinping will not forget June 16 any time soon as China's

enough': Gen Naravane on Eastern Ladakh



suffered "fatal casualties" for the first time in over two decades in the fighting. Naravane, one of the foremost Army Generals, provid-

ed a gripping account of the India-China confrontation before and after the deadly Galwan Valley incident, India's overall response to the Chinese action and how it served as a catalyst to firm up the Army's combat readiness along the Line of Actual

Control (LAC).

"It was one of the saddest days of my entire career,' savs Naravane recalling the death of 20 Army personnel in the Galwan Valley clashes in June 2020.

His tenure as the Army Chief from December 31, 2019 to April 30, 2022

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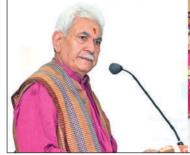
## Make in India, AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan unlocks India's manufacturing potential: Sinha

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BENGALURU: Observing Minister Prime Narendra Modi has fulfilled the dream of Mahamana Ma;aviya, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said that Make in India and AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan unlocked India's manufacturing potential.

"Marginalized section of society has been empowered, rural economy has been transformed and modern education, skilling, upskilling are creating employment and entrepreneurship opportunities," he said at a function organized by Mahamana Malaviva Mission Bengaluru.

The Lt Governor also



shared the key endeavours of the government, under the leadership of Prime Minister,

India. The Lt Governor commended the efforts of the Mahamana Malaviya Mission for promoting the

to realise the vision of Aatma

Nirbhar and a Developed



He highlighted the signifivisionary Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya. "Mahamana is the light on our path. His life-long campaigns had awakened the conscience of the entire

cant contribution of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya in reviving India's business, industrial education and country's rich civilizational heritage and laying the foundation for future India. his Through works

sense of pride in country's history, present and future potential, the Lt Governor

During the freedom struggle, Mahamana taught us the doctrine of self-reliance and used education as an instrument to build a large pool of excellent human resources, scientific and technological excellence and inspired the local industries to occupy their rightful place in the global economy, he said.

He was truly a miracle man, who very well knew that modern education could transform India's youth into a great power to contribute to society and to achieve selfgrowth. As a chief

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## **Govt likely to table Telecommunications** Bill 2023 in Lok Sabha today

#### STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: The govern-

ment is likely to table the Telecommunications Bill 2023 in Lok Sabha on Monday, according to sources. The Telecommunications Bill 2023 aims to replace the 138 vears old Indian Telegraph Act that governs the telecom

"The President has been informed about Telecommunications 2023. It is likely to be introduced in Lok Sabha on Monday, December 18," a source told PTI. The Cabinet had cleared the bill in August.

Telecommunications released in 2023 had proposed to bring over-the-top or the internet based calling and messaging apps under the definition of telecommunica-

tions to enhance users' safety. The bill had also proposed to curb the power of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai), on which industry players had raised concern.

According to government officials, the issues around over-the-top players and Trai were resolved before it was cleared by the Cabinet.

The draft had proposed to ease some of the rules like refund of fees for licence, registration etc. in case a company surrenders its permit.

The new bill proposes the government to be vested with the power to waive off entry fees, licence fee, penalty etc. in the interest of consumers. ensuring competition in the market, availability or continuity of telecom networks, and national security.