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Promoting learning beyond classroom real challenge: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Observing that school is the cradle of future leaders and centre of creativity, character building and a fundamental medium to strengthen the value system in society, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said the real challenge before the educational system is to promote learning beyond classroom and impart life skills.

The Lieutenant Governor was speaking at the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Delhi Public School, Jammu.

He highlighted the transformation taking place in education sector and emphasized the need to reinvent the concepts of classroom learning. He called upon the teaching community and the educational institutions to adopt best practices aligned with the National Education Policy to bridge the learning gaps.

National Education Policy



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha speaking during Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Delhi Public School, Jammu.

has provided the immense possibilities to elevate the learning and create a conducive environment for critical thinking, creativity, individuality and inquisitiveness to flourish so that our young children can learn new things, he said.

At Silver Jubilee Celebrations, the Lt Governor encouraged the students to follow their passion and believe in their abilities and potential.

"Never stop chasing your dreams, is my message to our youth. Discover what you really love doing, strive continuously to achieve new goals, reflect on your greatest passion and never ever stop believing in yourself," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor congratulated the Administration, Teachers and Students of Delhi Public School on the occasion.

He said the reputed educational institution, under the care and tutelage of

Six Kulgam residents die in HP road mishap, LG expresses grief

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU/SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and other political leaders on Monday expressed grief over the death of six labourers from Kulgam district who were killed in a road accident in Himachal Pradesh.

The six men were travelling in a pickup truck that fell into a gorge near Sunni

Fire breaks out in Baramulla; four houses, mill damaged

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A joinery mill and four houses were damaged when a fire broke out in Baramulla district, officials said here on Monday.

No casualties have been reported.

An official of the Fire and Emergency Services Department said the fire broke out late on Sunday night. Fire tenders were rushed to spot and

Don't vent frustration of assembly polls defeat inside Parliament: Modi to opposition

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday asked the opposition not to vent its frustration over the assembly polls defeat inside Parliament and move forward leaving behind "negativity", saying that may change the people's perspective towards them.

Speaking with the media outside Parliament building ahead of the Winter Session, he said the session was a "golden opportunity" for the opposition.

"The country has rejected negativity. We always have dialogue with opposition friends at the start of session, we always seek cooperation of everyone. This time also all such processes have been completed," he said.

This "temple of democracy" is a very important platform for people's aspirations and strengthening foundation of a developed India, Modi said and urged all members to



PM Narendra Modi addressing media outside Parliament building ahead of Winter Session on Monday.

come well prepared and hold thorough discussions on bills so that good suggestions come to the fore.

But if discussion does not take place, the country misses those things, Modi said.

"If I speak on basis of the assembly poll results, this is a golden opportunity for friends in opposition. Instead of making plans for venting frustration over defeat, they should learn from this defeat, leaving behind the habit of negativity of the last nine

HC issues notice to Ch Lal Singh in an appeal filed by ED

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court today after hearing DSGI Vishal Sharma issued notice to former Minister and Dogra Swabhiman Sangathan Party (DSSP) Supremo Lal Singh in an appeal filed by Enforcement Directorate against the order of Trial Court whereby Trial Court granted interim bail.

During the course of hearing DSGI Vishal Sharma submitted that since the matter involves consideration of bail application only pending investigation by the Enforcement Directorate, in as much as this Court as well

as the Court of Special Judge Anticorruption, CBI Cases, Jammu both have been designated as Special Courts under PMLA, thus, have jurisdiction to consider cases arising thereto. However, the instant case is not related to taking of cognizance of the offences under PMLA, because complaint is yet to be filed.

Justice Rajnesh Oswal after hearing DSGI Vishal Sharma issued notice to former Minister and Dogra Swabhiman Sangathan Party (DSSP) Supremo Lal Singh and ordered that any order passed by the Trial Court shall be subject to final outcome of petition.

Fix timeline for completion of work on new industrial estates: J&K CS to officers

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo on Monday asked the industries and commerce department to fix the timeline for completion of work on 46 new industrial estates in the Union Territory.

He said Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are the backbone of the industrial sector and emphasised upon providing the necessary support to such units in every sphere to upgrade their status from lower to higher stratum to generate employment on a large scale.



CS Atal Dulloo chairing introductory review meeting of industries and commerce department in Jammu on Monday.

Dulloo, who took over as J&K Chief Secretary on December 1, was speaking at the introductory review meeting of the industries and commerce department to take stock of its working and implementation of the industrial policy, an official spokesman said.

The chief secretary advises for fixing timelines for completion of work on all the new industrial estates besides regularly monitoring the allotments to ensure the

Court rejects bail of close associate of foreign terrorist

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Special Judge NIA Srinagar Sandeep Gandotra rejected the bail application of one Ashiq Hussain Bhat, a close associate of Foreign Terrorist.

According to the police case that on 19th December, 2021 District Police Srinagar reliably learnt that terrorists have taken shelter at Darbagh area of Harwan and were planning to carry out terror attack in the area. On receipt of this information Srinagar police, PC Srinagar Valley QAT, CRPF, Party of 54 Bn CRPF, 24 RR launched search operation in the area. As the search was

being conducted, terrorists fired upon the cordon party with an intention to kill them. The security forces retaliated and during exchange of fire, one unidentified terrorist of LeT outfit got killed. One AK 56 Rifle, 27 rounds, 3 AK 47 Magazines, 01 Chinese Grenade, 01 Ammunition Pouch, Medicine 02 Stripes and colour mobile Redmi 9 Pro having IMEI No. 867799043782431/49 have been recovered from the possession of deceased terrorist. During the investigation Ashiq Hussain Bhat disclosed that from the last

Retired school principal chargesheeted for cheating

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Crime branch of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday filed a chargesheet against a retired school principal for duping a family of over Rs 1.54 lakh on the pretext of arranging a government job for their daughter in Rajouri district, an official said.

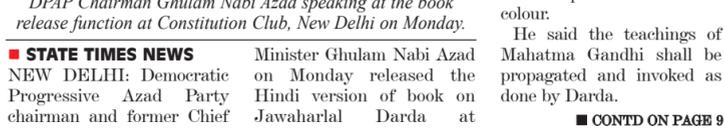
Davindra Singh Soodan, son of Keher Singh, resident of Ward No. 14 near Rattan Palace Kathua, the

Azad releases Hindi version of book on 'Jawaharlal Darda'

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad on Monday released the Hindi version of book on Jawaharlal Darda at Constitution Club, New Delhi and termed him as one of the greatest politicians of Indian sub continent and a real freedom fighter, who devoted his life to country.

The former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir said that his teachings must be followed so that the people live with respect and dignity and share the mutual interests irrespective of caste and colour.

He said the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi shall be propagated and invoked as done by Darda.



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad speaking at the book release function at Constitution Club, New Delhi on Monday.

RS passes Bill amending 125-year-old Indian Post Office Act

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Rajya Sabha on Monday passed the Post Office Bill, 2023 that seeks to repeal the 125-year-old Indian Post Office Act and consolidate and amend the law relating to post offices in the country.

According to the proposed legislation, "the central government may, by notification, empower any officer to intercept, open or detain any item in the interest of the security of the State, friendly relations with foreign states, public order, emergency or public safety, or upon the occurrence of any contravention of any of the provisions of any law for the time being in force".

Replying to the discussion for the consideration of the Bill in the Upper House of

Parliament, Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw explained the provision for interception.

"In a society which is as complex and diverse, and times which are as difficult as they are, it is very important that interception is done. This kind of a provision is kept for national security," he said.

The Bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha during the Monsoon Session of Parliament.

According to the statement of objects and reasons of the bill, over the years, the services available through post offices have diversified beyond mail and the post office network has become a vehicle for delivery of a variety of citizen-centric

Minimum temperatures in most of Kashmir hover near freezing point

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Minimum temperatures in most places of the Kashmir Valley dropped close to the freezing point or below it on Monday days after the region witnessed snowfall and rain.

While the minimum temperature in Srinagar City and Kokernag town in south Kashmir stayed marginally above the freezing point, Pahalgam and Gulmarg continued to reel under sub-zero temperatures, weather department officials said.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, which serves as one

Massive searches underway in Rajouri, Poonch; 3 detained

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Three persons were detained for questioning as security forces launched massive search operations to flush out suspected terrorists in the forest areas of Rajouri and Poonch districts, officials said on Monday.

The joint search operations by police, Army, and CRPF in different parts of Budhal, Thanamandi, Sunderbani, and Kalakote in Rajouri and Mendhar in Poonch were underway when last reports were received, officials said.

They said three persons were picked up for question-



Security forces conducting massive searches in Rajouri and Poonch districts.

ing from Barote in Budhal Sunday evening.

Searches have been on in Muradpur, Bathuni, Ghai Bhawal (Sunderbani), Tatta Pani Broh in Kalakote, Ghambir Mughlan in

Mizoram polls: ZPM dethrones MNF, bags 27 of 40 seats

STATE TIMES NEWS
AIZAWL: The Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) stormed to power in Mizoram by dethroning the Mizo National Front (MNF) bagging 27 seats in the 40-member House on Monday.

The MNF won 10 seats, BJP (2) and Congress (1), Election Commission officials said. Prominent ZPM winners include the party's CM face Lalduhoma,

WEATHER
Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 22.4°C Min: 11.0°C
Humidity
Max: 81 Min: 80
Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 13.9°C Min: 0.7°C
Humidity
Max: 94 Min: 73
Sunset : 17:17 Hours
Sunrise : 07:13 Hours

SC seeks details on progress of construction of new HC complex at Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday sought to know from the central government the progress made towards constructing a new high court complex at Jammu.

On June 28, Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud had laid the foundation stone of a new high court complex in the city.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia passed the order while hearing a petition highlighting the vacancies at the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) benches in Jammu and Srinagar and pendency of cases there.

Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for the

Centre, placed before the bench an updated note indicating the position regarding vacancies and pendency of cases in CAT benches in the two cities.

On the issue of infrastructure for the tribunal, Bhati said the counsel representing the state may have some instructions.

The state's counsel said some progress has been made so far as Srinagar was concerned but in Jammu, the identification of land was an issue.

"My instructions are that there is now an agreement that once the existing high court building is vacated, the tribunal, Jammu bench, will shift there," Bhati told the bench.

Justice Kaul told Bhati the

construction of the proposed building had not even started yet.

"Nothing is being constructed. It has not even started. Only thing which has happened is we had all joined there for laying of the foundation stone. That is all that has happened there. Nothing else has happened. Not an inch of movement there," he said, adding "There seems to be a fund problem".

Bhati requested the bench to permit her to place an affidavit on the issue.

"We have perused the updated status report but a lot remains to be done," the bench noted in its order.

It noted the ASG has submitted that there was a

Over 75 pc UAPA cases in 2022 from J&K, Manipur, Assam, UP; Bengal had 25 pc sedition cases: NCRB

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, Assam and Uttar Pradesh together registered over three-fourth of all UAPA cases in India in 2022, while one-fourth of sedition cases were registered in West Bengal alone, according to the latest NCRB data on "Offences against the State".

Altogether 20 cases of sedition under the Indian Penal Code section 124A were lodged across India in 2022 while 1,005 were registered under the stringent Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), which functions under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, showed in its annual crime report.

Notably, sedition cases

have come down since 2020 while those lodged under the UAPA saw a rise in the last three years, according to the data.

In 2021, 76 cases of sedition and 814 cases of UAPA were lodged in the country, while in 2020 the figures for the same were logged at 73 and 796, official data from corresponding years showed.

Among states and Union Territories, the maximum number of UAPA cases were lodged in Jammu and Kashmir (371) followed by Manipur (167), Assam (133) and Uttar Pradesh (101).

The maximum cases of sedition were lodged in West Bengal (5) followed by 3 each in Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur and Uttar Pradesh, the NCRB