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We are fastest growing economy today: LG

"Challenge is to make sure India's share of world GDP is more than a quarter by 2047"

STATE TIMES NEWS
UTTAR PRADESH: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said, "We are the fastest growing economy today but our challenge is to make sure India's share of world GDP is more than a quarter by 2047".
Felicitating and interacting with the Youth during Pratibha Samman Samaroh at Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Degree College, Gonda, Uttar Pradesh, the Lieutenant Governor emphasised the crucial role of educational institutions in capacity building of the future workforce and realizing the vision of Developed India.
He highlighted the changes taking place in higher education sector, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in the past few years.
The Lieutenant Governor said the visionary National



LG Manoj Sinha speaking during Satya Deo Singh memorial event at Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Degree College, Gonda, Uttar Pradesh on Monday.

- ▶▶ **LG attends Satya Deo Singh memorial event at Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Degree College, Gonda, UP; pays tributes to former MP & senior BJP Leader**
- ▶▶ **Felicitates and interacts with Youth, highlights changes taking place in higher education**
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future growth. Focus on knowledge connectivity, skilling, entrepreneurship and sustained growth has made India world's new growth engine, he added.
He observed that the educational institutions are driving the nation's progress and they should promote learning beyond the classroom.
National Education Policy 2020 emphasizes on capacity building to adjust to continuously changing scenarios.

Education Policy is laying a strong foundation for our

Govt asks MPs to publicise list of fake universities on social media

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The government on Monday asked Members of Parliament to spread awareness about 21 fake universities operating across the country and caution students against joining such institutions.
Replying to supplementaries during Question Hour in the Lok Sabha, Union Minister of State for Education Suktanta Majumdar said the central government had requested the chief secretaries of all states and Union Territory administrations to take legal action for closure of these institutions.

"I appeal to the members of Parliament, who are also active on social media and have a following among students, to publicise the list of fake universities on their social media platforms. Such efforts will prevent students falling prey to such spurious claims," Majumdar said.
He said the state governments had also been asked to take appropriate action against those involved in defrauding and cheating students by misrepresenting themselves as "universities", awarding degrees and using the word "university" with their names.

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Three-pronged strategy adopted to root out Naxals: Amit Shah

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAGDALPUR (CHHATTISGARH): A comprehensive three-pronged strategy is being adopted by the government to free all Naxal-affected areas in the country from the menace, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Monday.
Paying tributes here to all those who laid down their lives fighting Naxalism, Shah said as part of this strategy, first, those who are willing to renounce violence and ready to return to the mainstream are being welcomed.
Secondly, he said, efforts are being intensified to apprehend those who refuse to abandon the path of violence.
"Lastly, strict action will be taken against individuals intent on harming others, ensuring they face the full force of justice," he added.



The home minister emphasised that this menace must be completely uprooted to prevent further loss of innocent lives.
Underlining the government's unwavering resolve to restore peace in Chhattisgarh and other Naxal-affected states, Shah said the achievements of the past year in combating Naxalism in

Chhattisgarh are unprecedented.
Never before has such a vast area been liberated from Naxal influence in a single year nor have such significant numbers of Naxalites surrendered, been neutralised or arrested, he said.
Within a year, 287 Naxalites were neutralised, approximately 1,000 were arrested and 837 surrendered in Chhattisgarh, he added.
Shah commended the Chhattisgarh government for executing a highly effective and well-coordinated strategy in this effort.
He acknowledged the commendable teamwork of Chhattisgarh Police and central security forces who have launched a robust operation guided by a clear and focused plan. The home minister also

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Two held with 5.5 kg heroin near LoC

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI/JAMMU: Two suspected narcotics smugglers were arrested and 5.50 kilogrammes of heroin seized from them near the Line of Control (LoC) officials said on Monday.
The seizure of the huge quantity of heroin, worth crores of rupees in the international market, from the Nowshera sector thwarted an attempt by the drug peddlers to smuggle the contraband from across the border, they said.
The accused -- Sajjan Kumar (25) and Subash Chander (36) -- were arrested during a joint operation conducted by the Army and the police in the forward villages of Sher and Kaneti late on Sunday.
The Border Security Force (BSF) had recovered a Pakistani drone and nearly half-a-kilogramme of high-grade narcotics along the international border in the Arnia sector of Jammu on Saturday.

BJP to Rahul after Omar's comments: Dont's blame EVMs

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The BJP on Monday latched onto Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah's sharp take on the Congress over a host of issues to attack Rahul Gandhi, saying if he does not know how to fight elections then he should not blame Electronic Voting Machines.
"Leadership is not earned and not demanded. You have to have the qualities of a leader. You cannot impose yourself," BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra said at a press conference, targeting the Congress leader.
He said the National

Conference leader has conveyed his message bluntly to Gandhi due to the conduct of the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha.
Patra said even Congress allies have realised the legacy of the Gandhi family and the main opposition party. The BJP spokesperson claimed that the INDIA bloc was the "biggest scam" and that its allies fight polls separately and project different leaders as the face of the opposition alliance.
In an exclusive interview to PTI, Abdullah had asked the Congress to justify its leadership role in the alliance

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Properties of 'drug peddlers' attached

STATE TIMES NEWS
KUPWARA: Authorities on Monday attached two residential houses belonging to alleged drug peddlers in Kupwara district, a police spokesperson said.
"Police in Kupwara have attached two residential properties belonging to drug peddlers in the border area of Karnah under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act," the police spokesperson said.
He said it is the first time that such stringent action has been taken under the NDPS Act in this region. "One of the properties

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Lawyers' protest at Janipur: ASI Traffic suspended, inquiry ordered

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A group of lawyers in Jammu staged a strong protest on Monday after reports emerged of alleged misbehavior by a traffic cop with Rohit Sharma, the president of the Young Lawyers Association.
The protest, which took place at the High Court Turning Chowk, saw the lawyers shouting anti-police slogans and blocking the Ambhalla-Janipur road for over two hours.
They demanded the immediate suspension of the traffic officer involved.
The lawyers, visibly upset,



Lawyers protesting in Jammu seeking action against traffic officer.

raised concerns about the alleged misconduct and misbehavior by ASI Kamal Kumar Sharma, who was reported to have misbehaved with the lawyer during his duties. "We demand his suspension followed by an enquiry," the

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 19.3°C Min: 6.6°C

Humidity
Max: 69 Min: 61

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 9.5°C Min: -2.2°C

Humidity
Max: 89 Min: 67

Sunset: 17:32 Hours
Sunrise: 07:26 Hours

Vijay Diwas marked with wreath-laying ceremonies in J&K, Ladakh

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Army's northern command Monday organised wreath-laying ceremonies at various places in Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh to celebrate Vijay Diwas, which marks India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war that led to the birth of Bangladesh as an independent nation.
The Udhampur-based Northern Command commemorated the occasion with a wreath-laying ceremony led by its General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Lt Gen M V Suchindra Kumar at the Dhruva War Memorial, the Army said.
"He (Lt Gen Kumar) interacted with veterans who continue to inspire us through their legacy of courage and dedication," the Northern Command said in a post on X.
The Jammu-based Tiger Division also celebrated the day at the



Northern Army Commander Lt Gen M V Suchindra Kumar saluting at the Dhruva War Memorial in Udhampur on Monday.

'Balidan Stambh', a war memorial, here.
The event was held to commemorate the supreme sacrifices made by the gallant soldiers during the India-Pakistan war of 1971 in which the

Tiger Division, laid a wreath at the eternal flame of the memorial with a ceremonial guard of honour in the presence of other ranks of the division, he said.
In the Union Territory of Ladakh, the Army commemorated Vijay Diwas with a solemn ceremony at the 'Hall of Fame' in Leh to honour the brave soldiers.
Chief of Staff, Fire and Fury Corps, Major General Dinesh Kumar Singh led the tribute by laying a wreath, the spokesperson said.
He said the ceremony to pay homage to the fallen heroes was attended by military officers, junior commissioned officers and other ranks of the Fire and Fury Corps, Air Force Station, Leh, and other units.
The event concluded with a resolve to uphold the legacy of the war heroes and a commitment to protect the sovereignty of the nation, the spokesperson added.

North India reels under intense cold

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Cold wave conditions gripped the northern states of Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana and Delhi on Monday. While sub-zero temperatures were recorded in Jammu and Kashmir, mercury dipped below 10 degrees Celsius in parts of the eastern state of Odisha.
Kashmir reeled under intense cold wave as the minimum temperature stayed several degrees below freezing point. Konibal, a sleepy hamlet on the outskirts of Pampore town, was the coldest place in the valley recording a low of minus 6 degrees Celsius.
While Pahalgam, the base camp of annual Amarnath Yatra, recorded minus 5 degrees Celsius, Srinagar city registered a low of minus 3.4 degrees Celsius and Gulmarg minus 4 degrees Celsius.
The MeT office has forecast mainly dry weather in the Union Territory till December 26 with possibility of light snowfall in higher reaches of the valley on the night of December 21-22.
Punjab and Haryana also remained in the grip of biting cold with Faridkot and Hisar recording a low of 0.6 degrees Celsius each.
Chandigarh, the common capital of the two states, on Monday recorded 26.1 degrees Celsius, more than three notches above normal limits.
Ludhiana and Patiala, too, braved the chill, registering respective minimums of 3.6 degrees and 5.3 degrees Celsius.
Gurdaspur and Bathinda also experienced a cold night, recording respective

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