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Attends 'Vishesh Shaheedi Samagam' organised by AJKSCC Sikh Gurus have made unparalleled sacrifices for country: LG



LG Manoj Sinha paying obeisance at Gurdwara Digiana Ashram on the occasion of Veer Baal Diwas on Thursday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday paid tributes to the Sahibzades, Mata Gujri Ji and Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji in 'Vishesh Shaheedi Samagam', a programme organised by 'All Jammu Kashmir Sikh Coordination

Committee' (AJKSCC) on 'Veer Baal Diwas', at Gurdwara Digiana Ashram. "Sikh Gurus have made unparalleled sacrifices for the country. India and its history have witnessed the efforts of the Sikh community and the Sikh Gurus to awaken the society and con-

tinuously protect its values," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor emphasized that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken various steps to honor the legacy of Sikh Gurus and revive their legacy.

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Former PM Manmohan Singh passes away at 92



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, the architect of India's economic reforms, died on Thursday night. He was 92.

Singh's death was announced by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi, where he was admitted in the Emergency ward around 8.30 PM in a critical condition.

An AIIMS bulletin said "he was treated for age related medical conditions and had sudden loss of consciousness at home" on December 26.

"Resuscitative measures were started immediately at home. He was brought to medical emergency at AIIMS Delhi at 8.06 pm. Despite all efforts, he could not be revived and was declared dead at 9.51 pm," said the bulletin.

Singh, who was prime minister for two terms in the Congress-led UPA government from 2004 to 2014, had been in poor health for the last few months.

He is survived by wife Gurcharan Singh and three daughters.

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CJ inaugurates Court Complex at Katra



Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan inaugurating Court Complex at Katra on Thursday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Tashi Rabstan, on Thursday inaugurated Court Complex Katra in

presence of Justice Mohammad Akram Choudhary, Administrative Judge for Reasi district. This Court Complex building

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Govt announces 7-day mourning

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Union government on Thursday declared a seven-day mourning in honour of former prime minister Manmohan Singh, officials said here.

They said the Cabinet will meet at 11 am on Friday to pay tributes to him.

Singh's last rites will be conducted with full state honours, the officials added.

Manmohan Singh, the architect of India's economic reforms, died here on Thursday night at the age of 92. He was the prime minister during 2004-14.


RJ Simran Singh from J&K found dead

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Simran Singh, a well-known free-lance radio jockey and social media influencer from Jammu and Kashmir, was reportedly found dead in her rented



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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 22.1°C Min: 7.6°C

Humidity
Max: 74 Min: 56

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 7.8°C Min: -7.3°C

Humidity
Max: 98 Min: 68

Sunset : 17:32 Hours
Sunrise : 07:31 Hours

Uninterrupted power supply only after 100 pc metering: CM Omar Abdullah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday said people in the valley were facing difficulties due to intense cold conditions but the government would be able to provide uninterrupted electricity only after 100 per cent metering is achieved.

"As far as winter preparedness is concerned, there is an intense cold, and there has been a dry spell. I pray to God for snowfall so that this dry spell ends.

"Our endeavour is to minimise the power cuts, and ensure water supply even as



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah listening to people's grievances during public outreach programme at Srinagar.

pipes freeze due to the low temperature. Despite difficulties, our endeavour is that the government functions smoothly," Abdullah told reporters here.

The Chief Minister said the complaints of unscheduled power cuts would continue "because there is pressure on the system".

"The problem is that some

people have a (load) agreement of four bulbs, but they use four heaters instead... Meter is the best way to address this, the more metering we have, the less power cuts there will be.

"I hope we take J&K to 100 per cent metering so that we supply 24 hours electricity. God willing, we will achieve that very soon," he added.

He said the government is making attempts to maintain a contact with the people and address their demands and difficulties, even as some issues will persist until statehood is restored.

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CS reviews preparations for Republic Day celebrations

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Thursday held a meeting of top civil administration and police officers to take stock of the preparations made for celebrating the upcoming Republic Day, 2025 here in the UT.

The Chief Secretary took this occasion to impress upon the concerned divisional administration to take necessary steps to encourage people to participate in this national event. He asked for creating celebratory aura throughout J&K especially in the twin cities of Jammu and Srinagar.

Dulloo took this occasion to direct the administration to illuminate all the landmark sites and prominent government buildings. He also stressed on ensuring plausible transport and seating arrangements for the school children.

The Chief Secretary further instructed for making adequate arrangements for parking of vehicles besides ensuring smooth movement of traffic on roads. He took note of the kind of security arrangements required to be put in place for ensuring smooth conduct of this significant event.

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Two hard-core OGWs booked under PSA

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a decisive crack-down on anti-national activities, two hardcore Over Ground Workers (OGWs) have been booked under the Public Safety Act (PSA) for their involvement in subversive activities.

The District Police in Kishtwar booked Jaffer Hussain Butt, son of Mohd Ashraf Butt, a resident of Hunjala, Tehsil and District Kishtwar, under the PSA. Jaffer, a known OGW, has been actively aiding banned organizations in their unlawful activities. His actions posed a grave threat to the stability and security of the region.

Terror associate detained in Udhampur for giving support to terrorist groups

JAMMU: A terror associate was detained on Thursday under the Public Safety Act (PSA) for providing logistical support to terrorist groups and operating in Udhampur district, officials said.

Acting firmly against terror supporters in the district, police launched an operation and detained a hardcore terror associate in jail under the PSA, a police spokesperson said.

The accused, identified as Abdul Qayoom alias Bittu, is a resident of Kadwah in Basantgarh. He was sent to jail.

Qayoom was involved in providing logistical support to terrorist groups and he worked as an active guide and facilitator for terrorist organisations until his arrest. Several FIRs were registered against him at the

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Following thorough investigations and procedural diligence, Jaffer was detained and subsequently lodged in District Jail Kathua. The

move aims to safeguard the youth of Kishtwar from being influenced by such individuals and to ensure

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Pakistan military raids insurgent strongholds in northwest, killing 13 fighters

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

PESHAWAR: Pakistani security forces faced off with insurgents in three separate shootouts in the restive northwest bordering Afghanistan on Thursday, killing 13 militants, the military said.

Troops killed 11 insurgents in two separate raids in the North and South Waziristan districts in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. Another two insurgents were killed in the third security raid in Bannu, also a district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the military said. It said an army major,

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'Sacrifice of Sahibzadas: An inspiration for world': Chugh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI/ CHANDIGARH: On the occasion of Veer Baal Diwas, BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh paid his respects at Gurudwara Rakab Ganj Sahib and paid tribute to the unparalleled sacrifice of the Sahibzadas.

Chugh said the courage and martyrdom of the Sahibzadas stand as a golden chapter in Indian history. Their sacrifice for the protection of the nation and religion is an eternal source of inspiration for the world, he added.

Chugh said that more than 16,000 programmes are being organized across the country today by the BJP in every Mandal of the party to commemorate Veer Baal Diwas.

"Under the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this day is being observed in every corner of the country, from Kerala to Kanyakumari,