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Army playing crucial role in combating terrorism in J&K: LG



LG Manoj Sinha during Armed Forces Flag Day event at Raj Bhavan Jammu on Saturday.

- ▶ **Pays homage to Bravehearts, urges people to donate liberally to Armed Forces Flag Day fund**
- ▶ **Says armed forces always remained in forefront, ever ready to serve Nation with commitment, dedication; ready to render valuable service during natural calamities**
- ▶ **Providing secure environment for people, particularly those living along borders, remote, far-flung areas of UT**
- ▶ **With immense contribution of armed forces, we have entered historic fast-track path of socio-economic growth and working with dedication to ensure that fruit of development reach every corner**

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said that the Army has been playing a crucial

role in combating terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and providing a secure environment for people, particularly those who live along the bor-

ders and in the remote and far-flung areas of the Union Territory.

"With the immense contribution of our armed forces,

we have entered a historic fast-track path of socio-economic growth and working with dedication to ensure that the fruit of development reach every corner of the Union Territory," the Lieutenant Governor said on the Armed Forces Flag Day, observed across Jammu and Kashmir.

To mark the occasion, Armed Forces flag was pinned on the Lieutenant Governor in Raj Bhavan.

He expressed his gratitude and appreciation by contributing to the "Armed Forces Flag Day Fund" to honour the bravery and supreme sacrifice of valiant soldiers, sailors and airmen. He said our Armed Forces have always remained in the forefront, ever ready to serve the Nation with commitment, dedication and ready to render valuable service during natural calamities.

The Lieutenant

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IOC installations in Jammu declared as 'No Fly Zone'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Additional District Magistrate Jammu, in exercise of powers vested under section 163 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), has declared the vicinity of Indian Oil Installations as "No Fly Zone." As per the order flying of Drones and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) shall be strictly

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Properties of drug peddlers worth Rs 4 Cr attached

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Properties worth over Rupees 4 crore belonging to alleged drug peddlers were attached in Anantnag district on Saturday, police said.

In a significant operation against drug trafficking and narcotics-related crimes, police in Anantnag have attached five residential houses and three vehicles, collectively valued at

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CM's first public interaction at Public Services and Outreach Office Raabita to build enduring relationship between Govt and public: Omar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: In a significant step toward enhancing direct communication with the people of Jammu and Kashmir, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday conducted his inaugural public interaction at the Chief Minister's Public Services and Outreach Office christened as Raabita.

On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that this office has been established to provide a dedicated platform for addressing public grievances and for building a healthy relationship between the government and citizens.

As many as 15 delegations met the Chief Minister, each representing various social, cultural and professional groups.

Issues discussed and brought to the notice of the CM centered around



CM Omar Abdullah holding first public interaction at Public Services and Outreach Office at Srinagar on Saturday.

economic challenges, cultural preservation, employment concerns and sectoral development.

Unique cultural heritage preservation also featured prominently in the discussions, with delegations advocating for initiatives to promote Jammu and

Kashmir's rich heritage, preserve local languages, and implement social welfare programs.

The Chief Minister listened attentively to these concerns and emphasized the need for cohesive approach to protect the region's unique identity.

100-day TB Elimination (Ni-kshay Shivir) campaign launched in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KULGAM/ BARAMULLA: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo on Saturday virtually launched the 100-day campaign under National TB Elimination Program (NTEP) across Jammu and Kashmir.

The main event was held by Health and Medical Education department at Kashmir Skill & Simulation Centre, RIIHFW Dhoibivan, Tangmarg, Baramulla.

MLA Beerwa, Dr. Mohammad Shafi; MLA Gulmarg, Farooq Ahmad Shah, MLA Uri, Dr. Sajjad

Shafi; Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Meera Srivastava; Director, Health Services, Kashmir Dr. Jehangir Bakshi, Additional District Development Commissioner, Baramulla and health functionaries from various districts of the Kashmir Division were also present at the launch. Speaking after the launch of campaign, Sakeena Itoo said that TB continues to be a major public health challenge in our country, but with determination, innovation, and a collective effort, we can overcome it. She added

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22 terrorists, six soldiers killed during security operations in NW Pakistan

■ AGENCY

PESHAWAR: At least 22 terrorists were eliminated while six soldiers were killed during three separate operations over two days in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province in northwestern Pakistan, media wing of the army said on Saturday.

The intelligence-based operations (IBO) took place in Khyber Pukhtunkhwa's Tank, North Waziristan, and Thall districts from December 6 to 7, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said.

In Tank district, the troops effectively engaged the terrorists' location in Gul Inam area on the reported presence of terrorists resulting in the death of nine terrorists while six were injured.

At least 10 terrorists were successfully neutralised in North Waziristan while in the third encounter, as per the ISPR, the security forces thwarted terrorists' attempt to attack a check post in Thall district during which three terrorists were killed

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 21.8°C Min: 8.1°C

Humidity
Max: 65 Min: 54

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 10.8°C Min: -2.0°C

Humidity
Max: 88 Min: 72

Sunset : 17:32 Hours
Sunrise : 06:56 Hours

CS visits Jagti, listens to grievances of migrants

Assures them about different benefits after NFSA implementation



CS Atal Dulloo addressing KPs at Jagti camp on Saturday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Saturday conducted a visit of Jagti Migrant Camp housing Kashmiri Pandits, to take stock of the amenities available there besides listening to the issues raised by the camp

inmates there.

Besides the Principal Secretary, Home and DMRR&R Departments the Chief Secretary was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner, Jammu; Commissioner, JMC;

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Water supply will not be snapped to Rohingyas living in Jammu: Javed Rana

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Amid an ongoing drive against Rohingya Muslims here, Jammu and Kashmir Jal Shakti Minister Javed Ahmed Rana on Saturday said the water supply will not be snapped to the slums housing the illegal immigrants, pending a call from the Centre on their deportation.

Rana's statement came after Rohingyas living on three plots of land in Narwal area of Jammu claimed that their power and water supply was snapped recently by the administration.

"The government is duty-bound to ensure water supply to all human beings. We will ensure water supply to them (Rohingyas) on humanitarian grounds till the

STATE TIMES vehemently flagged Rohingya issue in 2019

Settlement of illegal immigrants-Rohingyas-- in Jammu is a very serious issue, having ramifications on national security as also the social-fabric of the City of Temples due to fast changing demography. A local English daily has reported "... while police have identified some Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO's) who have intentionally been facilitating movement of the Myanmararese from across India to Jammu with a view to change demography of the region." STATE TIMES had flagged this alarming issue in its anchor story by Dost Khan under title 'For being secular, Jammu was rewarded with Rohingya settlements' on February 21, 2019.

STATE TIMES had reported the admission by a senior Congress leader and former minister from Jammu that he was instructed by a Muslim leader from the All India Congress Committee, who was also a Union Minister, to facilitate the settlement of Rohingyas in Jammu.

STATE TIMES had also questioned the intent behind Rohingya settlement in the Hindu dominated Jammu instead of Muslim majority Kashmir-the entire Valley.



Winner team of Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association Jammu after the election results on Saturday.

Nirmal Kotwal is New President JKHBAJ

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Advocate Nirmal Kishore Kotwal has been elected as new President of Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association Jammu (JKHBAJ) and Advocate Baldev Singh as new Vice President.

As per the results of the election announced late midnight, Advocate Pardeep Majotra has been elected as General Secretary, Advocate Anshu Mahajan Joint Secretary and Rahul Aggarwal as Cashier of Jammu & Kashmir High Court Bar Association.

Out of the total 2105, 1904 votes were polled.

The results were announced by Vikram Sharma, former President of the Bar Association,

who was the Returning Officer.

Advocate Nirmal Kishore Kotwal secured 1031 votes while the other contenders for the post, Abhinav Sharma, Rohit Sharma, Pawan K. Kundal and Bhavishya Sudan secured 446, 318, 61 and

38 votes respectively.

Advocate Baldev Singh, who has been elected as Vice-President of the Bar Association secured 990 votes whileas other candidates for this post, Deepika Mahajan, Daljeet

Work for making India developed nation by 2047: Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AHMEDABAD: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday praised the dedicated service rendered by volunteers of BAPS, a spiritual, volunteer-driven fellowship, and asked them to work to make India a developed nation by 2047.

Modi virtually addressed a Karyakarta Sammelan of Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS) organised at Narendra Modi cricket stadium in Ahmedabad.

"It is said in our culture that 'seva param dharma' (seva is our duty). We not only speak about it, we also practice it", Modi said.

He appealed to the BAPS volunteers to work towards making India a developed nation by 2047 through their services.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel also



attended the event.

BAP Swaminarayan Sanstha is a spiritual, volunteer-driven fellowship dedicated to improving society through individual growth by fostering the Hindu values of faith, service and global harmony.

Gun shop sealed in Jammu; deadline set for surrendering excess firearms

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A shop selling guns was sealed for not renewing its trade license here on Saturday while authorities set a deadline for all firearms license holders to surrender their excess weapons within a week, officials said.

The owner of the gun shop in the Shiv Nagar area, Amarnath Bhargav, claimed that the district administration did not issue any notice to him before taking action.

"I have timely applied for the renewal of the license and completed all requisite formalities several months ago but they came and sealed the shop without a notice," Bhargav said, demanding an inquiry into the delay in renewing the license.

He said that he has been running the shop for the last 45 years.

Meanwhile, District Magistrate of Jammu, Sachin Kumar

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