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STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Asserting that no one can oppose India or the Tricolour in Jammu and Kashmir, Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said his administration, with the support of the Centre, is working to dismantle the terrorism eco-system in the Union Territory.

Addressing a press conference here, he also informed that educational institutions will be reopened within two weeks amid a decline in COVID-19 cases.

The LG announced an enhancement of relief from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 25 lakh to the jawans from Jammu and Kashmir who laid down their lives in the service of the nation outside the UT.

Sinha said those who attempt to harm the country's interests will be dealt with strictly.

"In J&K, there is no place for opposition against India or the

national flag now. Anyone who tries to raise an objection will be dealt with strictly as per the Constitution," he said.

He said there has been a remarkable decline in terror activities and efforts are on to provide a conducive atmosphere to the people of the Union Territory.

"Over the past two-and-a-half months, the campaign against terrorism saw many a foreign terrorists being killed. I have told many times that it is an ecosystem. Militants are killing innocent or hurling a grenade at the behest of someone who is providing logistic support and misleading and motivating them.

"Operations against terrorists are ongoing, attempts are also being made to further bring down terror recruitment and provide jobs to the youth. We are working to destroy the whole eco-system of terrorism, the Lt Governor said.



He said a system was put in place to ensure not a single penny from the coffers of Jammu and Kashmir or the Centre goes to a person linked with terrorism. We are working on it and have a lot of success in this regard. If there is still some leakage, the work is on

JAMMU: Amid the ongoing controversy over hijab in Karnataka, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said every citizen of the country should respect the religious sentiments of others and hold the Constitution supreme.

He also dispelled any apprehensions about the Delimitation Commission report and said he is confident that there will be no mistake as the Election Commission of India is a constitutional body and works in a transparent and scientific manner.

I have to talk about two things respect of religious sentiments and holding Indian Constitution supreme. Every citizen of the country should keep these two things in mind, Sinha said, responding to a question about Karnataka hijab row during a press conference here.

He said the issue is sub-judice and, therefore, this thing is enough for me to say on the issue .

He referred to an acid attack on a woman in Srinagar and said, We have made all arrangements for her treatment.

The girl is in Chennai (hospital) and one of our senior officials is also there. I am getting daily update about her health, Sinha said, adding strict action as per the law will be taken against the guilty persons.

Asked about widespread protests over the draft report of the delimitation commission which was shared by it with associate members, the Lt Governor said the Election Commission is a constitutional and respectable body and for me and it is not good ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Haryana and Bhubaneswar, the goal will be achieved...the goal is big but we are moving forward in that direction. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah are monitoring the situation and reviewing it on a monthly basis, he said.

Comparing the prevailing situation with the past, the Lt Governor said, "There is a magical change in Jammu and Kashmir. Stone pelting has become history and shopkeepers are no longer forced to close their shops under fear. Shopkeepers are telling me that they have not witnessed such golden days. The progress is good and we will achieve our goal."

Referring to his latest review of the COVID-19 situation on Friday, he said all schools and colleges will reopen within the next two weeks.

"Time has come for the opening of schools and colleges.... We are opening classes from 9 to 12 from Monday, and the rest of the classes from next week (February 21). All the

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STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Three persons were arrested for their alleged involvement in kidnapping and sexually assaulting a girl here, police said on Saturday.

Police station Bemina received a complaint from a man on Friday that his minor daughter has been abducted by unidentified persons, a police spokesman said.

Accordingly, a case was registered and investigation was initiated, he said.

A special team was constituted which acted swiftly and rescued the missing girl from

TRC Srinagar, the spokesman said.

During the course of investigation, it surfaced that the girl was kidnapped by three persons and was also sexually assaulted, he said.

Raids were conducted at several locations and all the three accused involved in the commission of the crime were arrested, the spokesman said.

He identified them as Basit Ali, Irfan Ahmad Najar, both residents of Fruit Mandi in Parimpora, and Firdous Ahmad Angher, a resident

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STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) Jammu has registered a case against one Shahid Buch, officials and officers of JDA for constructing commercial flats without seeking mandatory permission from JDA in complete violation to the then prevailing building bye-laws.

According to ACB, a Joint surprise Check (JSC) conducted into a complaint lodged by one Pritam Dass, son of Prem Chand, resident of Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, alleging that one Shahid

Buch, son of Mohd Amin
Buch, resident of Brein
Nishat, Srinagar had con-
structed commercial flats on
land falling in Khasra No.
185 and 186 at Satwari after
obtaining permission from
BDO whereas aforesaid area
falls under jurisdiction of
Jammu Development
Authority (JDA). During
JSC, it also surfaced that
Shahid Buch applied for and
obtained permission to con-
struct flats at Chatur Singh
Garden by Sarpanch Halqa
Panchayat, Satwari on
December 4, 2014 and it was

found that village Satviri at relevant point of time had been notified as local area of JDA vide SRO-44 dated February 2, 1971 and also in schedule-A of notification No. SRO-263 dated August 9, 2004. The probe conducted revealed that Shahidh Buch succeeded in constructing commercial flats without seeking mandatory permission from JDA in complete violation to the prevailing 'Building Bye-laws.' JDA officials who were duty bound to take timely legal action to stop illegal con-

struction in JDA notified area, maintained criminal silence and remained mute spectator till structure was erected and probe initiated by ACB. The notices under sections 7 (1) and 7 (3) of Building Operation Permission Act (BOPA) required to be issued at very inception of illegal construction were issued lately on August 24, 2015 and August 31, 2015 respectively providing ample opportunity the beneficiary for to constructing illegal commercial

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STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday recorded 458 new Covid cases -- 252 from Jammu division and 206 from the Valley, thus taking the total number of positive cases in the Union Territory to 450331.

Also, three Covid deaths have been reported; two from Jammu division and one from the Valley.

Moreover, 1624 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 574 from

Jammu Division and 1050 from Kashmir Division.

According to the daily Media Bulletin, out of 450331 positive cases, 6255are Active Positive (2594in Jammu Division and 3661in Kashmir Division), 439332 have recovered and 4744 have died; 2322 in Jammu division and 2422in Kashmir division.

The Bulletin further said that out of 222835 tests results available, 450331 samples have tested positive and 21832504 samples

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Arms and ammunition recovered from arrested terrorists.

three hybrid terrorists Rafiabab, Amir Sultan linked with Al-Badr were Wani, a resident of Nowpora arrested, he added. Sopore and Tariq Ahmad. The arrested men were Bhat, a resident of identified as Waris Tantry, Chontipora Handwara. a resident of Rawoocha. During preliminary ques-

tioning, the three men confessed that they were in close contact with the terror handlers of Al-Badr for the last two years, the police spokesperson said.

They further disclosed that Pakistan-based terror handlers Yousuf Balousi and Khurshed, who is a resident of Anantnag in Jammu and Kashmir, directed them to revive terror activities in Rafiabab Sopore by recruiting youngsters for Al-Badr, providing logistic support to active terrorists and procuring or arranging weapons for new recruits, he

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The minister made the comments in response to a question on the eastern Ladakh border standoff between the Indian and Chinese militaries.

When asked whether the India-China border standoff issue came up for discussion

during the Quad Foreign ministers' meeting here on Friday, Jaishankar replied, "Yes?"

"Yes, we (Quad) had a discussion on India-China relations because it was part of how we briefed each other about what was happening in our neighbourhood. And it's an issue in which a lot of countries legitimately take interest, particularly if they are from the Indo-Pacific region," he said.

The situation at the LAC has arisen due to the disregard by China in 2020 of written agreements

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LG Manoj Sinha laying foundation stone for Tawi Riverfront project in Jammu on Saturday.

state-of-the-art amenities along the waterfront, projects to improve the water quality will create a world-class model of urban excellence in Jammu. Our aim is to create a vibrant riverfront that will become one of the most popular bucket list destinations for

In the first phase, embankments, interceptor drains, Sewerage Treatment Plants, cycling track, jogging track, walkways, green spaces and other wayside amenities would be developed.

The complete project is prepared on the lines of the Sabarnati Riverfront. The infrastructure will include river plazas, promenades, parks, gardens, sports and entertainment venues, commercial and residential spaces that will transform Tawi as the center of economic engine of Jammu.

The Lt Governor said that 109 projects which were pending for years have been completed in Jammu division at a cost of Rs 455 crore, including 14 new bridges which have made connectivity easier. Infrastructural projects like Metro, Delhi-Katra-Amritsar Expressway, four-lane green field Jammu Ring Road, Flyovers, Industrial Estates, strengthening of Power sector and many others would bring prosperity for all. The Lt Governor termed the Urban Development as a requisite for prosperity and

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■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Principal Sessions Judge Jammu Kishore Kumar rejected bail applications of four accused namely Mousam Khan, Asif Khan, Arish Khan and Munish Khan, all residents of Rajasthan, who were arrested by Cyber Crime Jammu for indulging in organised crime and duping hard earned money of people amounting to Rs 1,28,02,000.

Principal Sessions Judge Jammu, Kishore Kumar after hearing Public Prosecutor Kulbhushan Sharma appearing for police observed, "Economic offence constitutes a class apart and need to be visited with a different approach in the mat-

ter of bail. The economic offence having deep rooted conspiracies and involving loss of public funds need to be viewed seriously and considered as grave offence affecting the country as a whole and there by posing serious threat to the financial health of the country". Cyber Crime is on enormous rise in country and the court cannot take the risk of duping the innocent people by granting them bail. Keeping in view the totality of facts and circumstances, the allegations leveled against the applicants are very heinous in nature and as such does not deserve bail at this stage. With these observations, the Court rejected bail applications.

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 22.0°C Min: 6.0°C

Humidity

Max: 86 Min: 61

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 13.4°C Min: -3.0°C

Humidity

Max: 92 Min: 71

Sunset : 18:16 Hours
Sunrise : 07:16 Hours