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## LG interacts with 120-member delegation of Pahari Community Committed to extend benefits of ST reservation to Pahari, Padari, Koli, Gadda Brahmin this year: Sinha



LG Manoj Sinha interacting with 120-member delegation of Pahari Community at Raj Bhawan on Monday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday reiterated the commitment of the Union Territory Administration to ensure that the benefits of Scheduled Tribes (ST) reser-

vation are extended to Pahari, Padari, Koli and Gadda Brahmin this year and they are included in the Tribal plan schemes. Interacting with the 120-member delegation of Pahari Community, here, the Lt

Governor assured that the issues projected by them will be implemented in letter and spirit.

He further asked the community elders to constitute a Samiti of prominent

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### OBC Samaj members call on LG

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday met the delegation of Other Backward Classes (OBC) Samaj, here. The delegation comprised of political leaders and prominent citizens expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and J&K Administration for reservations in Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and Panchayats in the UT. It is for the first time OBCs will have reservations for grassroot democratic representation. Sunil Prajapati, J&K

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### Vaidya gets addl charge of Admin Secretary Home Dept

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Government on Monday assigned the additional charge of Administrative Secretary, Home Department to Santosh D Vaidya, IAS (AGMU:1998), Principal Secretary to the Government, Finance Department shall hold

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### Army opens fire on Pakistani drone

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
MENDHAR: Army troops fired a couple of shots at a Pakistani drone near the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district, officials said on Monday. The drone, however, returned to the Pakistan side after briefly hovering

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## ED issues fresh summons to Farooq Abdullah in JKCA money laundering case



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR/NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate has issued a fresh summons to National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah for questioning in a money laundering case pertaining to the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA), official sources

said Monday. He has been asked to depose at the ED office in Srinagar Tuesday.

The 86-year-old politician was last called by the central agency in this case on January 11 but he did not appear before it.

He is not expected to appear at the Srinagar office of the central agency

this time too, sources close to him said.

The ED investigation pertains to alleged financial irregularities at the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association. The MP from Srinagar was charge-sheeted by the Enforcement Directorate in this case in 2022. The case relates to siphoning off JKCA funds by way of transfer to various personal bank accounts of unrelated parties, including those of JKCA office-bearers, and by way of unexplained cash withdrawals from its bank accounts, the ED had said.

The agency's case is based on a 2018 charge-sheet filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) against the same accused.

## Three sisters charred to death in fire in Ramban

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BANIHAL/JAMMU: Three teenage sisters were killed in a fire at their house in a remote village in Ramban district on Monday, officials said.

The three-storey house in Dhamnasta-Tajnihal village in Ukhral block caught fire in the early hours of the day, they said.

The victims -- Bisma (18), Saika (14) and Saniya (11) - were sleeping on the top floor and were unable to escape as the fire had engulfed the house.

Their bodies were found by

personnel of the fire and emergency services, the officials said, adding that the cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained.

Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Baseer-ul-Haq expressed his grief over the incident and said an immediate relief of Rs 3 lakh will be extended to the bereaved family under the Red Cross fund.

"We stand with the family and will be providing full support and compensation as per SDRF norms," the deputy commissioner said.

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## Union MoS visits Jammu; reviews working of J&K Forest Dept



Union Minister Ashwani Kumar Choubeey handing over appointment letter to a youth.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Ashwani Kumar Choubeey, who is on a two day tour to the Union Territory, on Monday reviewed the working of J&K Forest Department in a high level meeting held here.

Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Roshan Jaggi and other senior officers participated in the meeting.

Union Minister emphasized to promote the concept of Nagar Vans in Jammu and

Kashmir aimed to enhance the tree cover outside forests besides extension of biodiver-

sity and ecological benefits to urban and pre-urban areas. He appreciated the involvement of PRI representatives, local people, NGOs, school children, NCC and NSS cadets, Parvavaran/Van Mitras, eco guides, paramilitary forces and other stakeholders around all the Gram Panchayats and villages besides Urban Local Bodies in afforestation and other activities.

During the meeting, different issues concerning the projects supported

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## Anayat posted as AIG (PHQ); 12 Addl SPs reshuffled

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Government on Monday transferred one IPS among 16 police officers.

According to the order issued by Santosh D. Vaidya, Principal Secretary, Home Department, Anayat Ali Choudhary, IPS, awaiting posting upon repatriation from the Union Territory of Ladakh, has been posted as AIG (Procurement) PHQ.

Master Popsy, Addl SP Reasi, has been transferred and posted as Dy CO IR-7th Bn; Ch Iftekhar Ahmed, awaiting posting upon repa-

triation from the Union Territory of Ladakh, as Additional SP Pulwama; Feroz Ahmad Qadri, Dy CO IR-5th Battalion, as SP PTWS Kashmir; Pardeep Kumar, Dy CO IR-2nd Battalion as Addl SP SLA; Sunil Kumar Kesar as SP PC Doda; Prithpal Singh as Dy.CO IR-7th Battalion; Zafar Iqbal Navaz as Addl. SP Handwara; Bashir Ahmad, as Dy CO IR-21 Battalion; Ifkhar Ahmed as Addl. SP Reasi; Peerzada Aijaz Ahmad as Dy.CO IR-4th Battalion; Aumer

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## Qatar releases 8 jailed ex-Indian navy personnel; 7 of them back in India

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Qatar has released eight jailed former Indian Navy personnel and seven of them returned home on Monday, in what is seen as a major diplomatic victory for India that came nearly three-and-a-half months after a Qatari court handed them death sentence that was subsequently commuted to varying jail terms.

Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself constantly supervised all the developments in the case and has never shied away from any initiatives that would ensure the return of the Indians. The seven Indian nationals reached Delhi by a private airline at around 2:35 am. At a media briefing, the foreign secretary announced that Modi will travel

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## Two Pakistan-trained terrorists chargesheeted in Jammu

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday filed a chargesheet against two terrorists, who were booked in a case here on their return from Pakistan via Nepal over 13 years ago, officials said.

The chargesheet against Abdul Waris, son of Abdul Rashid, resident of Asthan Pain Tehsil Kishtwar and Masrat Hussain, son of Ghulam Qadir, resident of Bhatyas Tehsil Gandoh District Doda was filed in the court of 3rd additional sessions judge (NIA), Jammu,

in a case registered against them under various sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the Ranbir Penal Code, a police spokesman said.

He said the case was registered against them under FIR No. 255/2010 u/s 13,17,20 UA(P) Act,120-B RPC of Police Station Bahu Fort, Jammu on October 25, 2010, at following their arrest from railway station Jammu along with Rs 50,000 each and incriminating anti-national material, including printed

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## Will bring back era of development, peace in J&K: Azad

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

**RAJOURI:** Chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), Ghulam Nabi Azad, on Monday fervently appealed for peace and unity while committing to fostering job opportunities and development, drawing parallels to his impactful tenure as Chief Minister.

Addressing a mammoth public meeting in Kalakote Rajouri, Azad highlighted his significant contribution to the development of Rajouri, including the establishment



Chairman DPAP Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing public meeting in Kalakote.

of a medical college and the sanctioning of crucial infrastructure projects such as

roads, hospitals, districts, and schools.

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## BJP Govt has given 1.5 times more jobs than preceding Govt did in 10 years: Modi

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said his government has given 1.5 times more jobs

transparency and is working to ensure that recruitment is done in a time-bound manner.

Youngsters now believe that they all have equal opportunity and can find a place for themselves in the government system through hard work and talent, he said.

The prime minister asserted that the measures taken by his government, be it a scheme for rooftop solar power for one crore homes or the massive investment in infrastructure, have been creating a lot of

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**WEATHER**  
Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 21.2°C Min: 8.0°C  
Humidity  
Max: 79 Min: 64  
Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 11.3°C Min: -3.6°C  
Humidity  
Max: 99 Min: 52  
Sunset: 18:12 Hours  
Sunrise: 07:17 Hours

## NC on verge of collapse, extinction: Chugh Welcomes Senior NC leader Dr Shenaz to BJP

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI/SRINAGAR: Senior National Conference (NC) leader Dr. Shenaz Ganai, a highly regarded and influential figure in Jammu and Kashmir's political landscape, on Monday joined BJP at a ceremony attended by BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh and BJP national spokesman Zafar Islam.

Chugh welcomed Dr Shenaz to the BJP and said she would be an asset to the BJP as a new era of growth and development has set in Jammu and Kashmir, which



BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh and BJP national spokesman Zafar Islam welcoming Senior NC leader Dr. Shenaz Ganai into partyfold.

reflects negation of parties like the National Conference.

Dr. Shenaz Ganai, previously a Member of the

Legislative Council (MLC) representing the National

Conference, is known for her unwavering dedication to public service and tireless advocacy for the welfare of the people.

Dr Shenaz said she had chosen to join the BJP, because of the party's steadfast commitment to delivering on its promises to the citizens of India. She specifically highlighted the recent landmark achievement of securing long-awaited reservation for the Scheduled Tribes (ST) community in Jammu and Kashmir as a clear demonstration of the BJP's dedication to

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