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LG calls for replicating best practices of J&K, other regions for overall development of Bihar

STATE TIMES NEWS
PATNA: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday called for replicating the best practices of Jammu Kashmir and other regions, through a strong network of individuals and ideas, for the overall development of Bihar.

In his keynote address after inaugurating the Grand Trunk Road Initiatives' (GTRI) conclave at Patna, the Lieutenant Governor said that peace and stability are the pre-conditions to attract investments and to build an economically empowered and inclusive society.

There is also an immense potential for start-ups, technology enterprises and agro-



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at the GTRI's conclave at Patna on Saturday.

based industries in Bihar, he said, adding that all the sections of the society must discharge their responsibility and work together to build a progressive state.

The Lt Governor commended the endeavour of GTRI to bring together the policymakers, entrepreneurs, innovators, influencers and thinkers to discuss and identify growth opportunities in different sectors and brain-

storm over the holistic development of Bihar.

He highlighted the greater efforts by states and Union Territories to develop industries and agriculture & allied sector to address future challenges and to contribute in Viksit Bharat.

In ancient times, Bihar was considered as a seat of power, education, literature, culture and cradle of Indian Civilization. It has always been the land of spiritual unity where Buddhism and Jainism were born, the Lt Governor observed.

"Today, Bihar is witnessing economic and cultural revival and it can play a big role in industrial development and bring transformation in the nation's tourism sector," he said.

He said the impressive strides of Bihar's agriculture and service sector have resulted in the emergence of the state as a powerful

Congress can't think beyond Parivarvaad, corruption, appeasement: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAIPUR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday attacked the Congress saying the grand old party cannot think beyond 'parivarvaad' (nepotism), corruption and the country's development was never on its agenda.

After Independence, the Congress ruled the country for a long time but its focus was only on forming the government and not building the future of the country, said Modi while virtually addressing the Viksit Bharat Viksit Chhattisgarh programme.

He dedicated to the nation and laid the foundation stones of 10 development projects worth over Rs

34,400 crore on the occasion and said when India becomes the world's third-largest economy in the next five years, Chhattisgarh will reach new heights of development.

"...those who ruled the country for a long time after Independence, their thinking was not big and they kept on taking decisions keeping in mind (their) political interests. Congress was elected to

power again and again but forgot to build the future of the country," the PM said.

Their (Congress) thought was only to form a government while taking the country forward was never on their agenda, he said.

"Today too the Congress' dasha and disha' (condition and direction) are the same as earlier. The Congress cannot think beyond parivarvaad, corruption and appeasement," he said.

PM Modi said those who are only busy making the future of their sons and daughters can never think about "your sons and daughters" "But for Modi,



New criminal justice laws to be rolled out across India from July 1

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The newly enacted laws -- the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and the Bharatiya Sakshya Act -- to completely overhaul the criminal justice system in the country will come into effect from July 1.

The three laws got the Parliament's approval on December 21 last year and President Droupadi Murmu gave her assent on December 25.

According to three identi-

cal notifications issued by the Union Home Ministry, provisions of the new laws will come into force from July 1.

The laws will replace the colonial-era Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence Act of 1872 respectively.

The three legislations aim at completely overhauling the criminal justice system in the country by giving definitions of various offences and their punishments.

NIA attaches houses of 4 accused in narco-terror case in Kupwara

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday attached houses of four accused in a narco-terror case in Kupwara district, the agency said.

The case relates to the use of the "proceeds of narcotic drugs" to fund violent terror activities by proscribed terror groups Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) operating in Jammu and Kashmir's Handwara-Kupwara region, the NIA said in a statement.



In a major step towards dismantling the funding network that are fuelling terrorism in Kashmir, the NIA attached four residential

properties and seized cash in the Handwara narco-terror case involving LeT and HM, it said.

The properties belonging to

Former MLC among dozens of Pahari activists join BJP

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Dozens of Pahari activists, including a former Jammu and Kashmir MLC, joined the BJP on Saturday and pledged to strengthen the party at the grassroots level.

The BJP's Jammu and Kashmir unit chief Ravinder Raina welcomed the new entrants, mostly affiliated with the National Conference, into the party fold.

Former Member of Legislative Council (MLC) Syed Mohd Rafiq Shah, who

had switched over from the National Panthers Party to the National Conference in 2019, and his supporters joined the BJP at the party's headquarters in Jammu.

Several prominent Pahari leaders, including former minister Mushtaq Ahmad Shah Bukhari and former MLC Shahzad Ganai, had earlier joined the BJP after the central government added four more communities, including the Pahari-speaking people, into the Scheduled Tribes list

A K Choudhary IPS appointed as Chairman J&K PSC

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government on Saturday appointed A.K. Chowdhary, IPS, as Chairman, Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC).

"In exercise of powers conferred by Section 93 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019, and S.O. 3937 (E) dated 31st October, 2019, read with Order issued in terms of sub-clause (i) of clause (e) of the Proclamation issued by the President dated 31st October, 2019, the Lieutenant Governor of Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir is pleased to appoint A.K. Chowdhary, IPS (AGMUT:1991), as Chairman, Public Service Commission for the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir," reads

Voters have right to know about fulfillment of assurances by parties; matter sub judice: CEC

STATE TIMES NEWS
CHENNAI: The voters have a right to know about the feasibility of fulfilling poll assurances made by political parties, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said on Saturday and made it clear that the matter is, however, sub judice.

Political parties have a right to make promises in their election manifestos and the electorate has a right to know if these are genuine and how these programmes could be funded, he said,

adding the entire matter forms part of an ongoing case and the matter was sub judice.

At a press conference here, Rajiv Kumar, answering questions, said the Election Commission has prepared a 'proforma' to make parties to make a disclosure on their election promises. However, this aspect also relates to the pending court matter.

He said enforcement agencies have been directed to stay vigilant and prevent

Dulloo visits Mubarak Mandi Palace; takes appraisal of conservation works



CS Atal Dulloo during visit to Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Saturday made his maiden visit to the Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex here and took first hand appraisal of all the restoration and conservation works being carried out there.

On the occasion he was accompanied by Principal Secretary, Culture; Commissioner Secretary, Tourism; Secretary,

Northern Army Commander reviews security situation in Kashmir



Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General M V Suchindra Kumar arriving at Srinagar.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General M V Suchindra Kumar reviewed the security situation in Kashmir and the operational preparedness of the force, the Army said on Saturday.

During his maiden visit to the Valley, Lt Gen Kumar also met Jammu and

Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) R R Swain.

In a post on X, the Army's Northern Command said, "#LtGenMVSuchindraKumar, #ArmyCdrNC accompanied by #ChinarCorps Cdr visited Victor and Kilo Force to review the prevalent security situation. He was briefed on the #CT (counter-terror)

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 21.0°C Min: 8.3°C

Humidity
Max: 73 Min: 62

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 11.2°C Min: -3.1°C

Humidity
Max: 94 Min: 44

Sunset: 18:22 Hours
Sunrise: 07:05 Hours

Tendulkar meets J&K para cricket team captain, calls him a 'real hero, an inspiration'

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Para cricket team captain Amir Hussain Lone is a 'real hero and an inspiration', legendary Sachin Tendulkar said on Saturday after he met the differently-abled sportsman during his trip to the valley.

"Tendulkar posted a video of his interaction with Lone on his social media accounts and wrote, "To Amir, the real hero. Keep inspiring! It was a pleasure meeting you".

Tendulkar invited Lone to his hotel where he greeted him with a hug and also gifted him his autographed bat.

Tendulkar told Lone that after he watched his video,



Legendary Sachin Tendulkar meeting J&K's Para cricket team captain Amir Hussain Lone at Srinagar.

which had gone viral last month, he wanted to meet the para cricketer.

"I never lost hope in my life. I always thought and kept in mind that I have to fulfil my dream," Lone told Tendulkar.

Lone narrated his journey to Tendulkar, calling the former international cricketer his inspiration. "Where I am today is all because of you sir. You have been my biggest inspiration," he said.

Tendulkar told Lone, "What you have achieved cannot be achieved by anyone else".

"When an eight-year old child suffers from such a trauma, overcoming that and then later in life becoming an

inspiration for others, is a huge achievement," Tendulkar said, adding "perhaps, you do not know what you have done".

Tendulkar gifted him an autographed bat, saying "you may perhaps like it".

The bat had a message which said "Amir, the real hero. Keep inspiring".

He then asked Lone to show his batting stance which the differently-abled obliged.

Later, Tendulkar met Lone's family and told them he was very happy to have met the J&K para cricket team captain. He also posed for a photograph with

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