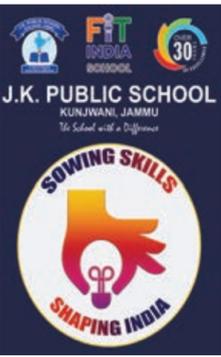


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Inaugurates J&K Police's Martyrs Memorial Hockey Tournament Decisive action, people's support vital to eradicate terror: LG



LG Manoj Sinha inaugurating JK Police Martyrs Memorial Hockey Tournament in Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday directed the J&K Police to strike decisively against terrorism and collaborate with every individual in the society to eradicate the terror network entirely. "J&K Police's unbreakable resolve and message to the nation is that - adversity will not crack our spirit. We will cross every barrier to claim

new milestones as we advance," the Lieutenant Governor said. He was speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the J&K Police's Martyrs Memorial Hockey Tournament at KK Hakku Hockey Stadium in Jammu. This year's event will feature 14 competing teams as the tournament resumes after a gap of more than 10 years. The Lieutenant Governor

said that the J&K Police's brave personnel, who sacrificed their today for the nation's tomorrow, wore their uniform as a duty towards all, and prized national honor above life- must live on in our memories. The Lieutenant Governor observed that real tributes to bravehearts doesn't fade but pulses with life and runs through the veins of future generations.

Sinha congratulates J&K Cricket Team on Historic Ranji Trophy Semi-Final entry
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, on Monday congratulated the J&K cricket team for creating history by reaching the semi-finals of the prestigious Ranji Trophy. In a post on X (formerly Twitter), the Lieutenant Governor lauded the team's outstanding performance and dedication. He wrote that the remarkable achievement reflects the players' hard work, discipline and indomitable spirit. Extending his best wishes, LG Manoj Sinha expressed confidence that the team would continue to perform well in the upcoming matches and bring further glory to Jammu and Kashmir.

"Our J&K Police martyrs embodied the philosophy of duty and self-sacrifice. Our duty is to pass those values and build strong character of the youth," the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor commended the J&K

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Speaker orders inquiry into MLA carrying microphone in Assembly

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Speaker of Jammu and Kashmir legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather, on Monday said that the matter would be examined after MLA Altaf Ahmad Wani raised the issue that MLA Waheed Ur Rehman Parra has allegedly carried a microphone inside the House. Taking serious note of the issue, the Speaker stated that bringing a microphone into the House by a member is unethical. "I take serious note of this matter," he said.



He further directed the Assembly Secretariat to examine the issue thoroughly and initiate appropriate action in accordance with the rules.

Northern Railway extends Budgam-Banihal special train to Katra from Feb 11

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Nearly a week after Chief Minister Omar Abdullah advocated increase in frequency of the trains between Kashmir and Jammu regions, the Northern Railway on Monday extended the service of Budgam-Banihal special train to Katra with effect from February 11. The service of special train numbers 04688 and 04687, earlier operating between Budgam and Banihal, has been extended up to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra railway station, Public Relations Inspector, Jammu Division, Raghvender Singh said in a statement. He said the extension has been undertaken with the objective of making

ULB, Panchayat polls to be held at earliest but SEC post still vacant: Omar

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday said that the government is making necessary arrangements to hold elections to urban local bodies and panchayats in the Union territory at the earliest, but said the post of state election commissioner is presently vacant. In a written reply to a question of Congress

Army Commander visits Strike-One Sappers' combat engineering training camp

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Northern Army Commander, Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma, on Monday visited the combat engineering training camp of Strike-One Sappers at Purkazi on the banks of the river Ganges. During the visit, the army commander witnessed various combat engineering tasks, including bridging and rafting operations carried out by the Sappers using new-generation equipment, drones, unmanned ground vehicles and innovative mine warfare solutions.

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Counterfeit currency probe leads to Rs 19 Cr cocaine seizure in Samba

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Questioning of an accused arrested in a counterfeit currency case led to the seizure of cocaine worth over Rs 19 crore in Samba district, police said on Monday. On February 3, a written complaint was lodged at Bari Brahmana police station by a Branch Manager of Punjab National Bank, regarding depositing of fake currency notes. The bank official had alleged that Dil Mohd, son of Ghulam Rasool, resident of Digiana Ashram, had



deposited fake currency notes having a face value of Rs 9,000, a police spokesman said. He said a probe was launched after registering FIR 59/2026 under sections 180/318(4) BNS at

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Pandemonium in LA over SASCI; BJP walks out alleging unfairness

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Legislative Assembly on Monday witnessed a disruption after a PDP leader accused the government of pushing the Union Territory into a debt trap by introducing Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) scheme.

PDP legislator Waheed Ur Rehman Para, who was joined by his party colleagues and Independent MLA Sheikh Khurshid, was countered by the National Conference, leading to heated exchange of words between the two sides. Later talking to reporters outside the house, National Conference's chief spokesperson and MLA Tanvir Sadiq accused Para of misleading the House and lacking understanding of the programme.

Sadiq also claimed that the PDP leader was carrying a mike and demanded an inquiry into it. Mubarak Gul, who was holding the chair, made repeated attempts to control the situation and finally adjourning the house half-an-hour before the scheduled end of the first sitting. While the ruckus was going on, B-JP members stood up



Legislators staging walkout from Assembly on Monday.

from their seats and staged a walkout, accusing the chair of not allowing the party members time to speak on the budget. Some of their members also tried to enter the well but were pushed back by the marshals. Targeting the government, PDP MLA Para accused the ruling dispensation of pushing Jammu and Kashmir into a debt trap. "The Chief Minister (Omar Abdullah) and NC MLAs are boasting about bringing Special Assistance to States

for Capital Investment (SASCI) to the UT. This is not a welfare scheme but a debt trap through which you are mortgaging J&K to industrialists," Para said while participating in the discussion on the Budget. "You are taking loans from the market, which amounts to destruction and sets a very dangerous precedent," he added. Para said the National Conference had received a huge mandate to protect the interests of Jammu and

Kashmir in the aftermath of the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019 and to work towards reclaiming the erstwhile state with all its safeguards intact. "It is unfortunate that instead of honouring that mandate, you are putting the entire J&K on sale today," he said. Para urged the CM to rethink the scheme, cautioning that J&K should not be pushed towards a situation similar to that faced by "failed states like

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