

**02** Minor among two killed, 2 injured in separate mishaps

**05** Dr. Jitendra unveils Maharaja Gulab Singh's statue at Lakhanpur

**10** First Archery Championship to start today

Website : [www.statetimes.in](http://www.statetimes.in), Email: [statetimes1@gmail.com](mailto:statetimes1@gmail.com)

**WORLD CLASS SCHOOLING CBSE AFFILIATED**

**The Shri Ram Universal school**  
ADMISSIONS OPEN  
Nursery to 11th  
SCIENCE/COMMERCE/ARTS  
CBSE Affiliation no.720111  
The Shri Ram Universal School  
NH-1 SHRI VIHAR JAMU, VIJAYPUR, SAMBA  
Transport for JAMMU/SAMBA & KATHUA

## JKSSB conducts written exam for different posts in Jammu, Srinagar

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) on Sunday conducted OMR based objective type written examination for the posts of Junior Engineer (Civil), Assistant Law officer, Legal Assistant, Junior Legal Assistant and Reader at 42 examination venues in Jammu and Srinagar districts of the Union Territory.

■ **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

## Court orders framing of charge against Yasin Malik, others

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court has ordered framing of charges under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) against Jammu & Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chief Mohammad Yasin Malik and others in a case related to alleged terrorism and secessionist activities that disturbed the Valley in 2017.

The court ordered framing of charges against Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) founder Hafiz Saeed, Hizbul Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin, Kashmiri separatist leaders, including Yasin Malik, Shabbir Shah, Masarat

Alam and others, under various sections of the stringent UAPA and Indian Penal Code (IPC), including criminal conspiracy, waging war against the country, and unlawful activities and terrorism, in a case pertaining to secessionist activities that disturbed Jammu and Kashmir.

The court also charged Hafiz Muhammad Saeed, Md Yusuf Shah, Aftab Ahmad Shah, Altaf Ahmad Shah, Nayeem Khan, Farooq Ahmad Dar, Md Akbar Khanday, Raja Mehrajuddin Kalwal, Bashir Ahmad Bhat, Zahoore Ahmad Shah

■ **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

## Delegation from gulf arrives in J&K to probe for investment opportunities

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: A 36-member delegation from the gulf countries has arrived in Jammu to explore investment opportunities in the union territory, officials said on Sunday.

The delegation arrived following an invitation by J-K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at the Dubai Expo in January this year, the officials said.

The delegation includes top businessmen from real estate, hospitality, telecom, import-export, and other sectors, and has also among it a member of the ruling family in Sharjah.

The delegation also includes one diplomat, a few educationists, and one journalist, they said.

As part of the four-day programme, the UT administration will apprise the party of investment opportunities in the region, with a focus

■ **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

**WEATHER**

**Temperature (Jammu)**  
Max: 34.5°C Min: 20.4°C

**Humidity**  
Max : 58 Min : 48

**Temperature (Srinagar)**  
Max: 20.8°C Min: 8.2°C

**Humidity**  
Max : 80 Min: 43

Sunset : 18:44 Hours  
Sunrise : 06:34 Hours

# Target is to make J&K free of terror, corruption: LG



LG Manoj Sinha addressing at Passing Out Parade of 636 new recruits at BSF STC Udhampur.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDHAMPUR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration intends to make the union territory a developed society free of terror and corruption, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Sunday.

In his address at the attestation-cum-passing out parade of 636 newly recruited Border Security Force (BSF) personnel at the Subsidiary Training Centre here, Sinha lauded the role of the security forces for bravely facing various challenges, including infiltration

attempts, and smuggling of weapons and narcotics from across the border.

Jammu and Kashmir is full of diversity, which is our strength. We have faced all the challenges successfully and our security forces are alert. They have played a pivotal role in building a new Jammu and Kashmir by thwarting the anti-national elements, Sinha said.

The Lieutenant Governor, who inspected the parade and took salute at the march past, said the decades-old terror ecosystem needs to be

dismantled completely.

We have continued our efforts to deal a decisive blow on corruption, terror financing, and terror ecosystem to make Jammu and Kashmir a developed society, free of corruption and fear. This is our target, he said.

Sinha urged the fresh BSF recruits to live up to the tradition and expectation of the force and the people, and perform their duties with professionalism so that no enemy can violate the country's borders.

Drug addiction is a big

challenge as drugs are smuggled by Pakistan under a conspiracy. You have to play a big role to check the smuggling of drugs, he said.

Congratulating the recruits, Sinha said, "You are fully capable and ready the country is witnessing that BSF is performing its duties in mountainous regions, plains, deserts and deep forests with great devotion and dedication. The force is bravely facing every danger to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the nation".

The Lieutenant Governor said India has always desired to live with mutual harmony with its neighbours for peace but, We are ready to give a befitting response if someone wants to test us.

Lauding the BSF, he said its motto of lifelong duty' is the identity card of its personnel. I am proud to be here among the brave soldiers of the force, he said. Reminding the history and the

■ **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

## Pak-sponsored terrorism hit every citizen of J&K: Azad

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: In an apparent reference to The Kashmir Files', senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad on Sunday said every citizen of Jammu and Kashmir was affected by the over three-decade long Pakistan-sponsored terrorism.

He said linking terrorism to a particular religion is absolutely wrong.

The Kashmir Files', a movie based on the exodus of Kashmiri migrant Pandits from the valley in 1990, has since its released elicited polarised views from the public, even giving rise to incidents of shouting slogans inside the cinema halls.

Pakistan-sponsored militancy has brought death and destruction and is responsible for all the evil things, Azad said while addressing a function organised by the Jammu civil society to hon-



Senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing during a programme in Jammu on Sunday.

our him for his Padma Bhushan award.

Many lost their lives, thousands of women were widowed and lakhs of children were orphaned - they targeted everyone - Muslims, Hindus, Pandits and even did not spare religious places, he said.

Azad said that 90 per cent of the evils in the society are because of the politicians who divide the people for their vote bank, and expressed doubts whether any political party can bring a change.

He asked the civil society to take a lead and mobilise people against injustice or oppression.

The former J&K Chief Minister said that the emergence of Jammu as a cosmopolitan city was the only positive of the impact of violence.

Jammu is the only place where the people of all the 22 districts of J&K and Ladakh are residing, he said, adding Kashmir has no

■ **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

## COVID: 27 fresh cases in J&K, 2 in Ladakh

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 27 fresh Covid cases on Sunday that took the infection tally to 4,53,550, officials said.

No Covid-related fatality was reported in the past 24 hours, they said, adding that the death toll stands at 4,750.

Of the fresh cases, four were from Jammu and 23 from the Kashmir division, officials said.

Sringar district recorded the highest 20 cases -- all travellers, they said.

Sixteen of the total 22 districts in the Union

■ **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

## Vaishno Devi pilgrimage to be more seamless journey: KK Sharma

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: "We will try to facilitate a seamless journey for the devotees of Mata Vaishno Devi and a proposal would be moved in the Board meeting in this regard," Chairman of AIMIL Pharma, one of the leading Ayurvedic companies in India, K.K Sharma said after being re-nominated for the member post.

Sharma has had a long association with the shrine board and has been contributing to the floral decoration of Maa Vaishno Devi on various occasions for more



of the state of J&K State, he was retained as Advisor by the then LG GS Murmu.

Sources said that Farooq Khan is likely to play an important role ahead of the elections to Legislative Assembly, in view of his track record as a police officer and administrator. Khan is seen as

an asset, given his accessibility to the people of all the regions and sub regions of J&K.

Farooq Khan (born 1955), former police officer retired in 2013 as Inspector General of Police (IGP). Khan is known for the creation of Special Task Force (STF) of Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) as well as being its first head in 1995. STF later go on to be renamed as the Special Operations Group (SOG). Khan joined Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in 2014 and was appointed the National Secretary of the party in June 2015. He served as the 32nd Administrator of Lakshadweep till July 2019.

## Challenges like pandemic, Ukraine war make it important for nation to be self-reliant, says PM

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

AHMEDABAD: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said challenges faced by the world like the Russia-Ukraine war and the coronavirus pandemic make it all the more important for the country to become self-reliant, and urged people to promote products

made in India.

Modi was virtually addressing an event on the launch of six volumes of 'Shri Dharmajeevan Gatha', a biographical book on the life of Gurudev Shastriji Maharaj of the Swaminarayan Gurukul Vishwavidya Pratishthanam

■ **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

## Srinagar acid attack case: Court frames charges against 2 accused

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Seven weeks after a woman was attacked with acid in downtown Srinagar, a local court has framed charges against two persons, with the victim's family hoping they will be given severe punishment.

Principal Sessions Judge Jawad Ahmad on Saturday framed charges under sections 120-B (criminal conspiracy) and 326-A (voluntarily causing grievous hurt by use of acid) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) against the two accused -- Sajjad Altaf Rather (main accused) and Mohammed Saleem Kumar.

The trial will start from March 30, police said.

Expressing satisfaction over the development, Senior Superintendent of Police (Srinagar) Rakesh Balwal said the police will fight this case till the end and ensure that the victim, who was attacked on February 1, gets justice.

"Our aim is that this case becomes a milestone in history for a speedy trial and punishment to the accused so that it acts as a deterrent for those harbouring such thoughts or having such tendencies," Balwal said. Advocate Mir Naveed

■ **CONTD ON PAGE 9**



than two decades.

"A proposal about the construction of ropeway from Katra to Ardhkumari and from Ardhkumari to Bhawan would be submitted. Building an alternate route for the devotees to return after visit-

ing the shrine would be emphasised," he said.

Sharma also stressed exploring options to manage the crowd on the lines of Tirupati Balaji where arrangements have been made for the devotees to wait for their turn for Darshan in waiting halls.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has reconstituted the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board and nominated eight personalities, from various walks of life, as members for three years. A notification approving

■ **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

## Pak exploiting religious fault lines to keep terrorism alive in J&K: Officials

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: In a change in its strategy in fomenting the three-decade-long cross-border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan is again employing the tactics of brainwashing the local youth in the name of religion and exploiting the "religious fault lines", officials said here on Sunday.

The change in tactics should also be seen in the light of Pakistan's desperate attempt to get out of the grey list of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), they said.

The terror movement, initiated by Pakistan's spy agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) under the garb of calls of 'Azadi' (freedom) and right to self-deter-

mination, has slowly and steadily transformed into a low-intensity conflict that stands on the pillars of "religion and radicalisation" today, the officials said.

From 2016, to get itself out of the FATF grey list, the ISI started creating multiple pseudo terror groups like The Resistance Front (TRF), Kashmir Tigers (KT), The People's Anti-Fascist Force (PAFF) and Kashmir Janbaz Force (KJF), to name a few.

These groups are nothing but shadow groups of banned terror outfits Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) and Hizbul Mujahideen set up with the primary aim of creating a smoke screen

■ **CONTD ON PAGE 9**



forces launching long-range missiles at cities and military bases as Ukrainian forces carry out hit-and-run attacks and seek to sever their supply lines.

Ukrainians have not greeted Russian soldiers with a

bunch of flowers, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy told CNN, but with weapons in their hand.

Moscow cannot hope to rule the country, he added, given Ukrainians' enmity toward the Russian forces.