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JKSSB conducts written exam for different posts in Jammu, Srinagar

STATE TIMÉS 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.

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



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 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

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

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

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

thwarting the anti-national

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 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

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Farooq Khan resigns as Advisor; likely to get important assignment

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Advisor Lieutenant Governor, Farooq Khan on Sunday resigned, sources said, adding that he is likely to get an important assignment in Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Late in the evening Khan confirmed to STATE TIMES about his resignation and said that he will be actively working as a political worker.

The former Administrator of Lakshadweep and IGP in J&K Police, Khan had taken up the assignment as Advisor to LG during the gubernatorial tenure of the former Governor Satya Pal Malik. Soon after the reorganization

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

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 selfreliant, and urged people to promote products

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

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 Lashkare-Taiba (LeT) founder Hafiz Saeed, Hizbul Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin, Kashmiri separatist leaders, including Yasin Malik, Shabbir Shah Masarat

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

STATE TIMĖŠ 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

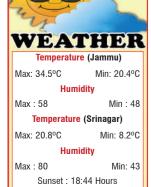
The delegation arrived following an invitation by J-K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at the Dubai Expo in January this year, the officials said.

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.

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

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Sunrise: 06:34 Hours

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 Jammu and

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, Zahoor Ahmad Shah

disturbed

Kashmir.

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

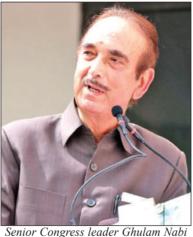
STATE TIMES NEWS

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 threedecade long Pakistan-sponsored terror-

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

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-



Azad adressing during a programme in Jammu on Sunday.

for his Padma Bhush

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 Kaghmir hag no

frames charges against 2 accused STATE TIMES NEWS The trial will start from

Srinagar acid attack case: Court

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 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

"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 Advocate Mir Naveed

Vaishno Devi pilgrimage to be more

'Innovation Man' Prof Umesh Rai is new VC of Jammu University

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Prof Umesh Rai has been appointed as new Vice Chancellor of Jammu University. According to official sources, Prof Rai's appointment was cleared by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Sunday.

With a Doctorate in Zoology from Banaras Hindu University, Prof. Rai is the first educationist of the country who had created the culture of cluster innovation centre way back in 2011 to transform the universities into hub of innovation activities, facilitating and guiding



the development of ideas into applications that can benefit the society at large.

When Professor Umesh Rai began teaching Zoology in Delhi University in 1992, he found the University class rooms to be the nerve centre of excellence which needed to

an intellectual bridge with the present and future requirements of the country's

He started developing mission-oriented science & technology courses to produce scientific trained manpower of a very high quality which could directly find placement across the country. Prof Rai is also credited with implementation of Innovation Project Scheme in 2012 to encourage undergraduate students and faculty in colleges to go beyond the

in J&K, 2 in Ladakh **STATE TIMES NEWS**

COVID: 27 fresh cases

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

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

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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 AIMILPharma, 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



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 visiting 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.

Governor Lieutenant Manoi 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

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Amid new bombings, Ukraine now seen as a war of attrition

AGENCY LVIV: Ukrainian authorities said Sunday that Russia's military bombed an art school sheltering some 400 people in the port city of Mariupol, where heavy street fighting was underway weeks into a devastating Russian

The fall of Mariupol would allow Russian forces in southern and eastern Ukraine to link up. But Western military analysts say that even if the surrounded city is taken, the troops battling for control there a block at a time may be too depleted to help secure Russian breakthroughs on other fronts.

Three weeks into the invasion, Western governments and analysts see the conflict shifting to a war of attrition, with bogged down Russian



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

Ukrainians have not greeted Russian soldiers with a

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

The strike on the art school was the second time in less than a week that officials reported an attack on a public building where Mariupol residents had taken shelter. On Wednesday, a bomb hit a theater where more than 1,000 people were believed to be sheltering.

There was no immediate word on casualties at the school, which The Associated Press could not independently verify. Ukrainian officials have not given an update on the search of the theater since Friday, when they said at least 130 people had been rescued and another 1,300 were trapped by rubble.

City officials and aid groups say food, water and electricity have run low in Mariupol and fighting has kept out humanitarian convovs. Communications are severed, making it difficult to verify reports from there.

The strategic port on the Sea of Azov has been under bombardment for over three weeks and has seen some of the worst horrors of the war. City officials said at least 2,300 people have died, with some buried in mass graves.

To do this to a peaceful city, what the occupiers did, is a terror that will be remembered for centuries to come, Zelenskyy said in a nightly video address to Ukraine. "The more Russia uses terror against Ukraine, the worse the consequences for it.

Unexpectedly strong Ukrainian resistance has dashed Russian President Vladimir Putin's hopes for a fast victory after he

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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 crossborder 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

The terror movement, initiated by Pakistan's spy agencv 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 Resistance (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

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