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## **Gulf Countries' Investment Summit at Srinagar**

# J&K at a transformative stage: Sinha



LG Manoj Sinha addressing a press conference at Srinagar on Tuesday

#### 7 new COVID cases in J&K

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Nursery to 11th

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#### **STATE TIMES NEWS** SRINAGAR: Jammu and

Kashmir recorded seven fresh COVID-19 cases on Tuesday, pushing the infection count to 4,53,469, officials said.

The death toll from the pandemic remained unchanged at 4,750 as no fatality linked to the disease was reported in the past 24 hours, they said. Two of the fresh cases were

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Ministry

of Civil Aviation has relaxed

COVID-19-related regula-

tions stating that cabin crew

members need not wear PPE

kit, airlines need not keep

three seats vacant on inter-

national flights for medical

emergencies and security

personnel at airports can

resume pat-down search of

The relaxation has been

given to facilitate "smooth

conduct of air operations".

the ministry's order, dated

The aviation market in

India is currently recovering

after the Omicron variant

suppressed the demand in

January. Around 76.96 lakh

10 IPS Officers deputed for **Induction Course to Hyderabad** 

on Tuesday deputed ten

IPS Officers for 43rd IPS

Induction Training Course

"Sanction is accorded to

the deputation of 10 IPS

officers to undergo 43rd

IPS Induction Training

Course, scheduled to be

held from April 4 to May

13, 2022 at Sardar

National Police Academy

(SVPNPA), Hyderabad,

reads an order issued by

Commissioner/Additional

Chief Secretary, Home

As per order the IPS

officers, who have been

for

Pathak, Dr. Mohd Haseeb

Mughal, Shahid Mehraj

Rather, Dr. Ajeet Singh,

Altaf Ahmed Khan, Haseeb-ur-Rehman, Vikas

Gupta, Abdul Qavoom,

Nisha Nathyal and Javid

Financial

course.

Kumar

at Hyderabad.

Vallabhbhai

R.K.Goval.

Department.

Iqbal Matoo

include Shakti

deputed

**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: The government

passengers

March 21, stated.

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**COVID** regulation for air travels relaxed

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir is at a transformative stage and prosperity and employment opportunities will come and people will peacefully, coexist Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said here on Tuesday.

He also said that about seven lakh jobs will be created in the Union Territory once outside investments bear fruit.

Speaking to media at SKICC here after attending the Gulf Countries investment summit, Sinha said a

domestic passengers trav-

elled by air in February,

approximately 20 per cent

more than in January.

## 'Huge potential for investments in J&K'

SRINAGAR: A visiting delegation of foreign investors on Tuesday said Jammu and Kashmir is a "big opportunity" to invest and its members will soon take forward their investment proposals.

A business delegation from the Gulf countries is on a fourday visit to the valley to explore investment opportunities in

Speaking with reporters at SKICC here, the CEO of Emirates International Investment Group, Abdulla Mohammad Yousuf Abdulla Alshaibani, said there is a big opportunity to invest for visiting delegation.

The people of J-K are very kind. We felt so safe between (among) you, like our family. This place is very beautiful, it is a piece of paradise. There is a big opportunity to invest from our whole team, Alshaibani, who has several companies involved in around 27 different sectors **CONTD ON PAGE 9** 

the J-K in the last two years. "Especially if I talk about investment and industrial business, a new industrial scheme was created by the Government of India for J-K wherein a proposal of having Rs 28.200 crore as incentives was kept, he said.

The LG said J-K has the better industrial incentive scheme compared to the rest of the country which has resulted in an increased interest in J-K by the businessmen across the country.

While about a year ago, the total outside investment made so far in J-K was about Rs 15,000 crore, today, we have about Rs 27,000 crore investments which have been cleared. We hope in the next six months, it will cross Rs 70,000 crore, he said.

"When the investment is translated on the ground, I hope a minimum of six to seven lakh people will get employment, he said. Sinha said after Narendra

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# Significant number of terrorists present in launch pads at Pak, PoK: Govt

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), in its order, said that the restriction of keeping three seats vacant on international flights for handling medical emergencies related to COVID-19 stands removed. "Airlines may carry a few Tuesday.

additional PPE protective gears, sanitiser and N-95 masks, to handle any respiratory infections related to cases on air, for passengers as well as the crew," the MoCA noted.

It said it had allowed full domestic flight operations

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

NEW DELHI: Article 370

of the Constitution was the

root cause of all the problems

in Jammu and Kashmir and

the region is witnessing

progress after its abrogation,

Union minister Mukhtar

Abbas Naqvi said in the

Article 370 used to act as a

protective shield for terror-

ists and it also helped "dynas-

tic and dishonest" politics in

"Article 370 was the reason

for the problems of the peo-

ple of Jammu and Kashmir.

It was a protective shield for

terrorists and helped dynas-

the erstwhile state, he said.

Rajya Sabha on Tuesday.

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NEW DELHI: Infiltration from Pakistan has reduced considerably but a significant number of terrorists remain present in various launch pads in Pakistan and Pakistan occupied Kashmir, Lok Sabha was informed on

In written replies to questions pertaining to the situation along the Line of Control (LoC) and international border with Pakistan, ministers of state for home affairs Nityanand Rai and Nitish Pramaik gave details of steps taken by the government in countering the men-

Article 370 acted as protective shield for terrorists,

helped dynastic politics in J&K: Naqvi

tic and dishonest politics.

Hence, it was required to be

removed," Naqvi said while

taking part in a discussion on

the budget for the Union

ace of infiltration and dropping of arms and ammunition using drones. Rai told the house that the

infiltration across the LoC has decreased significantly since 2018 in Jammu and Kashmir. He said in 2021, the figure

of infiltration stood at 34 whereas it was 143 in 2018, 138 in 2019 and 51 in 2020. However, there was a word of caution as the minister

informed the house that "as per inputs, a significant number of suspected terrorists remain present at various launch pads in Pakistan/Pakistan Occupied

Taking a dig at the

Opposition members, he

said, "People spoke more on

the reviews of The Kashmir

Files, the film, rather than

on the budget of Jammu and

The film has opened files

that were buried and that

contained the sins of some

political families and parties,

the minority affairs minister

Now, the ground realities

are changing after the abro-

gation of the provisions of

Article 370 and a 30-member

delegation from Gulf coun-

tries is touring the

Kashmir"

Kashmir (PoK)". Pakistan and India have been observing a ceasefire along the LoC for over a year

He said the government has adopted a multi-pronged approach to contain crossborder infiltration which includes multi-tiered deployment along the international border and LoC, border fencing, improved intelligence and operational coordination, equipping security advanced  $_{
m with}$ weapons and taking proactive action against infiltra-

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### LG visits SMHS hospital; enquires about condition of 2 labourers

#### injured in terrorist attacks STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday visited the SMHS hospital to enquire about the well being of two labourers -Bisujeet Kumar from Bihar and Muhammad Akram from Bijnoor, Uttar Pradesh who had sustained injuries in the recent terrorist attacks

at Pulwama and Tral. The Lieutenant Governor met the injured labourers and assured them of the best possible health facility for their treatment.

While condemning the terrorist attacks on civilians, the Lt Governor

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# Police constable martyred in gunfight with terrorists at Srinagar Three held for throwing grenade on CRPF camp in J&K

**Nationals today** 

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A constable was martyred and a terrorist injured in a brief shoot-out between police and the ultras in the Soura area of Srinagar on Tuesday, officials said.

Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said the police had launched a covert operation in the area after receiving inputs about the presence of terrorists "Police had information

that three terrorists were roaming in a car. A covert team of police was after them and a brief encounter took place in which a terrorist sustained a bullet injury," Kumar told reporters on the sidelines of an event. The police chief said selec-

tion grade constable Amir Hussain Lone of Kupwara was critically injured in the shoot-out. "He was taken to a hospital

where he succumbed to injuries. We regret this, but we will soon neutralise the

#### Karan Singh's son resigns from Congress **STATE TIMES NEWS**

#### JAMMU: Congress veteran Karan Singh's Vikramaditya

resigned from the party on Tuesday, saving it is not able to realise the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He had joined the Congress

in October in 2018.

In a letter to Congress Sonia Gandhi, Vikramaditya Singh wrote, "I hereby tender my resignation from the party membership of the party - Indian National Congress (INC) with immediate effect.' The elder son of Karan

Singh and grandson of

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"This was an LeT group operations. "So far this consisting of Basit, who became a commander after month, we have neutralised the killing of Mehran. There 11 hardcore terrorists, 12-13 was Rehan also and another

attacks, the IG said the security forces were conducting of them have also been arrested. Our operations are on," he added. To pay honour and respect to the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

will soon neutralise them," he

On a spike in terror

### Targeted killings in Kashmir to continue remain a challenge: DGP Terrorists and their men-

DGP Dilbag Singh, IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar and other officers

carrying coffin of Martyr police constable Amir Hussain Lone.

added.

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

group," he said.

Taiba (LeT).

Kumar said the group was

affiliated to the Lashkar-e-

terrorist. This group is

behind the recent killings,

including in Budgam. We

have been tracking them and

JAMMU: Targeted killings will continue to remain a challenge for security agencies till there is a presence of gun and terrorists in the Valley, Jammu and Kashmir DGP Dilbag Singh said on Tuesday. He also said security forces

are alert at the border to foil infiltration attempts of terrorists.

"When was not targeted killings a challenge? This (targeted killings) challenge is always there until there is presence of gun, terrorists and involvement Singh Pakistan,"

reporters here.

attacks and targeted killings) take place due to their (terrorist) activities, he said The DGP said J and K Police has been quick to solve incidents of targeted killings

tors are present everywhere.

Such incidents (grenade

and action as per law has been taken against the guilty. "A large number of terrorists have been neutralised.

he added. Replying to a question on

infiltration, the police chief said the border grid is alert to foil any such activity. "Any such attempt (from

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# Farooq Abdullah terms 'The Kashmir Files' as propaganda

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Farooq Abdullah on Tuesday broke his silence on 'The Kashmir Files' movie, which is based on the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from the Valley, saying the film was far from reality and nothing but "propaganda" to polarise the nation.

Abdullah, who has been targeted by the BJP over the migration of Kashmiri pandits, also suggested setting up of a Truth and Reconciliation Commission' headed by an "honest" person to find out what had hap-



pened at that time

"Whatever happened

ties' interested in ethnic cleansing at that part of the time." Abdullah said in an interview to the PTI.

To a pointed question that the movie had shown him at the helm of affairs, the veteran National Conference leader said, "I had tendered my resignation. It was Farooq Abdullah who had objected to the release of five terrorists in exchange of the daughter of the then Union Home Minister Mohammed Saveed).

"Did anyone listen to me? I had warned them that this will boost the morale of

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# Oppn parties attack Govt on fuel price hike, protest in Parliament

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Opposition parties on Tuesday attacked the government over the rise in prices of cooking gas, petrol and diesel, alleging it had held back for the last few months only because of elections and had once again "inflicted pain" on the common man as the assembly

They also protested in both houses of Parliament, with parties like the Congress, DMK, TMC, NCP, JMM, CPI, CPI-M, IUML, RSP, MDMK and VCK walking out from the Lok Sabha, while their members protested in Rajya Sabha forcing the chair to adjourn the House twice.

The Congress accused the government of "looting" Rs 10,000 crore through this



and common people and said it had warned of such price hike after the assembly election in five states.

Several party leaders including Rahul Gandhi said the "lockdown" on petrol, diesel and gas prices has been lifted and the government will now increase their  $\cos t$  as assembly elections are now over. The Congress party in a statement demanded that the rise in petrol, diesel and gas prices be taken back and brought to the level that existed during the UPA rule.

"This shameless loot of people's money, especially the poor, must come to an end," the party said. "The 'lockdown' imposed on the prices of gas, diesel and

petrol has been lifted. Now

the government will continu-

ously increase the prices. If

tion,

#### Petrol, diesel prices hiked by 80 paise; LPG Rs 50 NEW DELHI: Petrol and diesel prices were on Tuesday

hiked by 80 paise a litre each while domestic cooking gas LPG rates were increased by Rs 50 per cylinder as state oil firms ended an over four-and-a-half month election-related hiatus in rate revision.

Petrol in Delhi will now cost Rs 96.21 per litre as against Rs 95.41 previously while diesel rates have gone up from Rs 86.67 per litre to Rs 87.47, according to a price notification

In Mumbai, the petrol price has been hiked by Rs 0.84 per litre to Rs 110.82 per litre, and diesel by Rs 0.86 to Rs 95 per

The rates, which differ from state to state depending on the incidence of local taxes such as VAT, are likely to continue to rise over the next few days as state oil firms recoup losses from keeping prices on hold for a record 137 days According to CRISIL Research, a hike of Rs 15-20 per litre

is required to fully pass through a ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 said in a tweet in Hindi. you ask the prime minister

Samajwadi Party leader about the epidemic of inflawill Akhilesh Yadav say #ThaliBajao," Rahul Gandhi

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#### 1990 was a tragedy. My Kashmiri pandit brothers and sisters had to leave their homes. I would like everything to be investigated properly as to who were the 'par-

## 5,900 smart meter households in Srinagar to get 24x7 power supply: LG

#### STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: After Jammu,

5900 households of Srinagar equipped with smart meters and connected to 3 feeders in Srinagar will get 24x7 quality power supply, announced Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha during a press conference at Srinagar on Tuesday.

"We are committed to quality and reliable power supply to every household. I urge people to install smart meters and support the government's efforts in bringing reforms in the power sector, said the Lt Governor.

Feeders - Peerbagh 02, Rawalpora F-05 and Rawalpora F-04 in Srinagar will now get round the clock quality power supply without any scheduled curtailment. Pertinently, on March

21. the Lt Governor had announced zero scheduled power curtailment to 6603 households in the areas of Jammu where smart meters have been installed.

While interacting with the media persons, the Lt Governor reiterated government's commitment to generating 3400 MW power in the next four years, making J&K UT self-sufficient in the power sector.

He said that no serious efforts were made to exploit the power generation potential in the past. However, power generation being targeted for the next four years will be equal to the cumulative capacity installed during the last 7 decades, added the Lt Governor.

# Max: 58 Temperature (Srinagar) Max: 24.1°C Max: 73 Min: 28 Sunset: 18:44 Hours

Sunrise: 06:34 Hours