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33-B, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana, Punjat **RSS** Chief advises farmers to adopt cow-based farming STATE TIMES NEWS

MEERUT (UP): Changing farming methods is necessary not only for India but the world, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat said on Sunday and advised farmers to adopt cow-based farming.

Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) leader was speaking at a farmers' conference organised by the Bharatiya Kisan Sangh in Hastinapur. "Cowbased farming does not

Foundation-laying ceremony of first FDI project in J&K

Mall of Srinagar, allied projects will fuel economic growth of J&K: LG

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha laid the foundation stone for Mall of Srinagar by Dubai's Emaar Group at Sempora, today.

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The Lt Governor congratulated the people of J&K on the historic occasion. This is a new dawn of limitless possibilities. We are taking forward PM Narendra Modi ji's vision for development of J&K. Mall of Srinagar will have transformative impact on UT & boost infrastructure, employment generation and ease of living, said the Lt Governor.

"The Mall of Srinagar & allied projects with Government of Dubai will fuel the economic growth of J&K and bring us closer to achieving the shared vision of strengthening bilateral trade and investment ties between India and UAE," observed the Lt Governor.

The credit for the strong ties between UAE and India goes to the strenuous efforts of Prime Minister, said the Lt

The Lt Governor highlighted the progressive reforms introduced under the guidance of Prime Minister to create a favourable environment for Industries



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha laying foundation stone for Mall of Srinagar by Dubai's Emaar Group at Sempora on Sunday.

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Set to be one of the largest Malls in the region, the Mall will have over 500 shops

and Business to flourish in J&K. "Unprecedented Industrial investment

& economic growth of J&K is laying the

Awaam Ki Awaaz completes 2 years of Jan Bhagidari

Will quit if anyone proves fraudulent recruitment, says Sinha

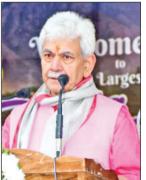
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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said the recruitment process in the Union Territory was fair and vowed to quit if anyone proved otherwise.

For the first time in history, results of the Jammu and Administrative Services examination were declared within three hours of the last candidate's inter-

His remarks come amid criticism of the government's decision to appoint Aptech, a previously blacklisted agency, to conduct the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board recruitment examina-

"Questions have been raised on selections. For the first time after Independence when the last candidate was interviewed in the Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Services examination, the



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at opening ceremony of Asia's largest Tulip Garden at Srinagar on Sunday.

in three hours of that. "If anyone alleges that one fraudulent recruitment has been made, I will leave Jammu and Kashmir the next minute," Sinha said

Addressing a gathering at the opening of the tulip garden here, Sinha said wherever complaints had been

received, a probe by the country's premier investigating the CBI, was agency, ordered

"Many people have been arrested and I want to assure the people that no one will be spared, even if he is powerful. Stringent punishment according to the country's law and Constitution will be given to them," he added.

Referring to the dismissal of several government employees and criticism by politicians, Sinha said 47 people were dismissed because of their alleged involvement in terror and anti-national activities.

"Those people who recruited 1.5 lakh people through the backdoor do not have any moral right to question. Let them introspect," he said, adding that his administration would not take any wrong decision under pressure from anyone. Some people, who have amassed

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Infant kidnapped from PHC Poonch, reunited with family within hours

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JAMMU: An infant was reunited with her family within hours after she was allegedly abducted from a public health centre in Poonch district by a woman posing as a nurse, police said on Sunday.

Abdul Hamid Gujjar, a resident of Shindhra village in Haveli, alleged that he was contacted on Saturday by a woman who introduced herself as a nurse at the public health centre in Lassana, a police spokesperson said.

She enquired about the 25day-old baby's vaccination record and convinced him to bring her to the health centre

Alert sounded in Samba

after leopard ventures

into India from Pakistan

SAMBA/JAMMU: An alert

has been sounded in Ramgarh

sector along the International

Border (IB) in Samba district

after a leopard crossed over to

the Indian side from

Pakistan, a police official said

The leopard was caught on

camera crossing the fencing

near the Border Security

Force (BSF) border outpost

nursery on the intervening

night of Friday and Saturday

After getting information

from the concerned BSF unit,

all border police posts were

alerted. They were directed to

inform the residents about the

presence of the leopard and

ask them to take necessary

precautions while moving around, especially during the

He said the Department of

Wildlife Protection was also informed and efforts to cap-

ture the big cat are underway.

Police parties were rushed to

Keso, Barotta, Lagwal,

Pakhari and adjoining villages

near the nursery post for the

WEATHER

Sunset: 18:42 Hours

Sunrise: 06:38 Hours

Min: 76

Max: 26.0°C

Max: 17.1°C

Max: 76

Max: 83

safety of locals, he said.

night, the official said.

on Sunday.

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for availing of financial aid. "Hamid took the baby to

the public health centre where a burga-clad woman deceived him and fled with the infant after engaging him in paperwork," the spokesperson said. After Hamid lodged a

police complaint, a case under relevant sections was registered at Surankote police station and an investigation taken up. "During the investigation,

human and technical intelligence was collated Police teams raided different locations and the baby was recovered from two women in

'People First' is our governance Mantra: Sinha **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said that people first is our governance Mantra and our vision remains to build a confident, prosperous and progressive Jammu and Kashmir. "We are committed to fulfill

the aspirations of the citizens," the Lt Governor said while congratulating he people of J&K as 'Awaam ki Awaaz' monthly radio programme completes its two years of Jan Bhagidari. These two years have been

dedicated to the welfare of the poor, public participation in policy making, empowerment of women, farmers and youth, the Lt Governor said.

Awaam Ki Awaaz is voice of the people and every citizen was encouraged to participate in the development journey of J&K. It has touched millions of lives in the last two years and also witnessed paradigm shift as far as path breaking people-centric reforms are concerned, added the Lt Governor.

During the 24th edition of Awaam Ki Awaaz, the Lt Governor shared stories of citizens' innovative endeavors, community service and contributions in preserving and promoting art & craft and linguistic heritage of

The Lt Governor highlighted the exemplary endeavour of Gauhar Ali Khan of Tangmarg, Baramulla, who revolutionized the Integrated Farming system through new innovations & adoption of new technologies in agriculture.

Sharing the story of Richa Sharma from Kishtwar who runs a self-help group, which manufactures disposable paper cups and plates with the help of Rural Livelihood Mission, the Lt Governor said her success is inspiring

budding female entrepreneurs.

The Lt Governor also mentioned about master craftsman Ghulam Mohammad Baig who is tirelessly working to preserve and promote priceless artistic and cultural heritage of J&K crafts.

Appreciating the selfless efforts of Swatantra Dev Kotwal of Udhampur who wears many hats as a civil defense volunteer, an advocate, a writer, and a COVID warrior, the Lt Governor said his devotion to public service is truly inspiring the society.

The Lt Governor

policeman's death in Kathua death of the policeman and KATHUA/JAMMU: A mag-

Magisterial inquiry initiated into

isterial inquiry was started on Sunday into the death of a policeman shortly after his arrest by the Central Bureau of Investigation on graft charges in Kathua district, officials said.

Head Constable Mushtaq Ahmad, a resident of Billawar, was allegedly caught red-handed on Saturday while taking a bribe of Rs 3000 at Women Police Station in Kathua, a few hours before his death. "On the directions of the

Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, we have started the magisterial probe into the will submit our report in the shortest possible time,' Additional Deputy Commissioner, Vishav Partap Singh said.

Singh, who was tasked to conduct the magisterial inquiry, supervised the postmortem of the deceased by a board of doctors at the Government Medical College (GMC) hospital on Sunday.

The body of the deceased was handed over to his family for last rites after completion of formalities, officials said. The relatives and neighbours of the deceased policeman, including his

Punjab on alert: 34 more Amritpal

Half of 320 flats for KP employees ready in Baramulla

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BARAMULLA: Work on half of the 320 flats at the colony for migrant Kashmiri Pandit employees of the Prime Minister's Package in Baramulla district has been completed, officials said.

"The new migrant colony at Khwajabagh is being built at a cost of Rs 40.22 crore. We have already spent Rs 35 crore. Ten blocks are ready to be inaugurated," Deputy Commissioner (Baramulla) Syed Sehrish Asgar told PTI.

About 160 flats will be ready for inauguration by the

"A total of 320 flats are to be built. The rest will be completed within two-three months. Steps are being taken to provide other amenities as well and the colony has been built at a safe location," Asgar said.

The official said work on the boundary wall around the colony would also start soon.

"The basic focus of the Lt Governor's administration is to accommodate those Prime Minister's Package employees not getting accommodation in existing colonies as soon as possible so that they can freely undertake their

migrant Kashmiri Pandit employees have also expressed satisfaction over the project, which they described as a "good thing".

"It is a good thing that

colonies are being constructed but we cannot relate it rehabilitation. Rehabilitation is a huge process. If all of the migrant employees living in rented accommodations are accommodated in these safe and secure places, then it will be a good step from a security point of view," said Rohit Raina, a Kashmiri Pandit.

14 injured as over-crowded cab plunges into gorge STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH/JAMMU: Fourteen people including some school students were injured when an overcrowded cab they were travelling in skidded off the road and plunged into a gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Sunday,

officials said. The accident happened near Keri Galhuta village of Mendhar around 10.30 am, they said

The school students were on their way to appear in the board examination when the driver lost control of the vehicle, they said.

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CHANDIGARH: Police on Sunday conducted flag marches and searches across Punjab in their manhunt for radical preacher Amritpal Singh, arresting 34 more supporters and shifting four men in custody to a jail in far-off Assam.

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has, however, asked the state government to respond on Tuesday to a habeas corpus petition, claiming that the preacher is already in illegal police custody and should be released. Justice N S Shekhawat

held the hearing at his home-

office as the courts were closed.

Police stuck to their version that the "Waris Punjab De" chief gave them the slip during a car chase in Jalandhar district on Saturday, when the crackdown against the group began. They have slapped fresh FIRs against the Khalistan sympathiser and his supporters.

Section 144 of the CrPc. which prohibits congregations, was imposed in the territory

Chandigarh, the joint capital of Punjab and Haryana. Prohibitory orders were already in force in some parts

supporters held

of Punjab. Police recovered a second vehicle in the case, an abandoned pick-up with a gun, a sword and several cartridges Jalandhar district's Salema village and said it appeared to be a part of Amritpal Singh's cavalcade.

The crackdown has come weeks after Singh and his supporters barged into the Ajnala police station near Amritsar, extracting an assurance that an arrested man would be released.

Twenty-one Amritnal supporters were taken into custody near Boparai Kalan

Kashmir's Tulip Garden opens for public with 15 lakh Tulips of 68 varieties

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SRINAGAR: The Indira Gandhi Tulip Garden, Asia's tulip garden, ensconced between Dal Lake and the Zabarwan hills here opened for the public on Sunday

and Kashmir Jammu Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at the opening ceremony said that about 68 varieties of tulips will bloom in the garden this year.

Besides 15 lakh tulips of various colours and hues, the garden, also known as Siraj Bagh, has other spring flowers, such as hyacinths, daffodils, muscari and cyclamens, on display, said Inamul-Rehman, in-charge of the

garden and new varieties are



"Every year we expand this



have extended the fountain

When the garden blooms

of tulips, he said.

The Floriculture department plants the tulip bulbs in a phased manner so that the flowers remain in the garden for a month or more.

The LG said last year the garden witnessed 3.60 lakh visitors, which is the highest since it was opened.

Expressing a hope that this year's visitor footfall surpasses last year's numbers, Sinha said a new tulip garden will be opened in April in Sanasar area of the Jammu region in which 2.75 lakh tulips of 25 varieties will bloom.

Lauding the efforts of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, Sinha said whatever successes the administration has achieved in the last few years, the credit goes to

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None will be spared: Police on case of conman posing as PMO official

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Police Sunday said action will be taken against everyone involved in providing perks and security cover to the conman who posed as a PMO official.

Kiran Bhai Patel from Guiarat has been arrested by police from a five-star hotel in Srinagar for posing as an 'additional secretary' in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and enjoying security cover besides other hospitali-

He had three cases registered against him in his

Interacting with reporters on the sidelines of an event here, the Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar, said a case has been registered in

the matter and investigations are being conducted.

"When the Srinagar Police got the information on March 2, the hotel was raided and the man was caught red-handed. Fake visiting cards were seized from him and he was arrested the same day after registration of a case," Kumar said. He said Patel was in police

remand for 14 days during which "a rigorous interrogation was done, and investigations were conducted". The Kashmir Police chief

said the force is also taking help from the Gujarat police. "He (Patel) is now in judi-

cial custody. Investigations are being conducted professionally. We are taking help from the Gujarat police also. No one will be

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