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Inaugurates DIPR's 'JK Youth Conclave 2024' Youth power driving force of progressive, prosperous India: LG



LG Manoj Sinha addressing gathering after inaugurating DIPR's JK Youth Conclave 2024 in Jammu on Thursday. (More pics on page-8)

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said that youth power is the pillar for Viksit Jammu and Kashmir and Viksit Bharat. "Youth power is the driving force of progressive and prosperous India. They are creating new path to achieve the vision of Amrit Kaal, the Lt

Governor said while inaugurating 'JK Youth Conclave 2024' and launched the second season of 'Inspire GenZ' and 'Beats of J&K' initiatives of Department of Information and Public Relations, at Convention Centre. He said: "The country is moving forward with great confidence, hope and expect-

tations and I am sure the young generation with their unique skills and talents will make their valuable contribution in this journey." The Lt Governor commended the efforts of the Department of Information and Public Relations for engaging and inspiring new generation to develop their individual selves.

"Platforms like 'Youth Conclave' will motivate Gen Zers to shape the J&K's social, cultural and economic landscape and eventually make an impact on different sectors," the Lt Governor said. He congratulated the Young Achievers from J&K who were honoured today for their exemplary contribution in diverse fields. At the Youth Conclave, the Lt Governor highlighted the crucial role of the new generation in cultivating most innovative ecosystem and shaping tomorrow's success. He reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration towards the empowerment of youth and providing them conducive environment to unleash their true potential.

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Six JKAS among seven officers transferred

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government on Thursday transferred six JKAS among seven officers. According to the order issued by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department, Vikas Dhar Bagati, JKAS, Personnel Officer in the Directorate of School Education, Jammu, has been transferred.

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Winter vacation for Kashmir valley schools extended by 4 days

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Authorities in Kashmir Thursday extended the winter vacation for valley schools by four days in view of the forecast of inclement weather. The schools, which were scheduled to reopen after a three-month winter vacation on March 1, would now resume on Monday. "In view of the weather

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Protection bund coming up along IB for safety of border farmers in J&K: IG BSF

STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA/JAMMU: Encouraging border residents to cultivate their land ahead of border fence, a top BSF officer on Thursday said the home ministry has approved a plan for the construction of a protection bund along the International Border for the safety of farmers and it will be completed within next five years. Inspector General of Border Security Force (BSF), Jammu frontier, D K Boora was speaking at a function organised at Chamliyal village near the zero line in Samba district to hand over a cheque of Rs 3 lakh to a villager who helped in the recovery of a grounded Pakistani drone in January.

Vinay Kumar and other prominent people attended the function. "We want the farmers to tend their land ahead of the border fence as the BSF is there for your protection. We will provide you with all the assistance and if you are concerned that you won't be able to cultivate your produce, we will not allow such a situation to develop in the first place," the BSF officer said. Boora, however, said in case the farmers on the Indian side are not able to reap their produce, the BSF

will not allow the other side to cultivate as well. He said the home ministry has already approved a proposal for the construction of a protection bund along the IB for the safety of the farmers working in their fields ahead of the border fence. "The protection bund will be completed within the next four to five years, depending on the availability of the funds. After the completion of the protection bund, you can carry out your work easily without any threat (from the enemy)," he said. Boora said there are rules in place while moving ahead of the border fence and "we need to follow those rules. BSF is deployed on the borders in J-K."

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Police felicitates informer of Pak drone with cash reward of Rs 3 lakh

STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday rewarded Rs 3 lakhs to the person who provided information about Pakistani drone and subsequently its recovery by security forces in Ramgarh sector of district Samba. Senior Superintendent of Police Samba, Vinay Kumar, presented a cheque amounting to Rs 3 lakhs as reward on behalf of ADGP Jammu Zone to the informer in a felicitation ceremony organized jointly by Samba Police

and BSF which was attended by IG BSF D.K Boora, DIG BSF Jammu Sector Chitter Pal, CO BSF 148 Bn. Kamal Rawat, Tehsildar Vijaypur, SDPO Vijaypur, SHO Ramgarh, respectable persons and large number of people from village Dug and adjoining villages. The reward was given as a part of J&K Police's policy recently announced by DGP J&K. It is pertinent to mention that on January 18, 2024, the informer, a local

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Delay in arrest of Sandeshkhali accused due to government's collusion: Tarun Chugh

Mamata Banerjee giving protection to criminals in W. Bengal

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: National General Secretary of Bharatiya Janata Party, Tarun Chugh on Thursday criticized the West Bengal government led by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on the criminal incidents on a daily basis and shameful incidents of sexual exploitation of women, saying that the Jungle Raj is at its peak in West Bengal. "Criminals are being protected and nurtured under Mamata's rule", Chugh said in a statement. Chugh said that today the daughters of Bengal are not at all safe under the rule of Mamata Banerjee. Criminals are



roaming freely. No action is being taken against the criminals. This shows that the law and order situation is in a worse condition. Sheikh Shahjahan, the accused in the

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BRS MP Pothuganti Ramulu, his son, other leaders join BJP

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: BRS MP from Telangana Pothuganti Ramulu joined the BJP here on Thursday, quitting his party ahead of the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. Along with Ramulu, his son Bharat Prasad and several other BRS leaders from Telangana, also joined the BJP in the presence of senior party leaders, including Union minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar and party in-charge for Telangana Tarun Chugh. BJP national vice president

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Senior IPS officer sworn in as JKPSC Chairman

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A K Choudhary, a 1991-batch Indian Police Service officer, was sworn in as the new chairman of the Public Service Commission in Jammu and Kashmir, an official said on Thursday. Choudhary (59) took the oath of office before Lt Governor Manoj Sinha at a ceremony held at the Raj Bhawan here, he said. Last week, the Jammu and Kashmir administration appointed Choudhary, who was holding the post of special director general of police

(erime), as the chairman of the PSC. He succeeded Satish Chandra, an IAS officer, who retired on November 1, 2023, after serving for 18 months. "The Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir is pleased to appoint A K Choudhary as Chairman, Public Service Commission for UT of J&K. He shall hold the position of the Chairman, PSC, till he attains the age of 62 years," an order issued by the General Administration Department (GAD) said.

DGP's Special Reward of Rs 4.40 lakh granted in favour of 44 police wards

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Director General of Police, R.R Swain has granted DGP's Special Reward of Rs. 4,40,000 in favour of 44 wards of serving police personnel. "Sanction is accorded to the grant of DGP's Special Reward of Rs. 10,000 each out of Central Police Welfare Fund with Commendation Certificate Class-I in favour of the 44 wards of serving Police personnel for qualifying Competitive Examinations during the year-2022-2023," read an order. Those who have been get DGP's Special Reward include Vishali Devi, Minhajji Nasir Shah, Akshay Parihar, Omessa Haseen,



DG NIA Dinkar Gupta interacting with DGP J&K R.R. Swain and other senior officers in Jammu on Thursday.

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JAMMU: Director General of National Investigation Agency (NIA), Dinkar

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IndiGo announces direct flights to Srinagar, Jammu from Kolkata

STATE TIMES NEWS
KOLKATA: Low-cost carrier IndiGo on Thursday announced direct flight services from Kolkata to Srinagar and Jammu, as a part of its new domestic route connections in the upcoming summer schedule. The direct flights between Kolkata-Srinagar and Kolkata-Jammu will commence from April 10 and April 21, respectively, the airline said in a statement. While the airline will operate direct flights on the Kolkata-Srinagar-Kolkata sector daily, the

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Implement decisions without fear or favour: Sinha to officials

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said that all the initiatives must serve the common good and decisions must be implemented without fear or favour. Interacting with the people and listening to their grievances during "LG's Mulaqaat"- Live Public Grievance Hearing programme, at Civil Secretariat, Sinha said, "We should strive to improve the public service delivery mechanism, quick resolution to public complaints, speedy and transparent implementation of welfare schemes to enhance



LG Manoj Sinha interacting with citizens during LG's Mulaqaat initiative on Thursday.

capabilities of the citizens". The Lt Governor sought details of complaints received on JKIGRAMS portal and action taken report on public outreach programmes from the concerned Administrative

Secretaries, Deputy Commissioners and senior officials. He directed the officials to assess the public outreach programmes and take corrective measures for efficient

redressal of grievances. He impressed upon the officials to take dedicated measures and focus on strengthening both physical and social capital. Addressing the grievances

received from the citizens, the Lt Governor passed explicit directions for the rationalization of teachers, especially in schools located at far flung areas. "No Single Teacher School" across Jammu Kashmir should be ensured, he said. He further directed for effective functioning of borewells and handpumps, besides strengthening the power transmission and distribution infrastructure and addressing the issues of LT Network and loose hanging electric wires. Deputy Commissioners were instructed to

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Properties of six proclaimed offenders attached in Ganderbal

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Authorities have attached immovable properties of six proclaimed offenders, who allegedly went to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) for arms training, in Ganderbal district, officials said on Thursday. The properties include agricultural land in Kawcherwan and Tangehatter areas of Kangan in the central Kashmir district. In pursuance of an order passed by the Ganderbal district magistrate

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Humidity
Max: 87 Min: 67
Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 10.5°C Min: 2.1°C
Humidity
Max: 60 Min: 52
Sunset: 18:26 Hours
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