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NEP 2020 has brought transformative reform in education: LG



LG Manoj Sinha addressing National Seminar on NEP 2020 at Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi on Friday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

VARANASI: Observing that National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has brought transformative reform in education, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said it has ensured that education system meets the challenges of 21st century and enables youth to become job giver rather than job seeker.

"Our National Education

Policy aims to transform higher educational institutions as knowledge hubs that will create vibrant communities; bridge the gap between disciplines; enable artistic, creative development of students; promote research and innovation and make the education more inclusive", he said while addressing the National Seminar on "National Education Policy-2020: Exploring the

Prospects" at Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi.

The Lt Governor highlighted various aspects of the National Education Policy and shared the vision to meet the challenges of future workplace.

The National Education Policy encourages Knowledge, Innovation and Independent thinking for students' Holistic

Development. Global outlook with an emphasis on Indian knowledge tradition makes the learning a lifelong process, observed the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor said the latest innovations in Artificial Intelligence will have greater impact on fourth industrial revolution. He said, since automation is changing workplaces across the world, youth will need reskilling, tech upskilling and mental flexibility to adapt to ever-changing needs of the industry.

The Lt Governor called upon the Universities and educational institutions to focus on 6Cs - Curiosity, Choice, Collaboration, Creativity, Communication and Critical Thinking, to empower youth. Our campuses and classrooms should reflect the change and issues affecting the world, he added. The Lt Governor

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J&K Govt declares paid holiday for voters of Jalandhar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Government has declared paid holiday for the voters of 04-Jalandhar (SC) Parliamentary Constituency of Punjab, working in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir for casting their vote on May 10, 2023.

"In terms of Section 135-B of the Representation of People Act, 1951, sanction is accorded to the grant of

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Nine MVIs transferred

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Friday transferred nine Motor Vehicles Inspectors (MVIs)

According to the order issued by Rahul Sharma, Transport Commissioner, J&K, Ranjeev Bhasin, has been transferred from AITO BOI, Passenger, Jammu and posted to RTO Kathua and the services of Surinder Kumar from

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Locals sheltered Poonch attack terrorists; weapons, explosives came from Pak through drones: DGP

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Friday claimed that the terror plot in last week's Poonch ambush has been uncovered and six locals have been arrested for sheltering the terrorists before they carried out the attack on an army vehicle using explosives and weapons that came from Pakistan through drones.

Director General of Police Dilbag Singh said the April 20 attack was a well-planned one and executed by three to five terrorists. They first did a recon of the area, understood the terrain and then chose the spot of attack.

He said over 200 people have been questioned till now and the operation to neutralise the terrorists involved in the attack is on.

"Six persons (of a module) have been arrested. They include those who have provided material (weapons, ammunition, explosives) to the terrorists besides shelter



Director General of Police Dilbag Singh briefing media at Rajouri on Friday.

and food and guided them from one to another place," Singh told reporters during a visit to Rajouri district.

"We are getting clues during questioning. We are working on that," he said.

Singh, who visited Darhal and remote Budh Khanari area in the foothills of snow-covered Pir Panjal mountains, also said that such incidents are not possible without local support.

"One full module in this has been caught. They were giving them support for past

two to three months. A local named Nisar and his family were providing all support from food to shelter. The material (explosives) had come from Pakistan through drone. They picked up the weapons and provided them to the terrorists. Weapons, grenades and ammunition explosives were included in that," he said.

He added that security forces are identifying more local support. "They will be working on it strongly.

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Govt constitutes panel for Digital Communication Readiness Index

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Friday constituted committee for Digital Communication Readiness Index (DCRI).

"Sanction is accorded to constitution of Inter departmental Coordination Committee (IDCC) for recommending policy reforms for implementing Digital Communication Readiness Index (DCRI) in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir," read an order issued by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department.

As per order, the committee will be headed by Chief Secretary, J&K as its Chairman while Chief Executive Officer, JaKeGA-Information Technology Department as Member Convener and Members of the committee include Principal Secretary, Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment; Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department; Principal Secretary, Power Development Department; Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department;

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CBI quizzes ex-Guv Satya Pal Malik for 5 hours over his claims

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The CBI questioned former Jammu and Kashmir governor Satya Pal Malik for nearly five hours Friday in connection with its probe into the alleged insurance scam in the Union Territory which came to light after his statement that he was offered bribes to clear related files, officials said.

A Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) team arrived at the Som Vihar residence of Malik in the R K Puram area of the national capital around 11.45 am to seek clarifications over his claims, they said.



CBI officials arriving at Former J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik's residence at New Delhi on Friday.

Officials said the exercise continued for nearly five hours during which several questions were lobbed at him about the claims made in his

statements recorded with the CBI last year.

This is the second time in seven months that Malik, who served as governor of

various states, was quizzed by the CBI. Officials, however, clarified that Malik is not an accused or a suspect in the case so far.

His statement was recorded in October last year after he concluded his gubernatorial responsibilities in Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, Goa, and Meghalaya.

After the latest CBI notice to seek clarifications from him, Malik had tweeted, "I have exposed the sins of some people by speaking the truth. Maybe that's why I have been called. I am the son of a farmer, I will not panic.

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J&K Govt forms panels on registration of births, deaths

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JAMMU: The Government on Friday constituted Union Territory Level Inter Departmental Coordination Committee and District Level Inter Departmental Coordination Committees on registration of Births and Deaths in Jammu and Kashmir.

"In terms of revised Registration of Births and Deaths Rules, 2022 notified vide S.O 494 dated October 10, 2022, sanction is accorded to constitution of Union Territory Level Inter Departmental Coordination Committee and District Level Inter Departmental

Coordination Committee(s), on registration of Births and Deaths in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir," reads an order issued by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department.

As per order, the UT-level Level Inter Departmental Coordination Committee will be headed by Administrative Secretary, Planning, Development & Monitoring Department as its chairman while Joint Director (Central) (Deputy Chief Registrar, J&K), DES as its Member Secretary

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BJP to organise public broadcast of 100th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' in J&K, Haryana on Sunday

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

CHANDIGARH/JAMMU: The BJP's Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir units will organise special programmes on April 30 and invite people to listen to the 100th episode of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's monthly radio broadcast 'Mann Ki Baat', party leaders said on Friday.

While the Haryana BJP will organise programmes in every assembly constituency of the state, the Jammu and Kashmir unit will do so at nearly 5,500 booths in the union territory.

The Haryana BJP has set a target of inviting 9 lakh people to its programmes, state party chief O P Dhanekar said.

He said the entire country and millions across the world are eagerly waiting for the 100th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat', which is broadcast on the last Sunday of every month. Educational and social organisations will

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Need to root out terrorism collectively: Rajnath Singh at SCO Def Ministers' meet

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday called upon the SCO member nations to fix accountability on supporters of terrorism and pitched for a framework of regional cooperation that respects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the countries in the grouping, in comments seen as a veiled reference to Pakistan and a message to China respectively.

With Chinese defence minister Li Shangfu listening, Singh, who chaired a con-



clave of defence ministers of the SCO countries, said India envisions a robust framework of regional coop-

eration which mutually respects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all member states by taking care of their legitimate interests.

New Delhi strives to further bolster "trust and cooperation" among the members of the grouping as it believes in maintaining peace and security based on the provisions of the UN charter, he said.

Singh's comments referring to the need for respecting

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City Traffic Police seizes 4 sports bikes for violation of rules

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Taking strict action Stunt Bikers, Traffic Police City Jammu on Friday seized 4 sports bikes for violation of traffic rules under MV Act. SOT Narwal, SI Amritpal Singh seized the sports bikes during a routine checking in the area. Meanwhile, Dy. SP Traffic City South, Bikram Kumar has appealed to parents to do counselling of their children and tell them not to indulge in dangerous driving and stunt biking on public roads. The SSP traffic City Jammu also stressed upon strict action under M.V Act/rule besides counselling of the public against stunt biking.

Some people would have certainly felt pain after Y20 success in Leh: Thakur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: Union minister Anurag Thakur on Friday said that the successful hosting of the Y20 pre-summit here was a befitting reply to those who had "tried to spread fear and confusion" ahead of the event.

Without naming any country, the Union minister for youth affairs and sports said those who tried to "spread fear and confusion" would now be feeling the "pain" due to the "roaring success" of the three-day event.

Though China, which skipped the Y-20 Pre-Summit here, has not made



any public statement against the event, its close ally Pakistan had objected to organising of G20- related events in Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

Earlier this month,

Pakistan foreign ministry had issued a statement expressing "strong indignation" over India's plans to hold the G20 meetings in Srinagar and Leh.

The Y20 Pre-Summit was held in Leh as part of the country's G20 presidency, but China was the only member in the group of nations not to send its youth contingent.

India-China relations have taken a hit after the 2020 Galwan Valley clash when 20 Indian soldiers were killed.

At a press conference, Thakur, who was here on

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Rains lash Kashmir Valley; fresh snowfall in Gulmarg

2 injured as landslide hit vehicle on NH in Ramban



■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The famous ski-resort of Gulmarg and other higher reaches in the Kashmir Valley received fresh snowfall while the plains were lashed by rains, officials said on Friday.

Gulmarg, in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, received about four

inches of snowfall, they said. The officials said there are reports of snowfall in other areas in the upper reaches of the valley, including at Zojilla Pass on the Srinagar-Leh national highway, forcing its closure for traffic.

Srinagar and other areas in the plains of the valley

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Live-streaming of Court proceedings important for people: CJI Chandrachud

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice D Y Chandrachud on Friday underscored the importance of live-streaming of court proceedings in reaching out to the citizens and said it was incumbent on the high courts to ensure that the funds released by the "extremely receptive" Centre in this regard are productively used.

Advocating for making live-streaming of court proceedings a "permanent part" of the judicial system, CJI Chandrachud said the first tranche of nearly Rs 2,000 crore allocation is expected to be released by the Centre in June.

"I think it is important that

we reach out to citizens by ensuring live-streaming of our proceedings and I have



no manner of doubt that this is now a mission which is not confined to the personal preferences of your present CJI who is fond of technology but something which we will incorporate as a permanent part of our judicial system," CJI Chandrachud said.

"The Union government has been extremely receptive in providing us funds. The chal-

lenge now is before the high courts to ensure that funds are productively deployed. We are expecting the first tranche of nearly Rs 2,000 crore to be released in June.

"We will have about nine months of the current financial year to expend those funds (It is now for courts) to ensure that the funds which are released by the Union government are effectively deployed and are utilised," he said.

The CJI was speaking at the virtual launch of two IT projects of the Delhi High Court 'Digital Courts for Contested Traffic Challans' and 'Bail Orders Sharing Module' on e-Prison platform.

Tourist guide arrested for selling fake Gondola tickets

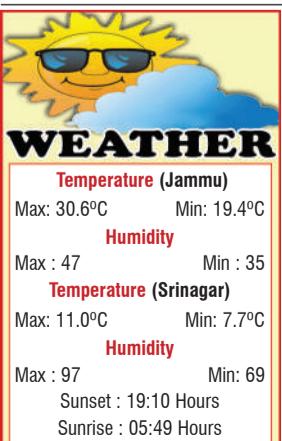
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GULMARG: A tourist guide was arrested for allegedly involved in selling fake Gondola tickets to tourists in Baramulla district, police said on Friday.

The accused has been identified as Mohamad Akhter Katari, a resident of Bandi Bala Chandoosa, and was arrested by Baramulla police. According to officials, Gulmarg Police received a written complaint from Gulmarg Gondola Project's Manager wherein he stated that a ticket-checker caught 11 tourists with fake gondola tickets. "An enquiry was conducted during which tourists stated that a tourist guide sold them those tickets", the police said.

The police further said,

"FIR was registered under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) in Police Station Gulmarg and an investigation is underway. During the course of the investigation, the statement of the tourists was recorded and after strenuous efforts, a tourist guide namely Mohd Akhtar Katari, son of Gh Nabi Katari, resident of Bandi Bala Chandoosa was taken into custody and investigation was set into motion." According to police, it was revealed during the investigation that the main objective of the fraudster was to pre-book Gondola tickets and then selling the same to gullible tourists at exorbitant rates. The police also requested tourists to be watchful of such fraudsters.



WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 30.6°C Min: 19.4°C

Humidity
Max: 47 Min: 35

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 11.0°C Min: 7.7°C

Humidity
Max: 97 Min: 69

Sunset : 19:10 Hours
Sunrise : 05:49 Hours