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Startups game changer for growth; Govt to provide incubation, seed funding to brilliant ideas: LG



LG Manoj Sinha addressing National Academia-Industrial Conclave at Islamic University of Science and Technology.

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AWANTIPORA: Terming Startups as a true game economic forgrowth, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said that the government is determined to provide incubation and seed funding support to brilliant ideas and solutions.

"Our aim is to build a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation and Startups in Jammu and Kashmir and the synergies between indusments will encourage and empower young innovators and boost private investment in the Startups", the Lt Governor said while addressing the National Academia-Industrial Conclave at Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST).

During his visit to IUST, the Lt Governor inaugurated several key infrastructure facilities on the University campus, including the Centre Innovation Development (CIED), Food

Block, SSM Technology Memorial College of Nursing & Medical Technology, and Food Testing Lab.

The Lt Governor also presided over the signing of several MoUs between IUST and Industry Associations, Businesses, Institutions and the Government.

The Lt Governor termed the Conclave as a pathbreaking initiative to bridge the gap between academia and industry. Collaboration with stakeholders will help in

ment for innovation to flourish in UT of J&K, the Lt Governor said. Academic-

A strong

Industry collaboration will bring a meaningful change in the private and public sector, besides providing an opportunity to promote innovation, work on new model of IEC -Innovate, Evolve Commercialize the relevant technology, building new knowledge to meet the needs of the future, added the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor asked all stakeholders to focus on affordability, sustainability of innovative products, creation of Industry Innovation clusters to encourage young entrepreneurs and drive job

Under the guidance of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, India's Start ups are making their place in the global market. India is now ranked third in the world in terms of innovation

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Pankaj Sharma new Excise Comm J&K; Alyas Addl Secv LG Secretariat ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government of Wednesday transferred three JKAS officers.

According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Principal Dwivedi, Secretary, General Administration Department, Kishore Singh Chib, JKAS, Excise Commissioner, J&K has been transferred and posted as Special Secretary, Planning, Development

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Terrorist killed in **Bandipora forests STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: A terrorist was killed in a gunbattle with security forces in Bandipora district while another encounter was underway in the Anantnag district on Wednesday, police said.

The gunbattle had broken out between the terrorists and security forces in Salinder forests Bandipora earlier in the day, a police spokesperson had

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SC puts on hold sedition law, Centre invokes 'Lakshman Rekha'

re-examination of the penal

law is over, the court also

spoke of the need to balance

the interests of civil liberties

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NEW DELHI: In a landmark order, the Supreme Court on Wednesday put on hold the contentious sedition

law till the Centre completes its promised review of the colonial relic and also asked the central and state governments not to register any fresh cases

invoking the offence. A bench headed by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana directed that ongoing probes, pending trials and all pro-

ceedings under the sedition law across the country will also be kept in abeyance, Those in jail on sedition charges could approach the court for bail, it said.

Delivering its 10-page order after it gave 24 hours to the Centre to spell out its stand on keeping the pending sedition cases in abeyance and not registering fresh

and citizens with that of the

This Court is cognizant of security interests and integrity of the State on one hand, and the civil liberties of citizens on the other. There is a requirement to balance both sets of considerations. which is a difficult exercise.

The offence of sedition,

Penal Code(IPC) in 1890, has been under intense public scrutiny for its use as a tool against expressions of

dissent, including on social media. The British government during its colonial rule had used the sedition law primarily to suppress dissent and imprison freedom fighters such Mahatma Gandhi and Bal Gangadhar Tilak.

The case of the petitioners is that this provision of law predates the Constitution itself, and is being misused, the bench, also comprising

Justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli, said in its inter-Taking note of the concerns

of the Centre, the apex court said the rigours of Section 124 A (sedition) of the

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Massive search ops launched in Samba to sanitize border villages



border village along Samba sector.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police and other security forces on Wednesday launched a massive search operation along International Border (IB) in

Soni gets addl charge

of OSD to CEO SASB

on Wednesday given addi-

tional charge to Divisional

Forest Officer (DDO),

According to the order

issued by Manoj Kumar

Administration Department,

Anup Kumar Soni, IFoS,

Divisional Forest Officer,

Forest Division, Jammu

shall also function as OSD to

Chief Executive Officer

(CEO), Shri Amarnath Ji

Shrine Board (SASB) in

addition to his own duties till

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Addl Secy GAD

JAMMU: The Government

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According to the order

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Principal

General

Forest Division, Jammu.

Dwivedi,

Secretary,

further orders

JKAS officer:

Secretary, General

Dwivedi.

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The government

Samba district to sanitize the border villages ahead of Amarnath Yatra next month. officials said. The joint operation by police, Army,

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The "expo-

nential growth" in local

youngsters joining terrorist

ranks in Jammu and

Kashmir over the last two

years is a cause of concern

for the security establish-

ment with officials saying

such operatives constitute

about 60 per cent of the total

active strength, CRPF

At the same time, as per

the sources, out of the

around 150-163 active ter-

rorists in the Union Territory

at present, 85 are stated to

be foreigners, largely

sources said on Wednesday.

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 'Rapid growth in locals joining

PIL regarding illegal constructions at Patnitop

DB directs CBI to place on record status-report regarding investigation

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a PIL filed by Harcharan Singh, an Hotelier/owner of Krystal Hotel and Restaurant at Patnitop seeking demolition of illegal/unauthorized buildings raised in Green Buffer areas of Patnitop, in which Division Bench on December 31, 2019 directed CBI to conduct in-depth enquiry within two months, a Division Bench comprising Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur and Justice Rahul Bharti after hearing Adv Monika Kohli appearing for CBI, stated that the notification,

terror ranks in J&K'

"home-grown"

The share of local or

among the overall numbers

of these operatives has grown

exponentially over the last

about two years time. The

share of local terrorists over

these years has been as high

as about 60 per cent, the

sources said. Earlier, it used

to be reverse with foreign ter-

rorists comprising about 60-

70 per cent of terrorists oper-

ating in the Kashmir valley

and parts of Jammu, they

This is a cause of concern

but it is also to the credit of

the security forces that the

situation has been under con-

terrorists

which was awaited from the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Govt of India has been received by CBI and they would investigate matter, for which a minimum period of approximately two months is required and directed to file statusreport with regard to investigation conducted.

It is worthwhile to mention here that on December 31, 2019, the Division Bench directed Director Central Bureau of Investigation to conduct in-depth enquiry on encroachment on forest land and other public land; illegal

change of use and misuse of land in violation of permitted user; raising of illegal constructions; failure of authorities to take action; fix responsibility of persons who were at the helm of affairs, were duty bound to and responsible for their taking action; their failure to proceed in accordance with law on issues regarding several aspects relating to the illegal constructions compounding and misuse thereof and; any other illegality which is revealed during the course of the enquiry. It is worthwhile ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Three Chief Administrative Officers, six Account

Officers adjusted in JKHC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Chief Justice.

High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Tuesday ordered adjustment of three Chief Administrative Officers and six Account Officers.

"Consequent upon the promotions of Section Officers and PA-Cum-Senior Scale Stenographers to the posts of Chief Administrative Officers and Accounts Officers, vide High Court Order No. 541 of 2022/PSY dated May 6, 2022 in Subordinate Judiciary of UTof Jammu and Kashmir, the transfers and postings of the Chief Administrative

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16 Tourism Deptt JEs adjusted STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government

Wednesday ordered adjustment of 16 Junior Engineers (JEs) (Civil) of Tourism Department.

According to the order issued by Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary, Tourism Department, awaiting orders of adjustments in the department, Mohd Saleem Malik, JE (Civil) has been posted in Tourism Aharbal Development Authority (TDA); Amir Hussain Malik, JE (Civil) in Yousmarg TDA; Firdous Ahmad, JE (Civil) in Doodhpathri TDA; Aarif Irshad, JE (Civil)

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along LoC in Rajouri, Poonch STATE TIMES NEWS Rajouri sectors accompanied $\overline{\mathrm{JAMMU}}$: Additional

ADG BSF visits forward areas

Director General (ADG) of BSF (Western Command) P Rama Sastry on Wednesday visited forward areas along the Line of Control (LoC) in twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch and reviewed the security situation there, officials said.

Sastry's two-day visit to the Jammu frontier, which began on Tuesday, comes in the backdrop of uncovering of a cross-border tunnel in the Samba sector recently.

"On his two-day visit to Jammu frontier, Sastry today visited forward areas of LoC in Poonch and

by IG BSF Jammu D K Boora and other senior officers of this frontier," DIG BSF S P S Sandhu said.

He reviewed the security situation along the LoC, Sandhu added. DIG BSF, Rajouri sector,

and battalion commanders briefed the ADG about on the ground complexities of management, overall deployment of the troops and domination plan of the LoC area under prevailing security scenario, he said.

Sastry also visited the vital areas in Poonch and Rajouri sectors and examined

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30 injured as passenger bus overturns in Rajouri

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: At least 30 persons were injured on Wednesday when a passenger bus turned upside down after it collided with a truck in Rajouri district, officials said.

The accident took place near Khandli village and all the injured were rushed to Government Medical College (GMC) Rajouri for treatment, they said.

The officials said the bus was on its way to Rajouri town from Preeri when it collided with a truck

The injured have been identified as Mohd Razaq, son of Noor Himain, resident of



Locals rescuing injured from bus at accident site.

Tarkasi; Pervaiaz Akhter, wife of Ravaz Ahmed, resident of Kotedhara; Shazia Kouser, wife of Mohd Khalid, resident of Kotedhara; Mohd Khaliq, son of Mohd Rafiq,

resident Kotedhara: Zahra, daughter of Mohd Khalid. resident Kotedhara; Wajid Ali, son of Mohd Bashir, resident

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Seven DySPs placed

in Selection Grade

JAMMU: The government

Grade

"In terms of the Jammu

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Jawans being sensitised ahead Six Pvt Secys, two Sr **Stenographers transferred** of Amarnath Yatra: CRPF ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: CRPF personnel,

who will be deployed for the Amarnath Yatra in Jammu and Kashmir, are being sensitised about the threat posed by "sticky bombs", a senior officer said on Wednesday, asserting that alertness is the best way to deal with the problem.

In a first of its kind seizure in February last year, the Border Security Force (BSF) confiscated a dronedropped consignment along the International Border in Samba district which includ-

"sticky bombs" by sticking them on vehicles and control-

Force (CRPF) Inspector

Deputy Hiranagar Range, Devender Yaday, said alertness is the key to deal with the threat of "sticky bombs". "There is no way but alert-

ness to deal with the prob-

lem. In our area of responsibility, security deployments will be put on alert and

jawans will be sensitised about the threat," he told reporters after inaugurating the inter-battalion weight lifting competition of CRPF units here. The 43-day-long

pilgrimage to the

of Wednesday ordered placement of seven Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySPs) (Steno) in the Selection Functional).

and Kashmir Police (Gazetted) Service Recruitment Rules, 2002, notified vide SRO-132 dated April 3, 2002, read with Government Order No.653-Home(P) of 2017 dated May 7, 2017 and Government Order No.1031-Home(P) of 2017 dated August 9, 2017, sanction is accorded to the placement of the seven Deputy Superintendents of Police (Steno) in the Selection Grade of Deputy Superintendent of

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Max: 49 Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 30.2°C Max: 60 Min: 32 Sunset: 19:20 Hours Sunrise: 05:37 Hours

Relax uniform norms, modify timings: Centre's guidelines to schools amid rise in mercury **STATE TIMES NEWS** the schools to modify timings

said.

NEW DELHI: As temperatures started soaring again in many parts of the country. the Ministry of Education on Wednesday issued protective guidelines to schools for combating ill-effects of heatwave. asking them to relax the uniform norms, restrict outdoor activities and modify tim-A torrid heatwave had sent

the mercury soaring across large swathes of India with the temperature in Delhi rising to 46 degrees Celsius. The national capital also recorded its second hottest April in 72 years with a monthly average maximum temperature of 40.2 degrees

The guidelines by the Ministry of Education asked and reduce the number of school hours each day. "School hours may start

early and get over before noon. Timing may be from 7.00 AM onwards. Number of school hours per day may be reduced. Sports and other outdoor activities which expose students directly to the sunlight may be appropriately adjusted in the early

"School assembly should be conducted in covered area or in classrooms with reduced timing. Similar care may be taken during dispersal after school is over," the guidelines said. The ministry has also

advised schools to ensure that the school bus or ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 The reasons for these high

trol, the sources said.

number of local youth joining terror ranks can be attributed to radicalisation, including through online means, by operatives from within the country and across the border, they said.

The recruitment of locals in terrorist ranks has been byand-large hovering around the same numbers, officials

There have been 187 local terrorist recruits in 2018. 121 in 2019, 181 in 2020, 142 in 2021 and 28 in 2022, as per data updated till

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JAMMU: The Government on Wednesday transferred six Private Secretaries and two Senior Stenographers. In the interest of administration, following transfers

and postings are hereby

ordered with immediate

According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Principal Dwivedi, Secretary General Administration Department, Shafi, Secretary,

Home Department has been transferred and posted in the Public Service Commission; Ajaz Ahmad Qureshi, Private Secretary, Mining Department in the Jal Shakti Department; Sanjay Ganjoo, Private

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ed 14 improvised explosive devices ($\widetilde{\text{IEDs}}$) with in-built magnets. These could be used as

ling them using a timer and a remotely-held device.

Central Reserve Police

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