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## Sustained attention being paid to bring quality education to underprivileged: LG



LG Manoj Sinha addressing gathering after inaugurating various projects at Srinagar on Monday.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**SRINAGAR:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said the administration is paying sustained attention to bring quality education to the underprivileged section of the society who were long deprived of their rights.

Sinha was in Pulwama district to lay foundation stones for projects worth over Rs 51 crore for the welfare of the tribal community.

Marking a historic day for the development of Tribal population of Pulwama, he

inaugurated 5 projects including Model Tribal Transit Residential School, Girl Hostel, and laid foundation stone for 18 other projects for the welfare of Tribal Community in the district.

The tribal population of Pulwama witnessed inauguration of projects worth Rs 11.47 Cr, and laying of foundation stones for new projects worth Rs 39.86 Cr aimed at development and welfare in tribal areas.

Sustained attention is being paid to ensure that quality education is brought

within reach of people who were long deprived of their rights.

New hostels, smart classes and a record number of scholarships for tribal students will open doors of economic prosperity and all-round development," Sinha said.

He said that the projects worth more than Rs 51 Crore are testimony to our commitment of Social Justice and Equality.

"Between 1976-2020, only 26 hostels were established for tribal students, while 37

new hostels will be added by 2023. In the last 21 months, steps have been taken to ensure empowerment of all Marginalized & Weaker groups, the Lt Governor observed.

Noting that the Tribal Community in J&K was neglected and discriminated against since independence, the Lt Governor said that never before have tribal community prospects been as bright as they are today.

Forest Rights Act, PM Van Dhan Yojna, SHGs, Healthcare, Transport Facility, Hostels, Tourist Village, Skill Development, and every initiative has been aimed at ensuring progress of J&K in an equitable, fair and just manner; he added.

The Lt Governor said that the government is making all efforts to enhance the sources of livelihood for the tribal population. UT administration is setting up 100 Van Dhan Kendras

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## Killer of Martyr Constable among two JeM terrorists killed

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**SRINAGAR:** Security forces shot dead two Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorists in an overnight encounter in Pulwama district, police said on Monday.

One of the slain terrorists was involved in the martyrdom of police constable Reyaz Ahmad earlier this month, a police spokesman said.

He said that on a specific input generated by the Kulgam police regarding the presence of terrorists in village Gundipora of Pulwama, a joint cordon and search operation was launched by security forces.

"During the search operation, as the joint search party approached towards the suspected spot, the hiding terrorists in the residential house of Nazir Ahmad Mir fired indiscriminately upon the search party which was retaliated leading to an encounter," he said.

The spokesman said that to



avoid any collateral damage due to darkness, the operation was suspended during the night hours and was resumed in the wee hours.

"In the ensuing encounter, two terrorists, identified as Abid Hussain Shah son of Late Mushtaq Ahmad Shah resident of Monghama Pulwama and Saqib Azad Sofi son of Azad Ahmad Sofi resident of Amshipora Shopian, were killed. They were affiliated with proscribed terror outfit JeM," he added.

According to police records, the spokesman said both were categorized terrorists and part of groups involved in several terror crime cases, including attacks on police and civilian atrocities.

"Pertinently, the killed terrorist Abid Shah was involved in the recent martyrdom of unarmed policeman Constable Reyaz Ahmad at his residential house at Gadoora area of Pulwama on 13th May 2022," he added.

Inspector General of Police

(IGP) of Kashmir Vijay Kumar congratulated the forces for carrying out the anti-terrorist operation in a professional manner without any collateral damage.

He also appreciated the joint team for tracking and neutralising the terrorists involved in the recent martyrdom of policeman in Pulwama.

While interacting with the media, Kumar said that police have succeeded to a large extent to prevent the youth from taking up the arms and are working on multi-dimensional fronts to prevent local terrorist recruitment, those who motivate and lure young boys towards terrorism are being booked under the Public Safety Act (PSA).

"We are also tracking new recruits through technical surveillance and bringing them back," the IGP said.

In this regard, a case under relevant sections of law

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## Pak-based terror groups JeM, LeT maintain training camps in Afghanistan: UN report

### ■ AGENCY

**UNITED NATIONS:** Pakistan-based terror groups such as Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba, led by 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks mastermind Hafiz Saeed, maintain their training camps in some provinces of Afghanistan and some of them are directly under the Taliban control, according to a UN report.

The 13th report of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team cites a UN Member State as saying that Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), a Deobandi group ideologically closer to the Taliban main-

tains eight training camps in Nangarhar, three of which are directly under Taliban control.

India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador T S Tirumurti, in his capacity as Chair of the Taliban Sanctions Committee, also known as the 1988 Sanctions Committee, transmitted the report to be "brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council."

The report said that Jaish-e-Mohammed, a Deobandi group led by Masood

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## Country getting out of 'vicious cycle' it was trapped in before 2014: Modi

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**NEW DELHI:** India is getting out of the "vicious cycle" of corruption, scams, nepotism, terrorist organisations spreading across the country and regional discrimination, in which it was trapped in before 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday, asserting that his government's eight years were dedicated to the welfare of the poor.

The prime minister also expressed happiness that when his government is completing its eight years, the confidence of the country and the self-confidence of its peo-



PM Narendra Modi addressing during release of benefits under PM Cares for Children scheme via video conferencing in New Delhi on Monday.

ple is unprecedented.

The prime minister was speaking at an event during which he released benefits under the PM-CARES for Children Scheme.

Modi said that coming out

of the negative impact of Covid, India has become one of the fastest growing economies in the world.

The world is looking towards the country with new hope and faith, he said.

"The country is getting out of the vicious cycle of corruption, scams worth thousands of crores, nepotism, terrorist organisations spreading across the country,

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## Several vehicles washed away in flash floods at Jammu

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**JAMMU:** Several vehicles were washed away after heavy rains triggered flash floods in Devika river in the Purmandal area on the outskirts of the city, officials said. Hundreds of people

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## Army officer injured in 'accidental' landmine blast along LoC


### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**JAMMU:** An Army Major was injured in an "accidental" landmine blast along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district on Monday, officials said.

The incident took place when the officer was conducting routine patrolling along the LoC in Poonch sector, they said.

The officer was evacuated to a military hospital for treatment, the officials said.

It was not immediately known what triggered the blast.



**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 33.3°C Min: 25.4°C

Humidity

Max : 37 Min : 31

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 25.7°C Min: 14.3°C

Humidity

Max : 65 Min: 43

Sunset : 19:32 Hours

Sunrise : 05:26 Hours

## Court rejects bail of co-accused in Hawala trade case

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**JAMMU:** Special Judge NIA Ashwani Sharma has rejected bail application of one Mohd Sharief, an accused involved in Halwa trade case, wherein the bail application of ex-Minister Jatinder Singh @ Babu Singh (ex-MLA/ex-Minister), resident of Kathua for financing Jammu-based separatist and secessionists groups /parties to carryout subversive activities against sovereignty, integrity and security of India.

Special Judge NIA Ashwani Sharma, after hearing APP Anil Magotra observed that applicant is involved in commission of offence in FIR No. 73/2022 registered under sections 13/17/18 of UA(P) Act at Police Station Gandhi Nagar

Jammu and a sum of Rs 6,90,000 was allegedly recovered from possession of accused, who was coming from Kashmir to Jammu to hand-over Hawala money to accused namely Jatinder Singh @ Babu Singh (ex-MLA/ex-Minister), resident of Kathua for financing Jammu-based separatist and secessionists groups /parties to carryout subversive activities against sovereignty, integrity and security of India.

Special Judge NIA Ashwani Sharma observed that in present case, the question of unity, integrity, securi-

ty and sovereignty of India in general and UT' of J&K in particular is involved in case in which the applicant herein is alleged to have played a key-role. "The investigation of the case is at its infancy and if the accused/applicant would be enlarged on bail, the course of justice would be thwarted. The embargo contained under section 43-D (5) of UA(P) Act is also attracted in the present case. Thus, in larger interest of security of the state, the accused is not entitled to bail at this stage. The application, as such, is accordingly rejected," the Court observed.

## 685 qualify civil services exam, women secure top three ranks: UPSC

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**NEW DELHI:** Shruti Sharma, Ankita Agarwal and Gamini Singla have secured the first, second and third rank respectively in the civil services examination 2021, results of which were announced by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) on Monday.

As many as 685 candidates have qualified the prestigious test, it said, without sharing further details of the candidates selected in the examination.

Of the successful candidates, 244 are from general category, 73 from Economically Weaker Sections , 203 of Other Backward Classes, 105 Scheduled Caste and 60 from the Scheduled Tribes, the Commission said.

The civil services examination is conducted annually by the UPSC in three stages preliminary, main and interview to select officers of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS),

### 7 from Jammu crack UPSC exam; none from Kashmir

**SRINAGAR:** Seven candidates from Jammu and Kashmir have cracked the UPSC Civil Services Examination, results of which were announced on Monday.

All the seven candidates belonged to Jammu division, while for the first time in more than a decade, no candidate from Kashmir made it to the list of 685 candidates.

Kashmiri students began taking a liking towards the union civil services, especially since 2010 after Shah Faesal became the first person from the erst-while state to top the examination.

Since then, Jammu and Kashmir has produced at least 10 civil servants every year, except in 2015 and 2020, when nine and six candidates, respectively, made it to the list.

Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and the Indian Police Service (IPS) among others.

The written or main part of the examination was conducted in January, 2022, and the interviews were held in April and May this year, it said.

The candidature of 80 candidates is provisional while the result of one candidate has been kept withheld.

Besides the top three rank holders, Aishwarya Verma secured the fourth position and Utkarsh Dwivedi achieved the fifth rank, it said.

"UPSC has a 'facilitation counter' near examination hall in its campus. Candidates can obtain any information / clarification regarding their examinations / recruitment on the working days between 10:00 hours to 17:00 hours in person or over tele-

phone nos. 23385271/23381125 /23098543," the Commission said.

Results are also available on the UPSC's website -- [www.upsc.gov.in](http://www.upsc.gov.in).

"Marks will be available on the website within 15 days from the date of declaration of result," it said.

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PM congratulates successful candidates

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday congratulated all those who cleared the civil services examination 2021 and said he also knows that those who could not make it are outstanding youngsters who will make a mark in any field they pursue.

"Congratulations to all those who have cleared the Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2021. My best wishes to these youngsters who are embarking on their administrative careers at an important time of India's development journey, when we are marking Azadi Ka

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## ED arrests Delhi minister Satyendar Jain in alleged money laundering case

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**NEW DELHI:** Delhi minister Satyendar Jain was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday in a money laundering case, with his Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) calling it a political move ahead of the Himachal Pradesh assembly polls.

He was taken into custody under criminal sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) after a few hours of questioning, ED officials said.

They alleged he was "evasive" in his replies.

The minister is expected to be produced before a design-



nated court on Tuesday.

The arrest has been made by the federal agency in connection with alleged hawala dealings.

Reacting sharply to the arrest, Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said Jain has been held in an eight-year-old "fake" case as he is the AAP's incharge for

the Himachal Pradesh assembly elections and the BJP is afraid of losing the polls.

"A fake case has been going on against Satyendar Jain for eight years. He has been called by the ED several times so far. The ED had stopped calling him for some time because it did not find anything against him. Now it has again started because he is the incharge of Himachal Pradesh elections," Sisodia said in a tweet in Hindi.

"The BJP is afraid of losing the elections and hence he was arrested to

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## J&K schools ahead of national average: NAS 2021 Report

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir has registered an impressive performance in the sample-based National Achievement Survey (NAS) conducted by the Ministry of Education for classes 3, 5, 8 and 10 on November 12 last year.

The survey, which took place in all 733 districts across the country, was a competency-based national-level large-scale assessment that aimed to provide information about students' learning achievement so that a system-level reflection on the effectiveness of school education in the country could be conducted.

Language, Mathematics, Science, and Social Science were chosen as subjects for

assessment in classes 3 and 5, while Environmental Studies was added for class 8 and Social Science and Modern Indian Language for class 10.

A total number of 79256 students and 16260 teachers in 3650 schools from all the 20 districts of J&K UT participated in the survey.

According to the NAS report card published recently, the percentage ratio of boys to girls for class 3 was 51 and 49 respectively while it was 78 and 22 for urban to rural.

The performance percentage for Language stood at 66 as against the national average of 62. Similarly, for Mathematics the percentage stood at 59 in comparison

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