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All should become brand ambassadors <mark>ՄՄ</mark> of move: Jammu Mayor

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231 stolen antiques brought back to India in 9 years: Dr Jitendra

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# Toddlers' World of JKPS Kunjwani organises 'Bag Pack' activity

and digital devices were

seized during the searches

and were being scrutinised to

track further links of the sus-

The terror funding case

pertains to the collection of

funds by JeI (J&K) ostensi-

bly for charitable purposes

but used instead for promo-

tion of terror activities by

proscribed terrorist organi-

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

# G20 event in J&K will send message across world, increase tourism, investments in UT: LG

Dedicates Jhelum Rajbagh Riverfront to public



LG Manoj Sinha after dedicating the Jhelum Rajbagh Riverfront to the public at Srinagar on Saturday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS** SRINAGAR: The success of the upcoming tourism working group meeting of the G-20 countries will result in an increase in the influx of tourists and investments in Jammu and Kashmir. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Saturday.

HIROSHIMA: The Indo-

Pacific region is an "engine"

and development and its suc-

cess and security are impor-

tant for the whole world.

Prime Minister Narendra

ED files money laundering

Modi said on Saturday.

The three-day meeting beginning May 22 is slated to be held in the summer capi-

All arrangements have been put in place with the cooperation of the people of the union territory, Sinha said after inaugurating the sixkm stretch of the Jhelum

Modi said this in his open-

ing remarks at the Quad

summit in Hiroshima that

joined by US

Success, security of Indo-Pacific

important for world: Modi

River Front at Rajbagh. The preparations have been done for the event by the administration and people of J&K, he said, adding that the

> The LG expressed hope that the administration with the cooperation of the people

masses have lent their coop-

eration in a huge way.

will put up a grand show "the success of which will send a message across the world".

"It will result in increase in tourism and investments in the days to come, and the whole world will get to see the traditional hospitality of Kashmir," Sinha said.

We are grateful to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for providing J&K UT with this great opportunity, he said.

"Srinagar Smart City has transformed the Rajbagh Riverfront stretch into a world-class public space and strengthened the river-people connect. It is also a strong indicator of the rapid growth of J&K," said the Lt Governor.

At the inauguration event, the Lt Governor congratulated the people for the majestic waterfront. "Jhelum Rajbagh riverfront is a model of urban excellence and it will

## Pakistani intruder shot dead along LoC

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

POONCH: A Pakistani intruder was shot dead along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district on Saturday, officials said.

The infiltrator was challenged by the troops guarding the Balakote sector in Mendhar sub division when he was trying to sneak into this side from across the border, the officials said.

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### **Houses of five Pakistan** based terrorists raided

STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: TheSpecial Investigation Unit (SIU) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday raided the houses of five local terrorists who are currently operating from across the border and making desperate attempts to revive militancy in Doda district, a senior police officer said.

Senior Superintendent of Police of Doda district Abdul Qayoom said the raids were conducted by the SIU in

# NIA searches multiple locations in J&K to dismantle terror support system

JAMMU/ SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday raided multiple locations in eight districts in Jammu and Kashmir as part of its efforts to dismantle terror support systems in the Union territory, an official said.

Extensive searches were conducted in Srinagar, Budgam, Pulwama, Awantipora, Shopian, Anantnag and Kupwara districts in Kashmir and Poonch district in Jammu division, a spokesperson of the federal agency said.

The official said the raids were conducted at more than a dozen places in connection with various cases related to members of the banned Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) and overground workers involved in conspiracies hatched by proscribed terrorist organisations and their affiliates.

The searches also focused on the terror funding case

(HM) and registered suo motu by the Mujahideen agency on February 5, 2021, Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), the official said. spokesperson said, adding a large number of The NIA had earlier charge-sheeted four persons incriminating documents

> rorist outfits operating in Jammu and Kashmir. On June 21 last year, the NIA registered another case against various banned terrorist organisations and their

in the case, involving well-

organised cadres of the ter-

newly floated affiliates. "The case related to the conspiracies being hatched

physically and in

# ACB charge-sheets Ex-JMC Commissioner Kiran Wattal, others

## Wattal approved the building permission without referring the same to BOCA or UTEIC and even did not consider the objection raised by ACR Jammu and AC Nazool

### STATE TIMES NEWS

President Joe Biden, Japanese Prime Minister Kishida Australian counterpart Anthony

emerged as a key platform ensure peace, stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific and the coalition is moving forward on the basis of

Chairman

Progressive

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

Azad Party (DPAP) Ghulam

and Kashmir as people have

He affirmed that all politi-

cal parties have been stress-

Democratic

JAMMU: Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) Jammu on Saturday presented challan against Ex-JMC Commissioner Kiran Wattal and others under section 5(1) (d) r/w 5(2) of J&K P.C. Act Svt. 2006 and 120-B According to ACB, verification was

conducted on the basis of a complaint He also said wherein it was alleged that one that Quad has Pardeep Kumar and Kuldeep Kumar had been granted building permission for raising residential as well as commercial structure at Gumat Chowk, Jammu, illegally and against the laid down procedure by the Municipal Corporation Jammu. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

was found that applicants Pardeep

Kumar and Kuldeep Kumar had initially applied for building permission on March 18. 2014 on the prescribed "Form A" Rule

4(A), however, on April 23, 2014 they again submitted their case with a revised building plan. On scrutiny of records, it came to

light that while their case for case was not referred to UTEIC as

During the course of verification it issuance of NOC was under process, the then ACR Jammu, AC Nazool

and Planning Section raised strong objections to the effect that the land was a Temple land and there was

in the name of the applicants and that there was only one attested lease deed with cuttings and no Khasra number was mentioned and that the

suggested by the Town Planning Wing etc. and because of these observations the building permission was not granted online in favour of the applicants. However, surprisingly the Senior Town Planner Farzana Nagshbandi recommended and forwarded the case of the applicants to the then Municipal Commissioner Jammu Kiran Wattal, who approved the building permission without referring the same to BOCA or UTEIC and even did not consider the objection raised by ACR Jammu and AC Nazool, deliberately and with malafide intentions, in which the Municipal Commissioner on the last ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Kot Bhalwal Jail holding over 10 pc more prisoners than normal capacity STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: With as many as 999 inmates lodged in, the high-security Kot Bhalwal jail here is currently overcrowded as it is holding over 10 per cent more prisoners than its normal capacity, an official said on Saturday.

The information was given by the jail superintendent to the high court judge and executive chairman, J&K legal services authority, Justice Tashi Rabstan during an inspection of the premises, the official said.

The official said a six-member team led by Justice Ranbstan visited the

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# Election a panacea for all ills of J&K: Azad

#### case against 'conman' Kiran Patel; conducts searches STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate on Saturday said it has conducted searches at a dozen locations in Gujarat against alleged conman Kiran Patel who is accused of cheating people by impersonating as a

PMO official while taking

the Jammu and Kashmir

administration on a ride. from the past so many years The searches, carried out since 2019 with no elected representative, who would on May 19, resulted in have redressed all local seizure of documents related to immovable properties issues. So elections are the apart from recovery of "highpanacea to all ills," Azad said ly incriminating" material, addressing party workers the agency said in a statehere in Doda district.

"Further investigation in respect of his activities in J-K and other places is in progress," it said.

A total of 12 locations in Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Morbi and Mehsana in Gujarat in the investigation relating to Kiranbhai Jagdishbhai Patel and his associates Jay Savjibhai Sitapara, Hardik Kishorebhai Chandrana, Vitthalbhai Motibhai

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Max: 34 Max: 27.5°C

Max: 49 Min: 27 Sunset: 19:21 Hours Sunrise: 05:22 Hours



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad being given rousing reception at Doda on Saturday.

ing on holding elections in Jammu and Kashmir but no progress has been made in this regard so far.

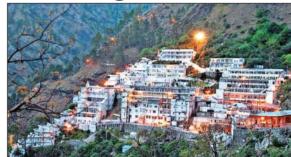
Emphasising that unemployment has surged, inflation has risen, the development of infrastructure has hit a roadblock, and doctors and teachers are missing in their respective places of posting, Azad said that the elected representatives

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## influx during summer holidays **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Anticipating an increase in the footfall of devotees with the onset of summer holidays in many states across the country, authorities on Saturday called for extra measures for the safety of the pilgrims visiting the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta hills in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Chief Executive Officer of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) Anshul Garg exhorted that security forces and other personnel deployed at all entry points should remain vigilant



Vaishno Devi Shrine gears up for heavy pilgrim

so that no pilgrim without frisking and registration enters the track for the pilgrimage.

He also stressed on verification and census of pony porters, besides any suspicious element on the track.

More than 33 lakh pilgrims have visited the famous shrine from January 1 to May 15 this year, marking an increase of nearly four lakhs compared to the same period last year, officials said.

Garg was chairing a meet-

ing with security agencies for a comprehensive security and operational preparedness in anticipation of the burgeoning of devotees over the next couple of months.

The meeting discussed foolproof measures to ensure the best pilgrimage experience to the visiting devotees, an official release said.

"As summer holidays are inches closer in the country and the shrine being a tourist destination, we are expecting heavy influx of the devotees. There is a need for action on diverse fronts for hassle-free pilgrimage, including

# Equitable development of two regions of UTs of J&K & Ladakh given more push after August 2019 Identities of Bharat are now better seen in 'Kanayakumari to Ladakh' that has large LOC and IB

#### areas / people of Kashmir valley Pakistan soil in the Name of

## DAYA SAGAR

The Princely state of J&K was the largest Indian state (2,22,236\* sq km or 2.2 Lakh sq Km or 0.22 Million sq Km area under the colonial rule of "British Indian Empire" that formally acceded to independent Indian Dominion in October 1947 only after Pakistan "engineered" armed attack on the state that was then ruled by Maharaja Hari Singh Though after the accession Indian forces were there to defend the territory but since by then Pakistani regulars in the guise of 'raiders' had gained some grounds before ceasefire was declared in the interest of peace in the region hoping that United Nations organisation would make Pakistan to vacate the occupied area without any further

During the British times J&K was more known as Kashmir (

why, can be discussed separately) and even after J&K becoming an integral part of independent Democratic Republic of India the areas / people / affairs of  ${\tt J\&K}$ have been, more addressed as 'Kashmir and their aspirations as Kashmiri aspirations by the political leaderships and governments ( both local and Union level ). Whereas the then (1947) Princely state was spread over three distinct regions of Ladakh -73.81%area, Jammu - 16.27 % area & Kashmir ( Valley) - 9.92%area regions and even after October 1947, excluding the areas occupied by Pakistan, the Ladakh Region was the Largest in area -96701 sq km, though very thinly populated, Jammu Region -26293 sq km was 2nd largest and Kashmir Valley was the smallest region - 15948 sq km. But still even socio - economically weaker

ments( what to talk of rarely addressed other two regions) and common masses were kept more engaged in regional /communal controversies by the 'ruling elite'. To be brief common man of all three regions has remained in disad-

too did not receive fair treat-

vantage socially and economically, but more to disad-

vantage outside valley since bulk of distantly placed areas / people belong to regions outside valley. Outside world also knew J&K only as "Kashmir" and has been seeing the issues related to people of J&K more only as what was being said by local Kashmir valley mainstream leaderships, some separatist elements in Kashmir valley and specifically what opinions / myths that were generated from

has started showing some 'revision' after 7 decades oof independence, more particularly after 2019 August A Look People have been through the suffering of bad

nomenclatures and misrepresentations for nearly 7 decades till the State of J&K was reorganised into two UTs under the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 NO. 34 OF 2019 ( received assent of President of India on 9th August 2019) in the Seventieth Year of the Republic of India with which surely a 'message' has gone to the people 'outside' that the real

dimensions of Bharat Varsh are

from Ladakh to Kanavakumari.

Kashmir 'issue' where as there was

no Kashmir issue though there

could surely be some region specif-

ic issues in J&K. But the vision

(although some people of J&K are emotionally hurt for having been reduced from a State to UTs).

People of Ladakh region live in very cold & very poorly connected zones and almost remain cut off for about six months. The students and the sick had to spend fortunes for higher education and health cover. It has been now after 7 decades of Independence that The Ministry of Home Affairs (Government of India) has even accorded approval in December 2021 for establishment of even multidisciplinary Forensic Science Laboratory in Ladakh ,GOI has initiated setting up Sindhu Central university in Ladakh in addition to Ladakh University ( started in 2019) and also a Medical College, works/ plans accelerated in UT of Ladakh for laying of power transmission lines under PM's Development Package

so as to phase out DG sets approved taking up 20 MW solar project at Phyang for continuous power supply to villages under D.D. Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti

Yojana, and so.. For the purposes of clarities it has been for the first time explicitly laid down in 2019 for general information that the territories of Leh District of UT of Ladakh constitute - "Gilgit, Gilgit Wazarat. Chilas, Tribal territory and 'Leh and Ladakh' except present territory of Kargil" and maps have also been issued in November 2019 very clearly showing the areas occupied by Pakistan and China as Indian territories. Earlier also suggestions had been made to also show the areas occupied by Pakistan /China in the Jurisdictions Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Divisional ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9