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### 5th Convocation of IIM Jammu

## For India to become global knowledge hub, institutes of learning need to be comparable: Kovind

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Asserting that the National Education Policy seeks to position India as a "knowledge hub", President Ram Nath Kovind on Thursday said that for India to become so, the country's institutes of learning need to be globally comparable.

Laying focus on start-ups, Kovind said that several of them in the country have become successful with the convergence of technologies and opportunities and are being described as the emerging mainstay of the Indian economy.

"The National Education Policy seeks to position India as a knowledge hub in today's knowledge economy. It seeks to make our youth equipped for the world of the 21st century while preserving our ancient values which remain relevant even today," Kovind said in his address at the fifth convocation of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu.

The President also inaugurated a diversity cell at the institute.

"For India to become a global knowledge hub, our institutes of learning have to be globally comparable.

"I am happy to note that the number of Indian institutions in the global rank-



President Ram Nath Kovind presenting medal to a MBA Degree holder at fifth convocation of IIM Jammu. Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh and Lt Governor Manoj Sinha also seen in picture.

ing is gradually increasing. I expect new institutions like IIM Jammu to quickly adopt global best practices and aspire for higher ranking," he added.

Kovind also noted that India's ranking in global innovation index had improved from 76 in 2014 to 46 in 2021.

"Innovation and entrepreneurship strengthen each other," he said.

On a successful start-up ecosystem in the country, the President said,

"Unicorns, which are start-up enterprises with market valuation of one billion dollars and above, are proving to be game changers. These unicorns, most of which are set up by young people, must be a source of inspiration for you all."

The mindset of being a job-giver and not a job-seeker among the youth of India is one of the key factors in our country having one of the best start-up ecosystems in

### BSF fires at suspected Pakistani drone along IB in Jammu

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JAMMU: The Border Security Force (BSF) opened fire at a suspected Pakistani drone along the International Border (IB) in Jammu district in the early hours of Thursday, forcing it to return, officials said.

They said a massive search operation has been launched to trace any weapon or explosive that it might have dropped. "A blinking

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### Shiv Sena MP meets Rahul Bhat's family

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Strongly battling for safety and security of Kashmir Pandits in valley, Shiv Sena MP Priyanka Chaturvedi on Thursday visited Jammu and met the family of Rahul Bhat who was killed by terrorists in Kashmir last month.

Bhat (35), who had got the job of a clerk under the special employment package for Kashmiri Pandits in 2010-11, was gunned down by

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## Terrorists, their cross-border supporters using 'new terror methods' in J&K: LG



Lt Governor, Manoj Singh attending Attestation cum Passing Out Parade of DySPs (Prob.) and PSIs at SKPA Udhampur. DGP, Dilbag Singh and Director, SKPA, Dr. S.D Singh also seen in the picture.

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UDHAMPUR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said that the terrorists and their cross-border supporters are using new method of terrorism in the region and declared that the government is committed to destroy their entire eco-system.

"The terrorists, their supporters and other support setup here are using new methods. They are radicalizing the youths," Sinha told an outgoing parade of police here.

He said that there is a need to be more alert as compared

to the past in view of the new strategy and multi-facet terrorism.

The LG asked the police force to treat even those who harbour and support the terrorists in the category of terrorist and deal with them accordingly.

The person, who harbours and supports the terrorist, is equally a guilty as a terrorist, who kills. The person who runs this eco-system is equally guilty, he said.

Both should be dealt with similar punishment as both are enemies of humanity, he said.

Reassuring the families of

those who lost their kin in selective killings, LG said their killers will soon be brought to justice.

"I want to reassure the families of martyrs that each tear of yours will be avenged. Security forces will not rest till they eliminate each of those, who killed the innocents, said the LG.

He said that India has been a victim of Pakistan-sponsored terrorism for years, and though the security forces have been able to largely dismantle their ecosystem, there's still a handful who are

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## Court denies bail to teacher nabbed for allegedly supplying arms to terrorists

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Special Judge NIA Ashwani Sharma rejected bail application of one Zahir Abbas Naik, a teacher by profession, allegedly involved in supplying arms and ammunition to terrorists.

Special Judge NIA Ashwani Sharma after hearing APP Anil Magotra for UT observed that FIR No. 178/2020 was registered at Police Station Kishtwar for offences under sections 13/18/19/20/23/39 of UA (P) Act and 7/25 of Arms Act after receiving information that some Over Ground Workers of HM are providing

shelter and other necessary support to some terrorists. On this, a search party of SoG along with local police cordoned entire area in Nai Basti Char Pathar, tehsil Drabshalla

District Kishtwar and arrested 2 accused namely Mohd Hanief Butt and Gulzar Ahmed Butt on September 21, 2020 and during further investigation, another accused namely Zahir Abbas Naik was also taken into custody by SOG and after four days of arrest, his disclosure statement was recorded by police on September 26, 2020 and pursuant to

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## Govt winds up Deptt of Stationery & Office Supplies

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Administrative Council (AC), which met here under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the proposal of winding up the Department of Stationery and Office Supplies.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

The decision has been taken in consideration of the fact that the General

Financial Rules 2017, mandate the purchase of common use goods and services from the GEM Portal. Accordingly, all departments are making purchases through the GEM Portal, thus making the Department of Stationery and Office Supplies defunct and non-functional.

Presently, the Department has two stationery depots each at Jammu/Srinagar and 12 sub depots at Doda, Kathua, Poonch, Rajouri, Udhampur, Anantnag, Baramulla, Budgam, Kupwara, Pulwama, Leh and Kargil. The Department

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### Educational institutions across J&K UT observe 'two-minute silence' on 10th day of Rajni Bala

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Educational institutions across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday observed 'two-minute silence' in memory of Rajni Bala, a teacher who was killed by terrorists in Kulgam on May 31.

The school children in the morning assembly observed two-minute silence to remember Rajni Bala and pay tributes to her on her tenth day.

Earlier, the School Education Department, on Wednesday ordered to observe a 'two-minute silence' in the morning assembly in all schools across the UT as a bid to mark the observance of the 10th day since the death of Rajni Bala.

Rajni Bala, who hails from Samba district in Jammu division was posted

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 43.6°C Min: 27.3°C

Humidity

Max : 34 Min : 16

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 30.5°C Min: 15.4°C

Humidity

Max : 56 Min: 40

Sunset : 19:38 Hours

Sunrise : 05:24 Hours

## Centre plans third chopper route for Amarnath pilgrims

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Centre is contemplating to start a new helicopter service from Srinagar to Panchtarni, which is the last drop-off point for pilgrims visiting holy cave shrine Amarnath, in addition to the two already existing chopper routes for the pilgrimage, officials said.

The move came in view of the pilgrims to the shrine dedicated to Lord Shiva located at an altitude of 3,888 metres in the upper reaches of Himalaya in Jammu and Kashmir.

The pilgrimage is sched-

uled to begin on June 30 and will continue for 43 days.

As of now, helicopter services are available for the pilgrims from Baltal and Pahalgam to Panchtarni. From this drop-off point, pilgrims either walk or ride a mule or travel in a palanquin to the Amarnath shrine 6 km away. Both Baltal and Pahalgam are about 90 km from Srinagar.

A new helicopter route is being planned this year -- from Budgam (near Srinagar airport) to Panchtarni, an official said.

The Shree Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB), which

issue of notification on June 15, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar told a press conference.

Counting for the poll will take place in the national capital on July 21, after all ballots from states are brought here.

Kovind's term ends on July 24 and an election for the next president has to be held before that day.

With the EC setting the ball rolling, all eyes are now on who will be the BJP's choice for the top constitutional post as the party with the support of its allies has a clear advantage. Though the

Despite not having num-

bers on its side, the Opposition is likely to put up a joint candidate for the election and consultations in this regard have already begun.

Sources said that Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge has reached out to leaders of some opposition parties and sought their views for a joint opposition candidate who can be fielded.

Some opposition parties are of the view that they should not give a walkover to the ruling dispensation but put up a fight, the sources said.

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## SI Written Exam Scam: LG orders inquiry

### Two to four candidates each of 32 families qualify test

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Taking cognisance of media reports about alleged fraud in the recruitment of Sub-Inspectors (SIs) in Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday ordered a probe into the matter.

Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board, Sub-Inspector result 2022 was declared online on June 4.

With the list of shortlisted candidates out, the J-K Police recruitment exam has come under the scanner after several aspirants have called it a fraud and unfair .

regard.

Later, members of other community also came out of their houses and started staging protest, after which ADM Bhadarwah imposed curfew in Bhadarwah along with section 144 CrPC, to avoid any law & order problem. As per police, the situation in town is quite tense but under control. "Anyone who takes law into his hands will not be spared," said an official of Police Media Centre Jammu. Moreover, Section 144 of CrPC has also been imposed in Sub Division Gandhvi with immediate effect. "I appeal to all media fraternity not to post any objectionable material in the social media, as it can

"For last two to three days, newspapers are publishing reports thereby the recruitment of sub-inspectors has come under suspension," Sinha said while addressing a passing out parade in Udhampur.

"A committee headed by Additional Chief Secretary (Home) will probe it," he said, adding it will submit its report in a time-bound manner.

The recruitment (list) will be cancelled if anything wrongdoing is found during the probe, Sinha said.

No fingers were pointed at any other recruitment done so

far and if there are apprehensions in the minds of people, it is the duty of the administration to carry out an impartial probe and take necessary action, he said.

Some aspirants took to the social media and questioned how siblings in many cases got selected together in the SI exam.

According to the list released by J&K SSB, two to four candidates each of 32 families, have qualified the written test for the post of Sub Inspectors (S-Is) in Jammu and Kashmir Police conducted on March 27, 2022.

## Two hybrid LeT terrorists arrested in Sopore

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday arrested two hybrid terrorists linked with proscribed Lashkar-i-Toiba (LeT) terror outfit with incriminating materials, arms and ammunition in Gurseer area of North Kashmir's Sopore, police said.

"Based on specific input about movement of terrorists, a joint Naka was established by PC Sopore along with 52 RR at Gurseer in the jurisdiction of Police Station Tarzoo. During checking, the joint party intercepted two persons coming from Darpora Delina towards Seer who on seeing joint Naka party tried to escape but were apprehended," a

police officer said.

"The arrested duo have been identified as Faizan Ahmad Paul, son of Fayaz Ahmad Paul, resident of Pinjoora, Shopian and Muzamil Rashid Mir, son of Abdul Rashid Mir, resident of Aarihal Pulwama," officer said adding that incriminating materials arms and ammunition including two pistols, two magazines and five pistol rounds were recovered from their possession.

"Preliminary investigation has revealed that the arrested persons are hybrid terrorists of proscribed terrorist organisation LeT (TRF) and were in constant search of an opportunity to carry out attacks on security forces

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Police taking out march in Bhadarwah Town after the law & order situation grew tense.

Dil Mir Choudhary, SDPO Meer Gafoor, SHO Jatinder Singh and Tehsildar Shoket Hayat Mattoo, visited the spot and tried their level

best to pacify the protesters. Moreover, as per SSP Doda, FIR No 93/2022 under sections 295 A, 506 of IPC has been registered in this