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LG calls for strong action to destroy terror ecosystem in J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

NAGROTA. Pitching for strong action against the terror eco-system in the hinterland and on the border, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said better coordination by security agencies is needed to deal with continuous attempts by outside forces to foment trouble in the union territory.

Sinha said the government has a clear-cut policy on dealing with terrorism - 'not to spare any terrorist and not to touch any innocent'.

The LG said that terrorists and their supporters should be handed out the same punishment.

"Attempts by outside forces (to foment trouble in Jammu and Kashmir) are continuing."

"There is a need for strong action in the hinterland as well as on the borders", Sinha told army personnel at a function organised in connection with the golden jubilee of the Indian Army's 16 Corps here.

He said that apart from dealing with (infiltrating) terrorists on the borders, troops have to be ready to crush them in the hinterland.

"They (terrorists) are out to cause destruction in the society at the behest of the neighbouring country. To deal



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at Golden Jubilee celebrations of White Knight Corps at Nagrota

with them, you have to increase our potential and vigilance along with better coordination with all security agencies", he said.

"The Jammu and Kashmir administration, the person who hands over a gun to a terrorist is as much a terrorist as is the gun-toting ultra," he said, adding the same treatment should be meted out to them.

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

Asserting that the government is com-

mitted to stamping out terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir, he called upon agencies to ensure the destruction of this 'eco-system'.

"Our resolve should be to ensure an assault on full eco-system," he said.

He referred to attempts to foment trouble in J&K, saying social media is being used from across the border and drones were being sent.

"We are committed to ensuring the safety and security of people, unity and integrity of the nation and harmony", he said while lauding the forces for improving the security situation in J&K.

He said that Jammu and Kashmir will regain its glory and reach the pinnacle of progress.

Greeting all ranks of Indian Army's White Knight Corps on its 50th raising day, the Lt Governor lauded them for their exemplary contribution in many strategic operations and for helping maintain peace and tranquility in the region.

White Knight Corps is the most dynamic operational Corps of the Indian Army. Since its raising in 1972, it has lived up to its motto of 'Moving the First Move and Striking in All Directions', the Lt Governor observed. The Lt Governor said that over

Armed infiltrators exchange fire with BSF along IB

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU. Border Security Force (BSF) engaged armed infiltrators in a brief gunfight and thwarted their attempt to sneak into this side from across the International Border (IB) here, a spokesperson of the border guarding force said on Monday.

The incident occurred in Arrie sector around 9.30 pm on Sunday when alert

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SI Recruitment: Probe panel asked to submit report by June 24

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU. The committee formed to probe into the alleged irregularities in the written test for sub-Inspector posts in J&K police by Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board has been asked to submit its report by June 24.

Headed by Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Home Department, R.K. Goyal,

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AC approves transfer of land; accords administrative approval for public purposes, projects

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR. The Administrative Council (AC), which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, on Monday approved the proposal of Revenue Department to transfer various parcels of land for public purposes.

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 Administrative Council approved the transfer of land measuring 04 Kanal (02 Kanal each) at village Paspura & Chuntipora, in district Kupwara in favour of Health & Medical Education Department for establishment of two Ayush Health and Wellness Centers. The land will be transferred free of cost to the Higher Education Department.

The decision aims at strengthening the higher

education eco-system in Jammu and Kashmir by providing easy access to quality higher education in both the districts. Operationalisation of new colleges will also boost recruitment of teaching and non-teaching staff as per the sanctioned strength.

The Administrative Council further directed that the requirement of land for degree colleges being established in different districts shall be standardized by the Higher Education Department.

Moreover, approval was also given to the transfer of land measuring 04 Kanal (02 Kanal each) at village Paspura & Chuntipora, in district Kupwara in favour of Health & Medical Education Department for establishment of two Ayush Health and Wellness Centers. The land will be transferred free of cost to the Higher Education Department.

The establishment of Ayush Health and Wellness Center will promote treat-

ment under the Indian Medicine System (ISM) and provide various employment opportunities to the Ayush professionals of the area.

The Administrative Council also accorded administrative approval to various developmental works in different districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

It approved the construction of Anti Corruption Bureau Office, District Doda at village Kathori Patritop, Udhampur at an estimated cost of Rs. 20.04 crore.

The project will further decentralize the functioning of the Anti Corruption Bureau towards achieving the goal of establishing a corruption-free society in Jammu and Kashmir by promoting accountability, raising awareness among the general public, and providing an easy access to authorities for lodging genuine corruption-related complaints against public servants in Government Offices.

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Exodus of KPs example of demographic shift after hate speeches: Delhi HC

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI. Hate speeches are the beginning point of attacks against a targeted community and there have been instances of demographic shifts in the aftermath of inflammatory speeches - the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from the Kashmir valley being a prime example, the Delhi High Court on Monday said.

Justice Chandra Dhari Singh said that the methodology of hate speeches is not restricted to any religion or community and there are instances of hate speeches in different parts of the country targeted against people of

specific communities based upon demography.

The judge asserted that hate speeches are targeted at a community to create a psychological impact on their psyche and the attacks can range from discrimination to ostracism, ghettoisation, deportation, and even genocide.

Hate speeches are almost invariably targeted towards a community to impart a psychological impact on their psyche, creating fear in the process. Hate speeches are the beginning point of attacks against the targeted community that can

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Internet restored in Ramban, curfew continues in Bhadarwah town

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN/BHADARWAH. Broadband and mobile Internet services were restored in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district while prohibitory orders were lifted from Doda, except in Bhadarwah town, on Monday, days after tension ran high in the Union Territory over now-suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma's controversial remarks over Prophet Muhammad.

Prohibitory orders were also relaxed in the Kishtwar district but curfew remained in force in the Bhadarwah



Security forces during curfew at Bhadarwah. Pic by Raju Rabbur (Sana)

town for the fifth day in a row. However, students appearing in board exams were given free movement on showing valid identity and

admit cards, officials said.

They said the broadband and mobile internet services were restored in the Ramban district late Sunday night

after remaining suspended since June 9.

However, the services remained suspended in Doda and Kishtwar districts, as a precautionary measure, officials said.

In Bhadarwah town, police vehicles fitted with a public address system made several announcements since early morning informing people to stay indoors.

"As per the directions of the administration, admit cards were treated as curfew passes to facilitate free movement of students appearing for class 10 and 12

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Centre allocated Rs 60,000 cr under JJM this year: Union Minister

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU. The Narendra Modi dispensation in its eight years has made historic achievements such as the abrogation of Article 370, implementation of GST and the abolition of instant triple talaq, Union Minister Pralhad Singh Patel said on Monday. The Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries and Jal Shakti said the need of the hour is to start information campaigns through the media so that people become aware of various schemes launched by the government.

The government has allocated Rs 60,000 crore under

the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) this year to provide tap water to 3.8 crore households.

The minister said states can spend three times more than the previous year's allocated budget under the Jal Jeevan Mission, for which states have to seek the best technical support, bring in resources utilisation, streamline the tendering process, etc.

"J&K will also be achieving the target of Har Ghar Jal in 2024 according to the calendar framed by the UT government," he said. "Prime Minister Narendra

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JKAS officer gets Super Time Scale

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR. The Government today promoted a Special Scale Officer of the Jammu and Kashmir Accounts Service (JKAS) to the Super Time Scale of the service.

An order issued in this regard by Finance Department of Jammu and Kashmir Government reads "Sanction is hereby accorded to the promotion of Neeraj Gupta Bakshi, Special Scale Officer of the Jammu and Kashmir Accounts Service, to the Super Time Scale of the service, [Level-14 (1,44,200-2,18,200)] with effect from 13.04.2022 i.e. the date of the meeting of the Establishment-cum-Selection Committee".

The order further adds "Consequent upon promotion of the officer to the Super Time Scale of the service, the officer is designated as Director General, Funds Organisation J&K".

Rahul appears before ED in money laundering case

Scores of protesting Congressmen detained in Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI. Congress MP Rahul Gandhi on Monday appeared before the ED here for questioning in the National Herald money laundering investigation.

Gandhi, 51, entered the headquarters of the federal probe agency in central Delhi around 11 AM after he started from the Congress office on Akhbar Road accompanied by a large convoy of party leaders including Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel.

He was asked to appear before it again on Tuesday,

officials said.

The Enforcement Directorate will record the statement of the Lok Sabha member from Wayanad in Kerala under the criminal sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The probe pertains to alleged financial irregularities in the party-promoted Young Indian that owns the National Herald newspaper. National Herald is published by the Associated Journals Limited (AJL) and owned by Young Indian Pvt Limited.

As part of its nation-wide protests, a number of

Congress leaders and workers including Pradesh President G A Mir were detained after they staged a sit-in and tried to take out a march here to protest alleged misuse of government agencies against opposition leaders by the BJP-led central government.

The protest was part of the nationwide agitation by the Congress against questioning of former Congress president Rahul Gandhi by the Enforcement Directorate in the National Herald money laundering investigation.

Hundreds of Congress workers led by Mir

100 terrorists killed in Kashmir so far in 2022

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR. Security forces have killed 100 terrorists in Kashmir during counter insurgency operations since the beginning of this year with Lashkar-e-Taiba outfit bearing the maximum burnt as it lost 63 cadres, officials said here on Monday.

"Security forces have eliminated 100 terrorists, including 29 foreigners, since the beginning of this year in Kashmir," the officials said. They said this was double the number of ultras killed during the corresponding period last year.

"Fifty terrorists including one foreigner were killed

Over 350 sanitation workers to be deployed during Amarnath Yatra: JMC

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU. Over 350 sanitation workers will be deployed during the upcoming Amarnath yatra, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) said on Monday, as it unveiled various initiatives to make the annual pilgrimage memorable for the intending devotees.

The 43-day-long yatra to the 3,880-metre-high holy cave shrine of Amarnath is scheduled to start on June 30 from the twin routes - traditional 48-km Naranan in south Kashmir's Pahalgam and 14-km shorter Baltal in central Kashmir's



Ganderbal.

The yatra is taking place after a gap of two years due to the coronavirus pandemic and a large number of devotees are expected to take part in the yatra which is also the first post abrogation of

Article 370 (in August 2019). The focus of the government for the yatra is safety, security, sanitation and inclusiveness, JMC Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta told reporters here.

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J&K tops in e-Governance, saves Rs 200 cr from Darbar move: Dr Jitendra

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI. Jammu & Kashmir tops among all the Union territories of India in e-Governance services delivery, which has also enabled it to save around Rs 200 crore annually that was incurred in the carriage of physical files and other transportation charges etc during the Annual Darbar move between the two capital cities of Jammu and Srinagar.

This was disclosed here today by Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, while releasing the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment report, prepared at the initiative of the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) in the Union Ministry of Personnel, which is under his



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing the National Workshop on e-Office and launch of NISDA 2022 at New Delhi on Monday.

charge.

The Minister lauded the UT of Jammu and Kashmir for achieving this position with an overall compliance of nearly 90%.

Addressing the National Workshop on e-Office and Launch of National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NISDA 2021),

Dr Jitendra informed that in the Union Territories category, Jammu & Kashmir was assessed for the first time in NISDA 2021 and scored the highest amongst all UTs for six sectors.

He said, after coming into force of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 with effect from 31 st

October, 2019, J&K became the first UT in the country to have Good Governance Index and was also first to launch District Good Governance Index for 20 Districts of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in January this year.

Dr Jitendra said, the operationalisation of two Secretariats in Jammu & Kashmir was possible because of e-Office and that has put an end to Annual Darbar move carrying over 300 truckloads of files between the two capital cities of Srinagar and Jammu.

This also saved Rs 200 crore per annum and led to interrupted work culture in the entire UT without any official break of six weeks for organization of files in Jammu and Srinagar respec-

tively.

The Minister said, the adoption of e-Office has enabled the simultaneous operationalisation of both Jammu and Srinagar Secretariats and was one of the biggest reforms related to the practice of Darbar move.

Dr Jitendra today released the second edition of the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment 2021, NISDA 2021.

The report has been prepared covering the assessment of States, UTs, and focuses on Central Ministries on their effectiveness in delivering online services to citizens. The report also provides suggestions for governments to further enhance their e-Governance service delivery systems.

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Prepare for full-scale war in future, better military-civilian synergy needed: Rajnath

STATE TIMES NEWS

DEHRADUN. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday said India needs to remain prepared for a full-scale war in the future and called for better synergy between the armed forces and the civil administration for this.

In an address at Mumukshu Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Singh also mentioned the fighting in Ukraine to stress that security challenges have become more complex now with cyber and proxy wars.

He said India believes in peace and "waging war is not in our character".

But if it is provoked into a war, the country which attacks it will suffer because



India does not fight on the strength of its weapons but of its morale, he said at the IAS academy's 28th joint civil-military training programme.

"Considering the machinations of our neighbours, especially one, as you know, India needs to keep itself ready for a full-scale war in the future. I am confident that through better coordination and

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Jammu
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Srinagar
Max: 45 Min: 16
Srinagar
Max: 29.9°C Min: 15.8°C
Srinagar
Max: 64 Min: 38
Sunset: 19:40 Hours
Sunrise: 05:24 Hours