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Special National Integration Camp of NCC Cadets in Srinagar SFs have upper hand over terrorism unleashed by neighbouring country: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday denounced the myth created around Jammu and Kashmir's law and order situation, saying that the Union Territory has the lowest crime rate in the whole country and our security forces have upper hand over the terrorism sponsored by the neighboring country.

Addressing a Special National Integration Camp of NCC Cadets, as part of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Programme, at the JAK LI Regimental Centre, Srinagar, Sinha said that attempts are still being made to create a wrong perception about the Union Territory.

"All of you attending this camp have a responsibility to break these myths and carry the message of peace, prosperity and the change happening in the UT of J&K", the Lt Governor told the



LG Manoj Sinha addressing at Special National Integration Camp of NCC Cadets in Srinagar.

NCC Cadets.

In the last three months, various cultural exchange programs have been organized between the children of Tamil Nadu and J&K. They have lived and experienced each-other's cultural diversity and strengthen the connection in areas of language, art, culture, traditions, tourism and cuisine, sports etc, observed the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor lauded the role of NCC in developing

character, camaraderie, discipline, spirit of adventure and ideals of selfless service in young citizens of the country.

Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme is propagating the rich cultural heritage of the country, promoting people-to-people contacts, knowledge of the language, traditions and practices of different states/UTs to strengthen understanding and bonding between one another, the Lt Governor

said. The world's largest Uniformed Youth Organization 'National Cadet Corps' is a reflection of the Prime Minister's vision of "Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat" which holds together the diverse linguistic, cultural and religious threads, into a composite national identity. Such camps are indeed a true representation of the entire nation and unity of the country, added the Lt

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Around 3 lakh pilgrims have registered for Amarnath Yatra so far

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JAMMU: Around three lakh pilgrims have registered so far for the annual Amarnath Yatra which is scheduled to begin on June 30 amid unprecedented security arrangements in south Kashmir Himalayas, officials said on Sunday.

Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB), which manages the annual pilgrimage, commenced the registration of pilgrims for the 43-day yatra on April 11 through 566 designated branches of various banks across the country, in addition to the facility on its website.

Registrations will continue till the end of the yatra.

The yatra will commence from twin routes traditional 48-km Nunwan in south Kashmir's Pahalgam and 14-km shorter Baltal in central Kashmir's Ganderbal -- after a break of two years following the Covid outbreak.

The first batch of pilgrims, including Sadhus, will leave



Sadhus reaching at Bhagwati Nagar base camp ahead of Amarnath Yatra.

for the twin base camps of Kashmir from Bhagwati Nagar and Ram Mandir in Jammu a day ahead of the official commencement of the yatra which will culminate, according to tradition, on the day of 'Raksha Bandhan' festival on August 11.

"Around three lakh pilgrims have so far registered for the yatra," an SASB official said.

According to SASB, no one

below the age of 13 years or above the age of 75 years, and no woman with more than six week's pregnancy, are registered for the yatra.

The government, this year, is introducing a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) system for pilgrims to track their movement en-route to ensure their well-being.

Over 3.42 lakh pilgrims had paid obeisance at the

shrine, housing the naturally formed ice-shivlingam from July 1 to August 1, 2019 before the government cancelled the yatra midway ahead of abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of J&K into two union territories (on August 5, 2019).

Additional Director General of Police, Jammu, Mukesh Singh said security-related arrangements are complete for the yatra which is being conducted under the surveillance and close coordination of various security agencies.

"We have been provided with a sufficient number of security personnel and the deployment (of the forces for the yatra) is complete," he said, expressing confidence that the yatra will be conducted in a peaceful atmosphere.

The ADGP said since sabotage by terrorists is the biggest challenge during the yatra, the police has

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Women Police Battalion Recruitment Exam: Jubilant aspirants at an examination centre in Jammu on Sunday. (Pic by Shipla Thakur)

J&K logs 56 fresh COVID cases, one death

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday logged 56 fresh Covid cases-- 43 from the Jammu Division and 13 from the Kashmir Valley-- thus taking the total number of positive cases to 454798 in the Union Territory.

The officials said that one Covid related death has also been reported from the Jammu Division.

According to the daily Media Bulletin, out of 454798 positive cases, 321 are Active Positive (212 in Jammu Division and 109 in Kashmir Division), 449721 have recovered and

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LG confers first-ever UT level Tribal Awards 500 tribal youth to be trained under Financial Literacy Programme proposed by BSE, PNB: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday announced that 500 tribal youths will be trained under the Financial Literacy Programme proposed by Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and Punjab National Bank (PNB).

Conferring the first-ever UT level Tribal Awards at SKICC, Srinagar and felicitating individuals and institutions for their exemplary services to tribal welfare and achievements in the field of sports, education, culture, literature and Science & Technology, the Lieutenant

Governor said that for the sustainable livelihood of the youth, the administration has set up mini sheep farms in the tribal areas.

Efforts are being made to link the tribal youth with the dairy sector, besides programmes of skill development and vocational training has been launched to bring a large population into the mainstream economy, the Lt Governor added.

"Extremely proud to have participated in the first-ever UT level Tribal Awards Ceremony. This initiative to acknowledge the achievements and services of the

community will encourage many more to work for the welfare of the others", said the Lt Governor.

Highlighting the measures taken by the government for the welfare of the tribal community of J&K, the Lt Governor said, UT Government is working tirelessly for the holistic development of tribal communities, promoting entrepreneurship amongst tribal youth and women, tribal schools being transformed, village development, tourism, Van Dhan being implemented for their empowerment. The

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1975 Emergency 'black spot' on vibrant history of India's democracy: Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MUNICH: Terming the imposition of Emergency in 1975 as a "black spot" on the vibrant history of India's democracy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday targeted the Congress Party and said that democracy, which is in DNA of every Indian, was trampled and suppressed 47 years ago, but the people have answered it in a democratic way all the conspiracies to crush it.

Prime Minister Modi, who is visiting Germany to attend the G7 Summit, made the remarks while addressing thousands of members of the

Indian community at a grand event held at the Audi Dome stadium in Munich.

"Today is June 26 which is also known as the day when India's democracy, which is in the DNA of every Indian, was trampled and suppressed 47 years ago. Emergency is a black spot on the vibrant history of India's democracy," Modi said, targeting the opposition Congress Party in a speech from abroad.



Emergency was announced in India on June 25, 1975 when Congress leader Indira Gandhi was the prime minister, and was lifted on March 21, 1977.

"The people of India answered all the conspiracies to crush democracy in a democratic way. We Indians take pride in our democracy wherever we are," Modi said in his over 30 minutes speech at

the crowded stadium.

Modi said that Indians are proud of their democracy. "Today, we can proudly say that India is the mother of democracy... The diversity of culture, food, clothes, music and traditions makes our democracy vibrant. India has shown that democracy can deliver and has delivered."

In his monthly 'Mann Ki Baat' radio broadcast earlier in the day, Modi had targeted the Congress for imposing the Emergency, and asserted that it is difficult to find another example in the world where people defeated a

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Terrorist arrested in Doda

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A terrorist was arrested in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Sunday, a police official said.

A pistol, one magazine and some rounds were recovered from the terrorist, the official said.

Based on a specific information, the terrorist was nabbed by a joint search party of the police and security forces from the outskirts of Doda town, the official added.

They said a case under relevant sections of law has been registered and further investigation is on.

Div Com, ADGP Jammu visit Mandi Poonch; review arrangements for Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra 2022

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar along with Additional Director General of Police Jammu zone on Sunday visited Mandi and reviewed the arrangements for Shri Budha Amarnath ji Yatra 2022, at a meeting of officers of District administration Poonch and representatives of religious organisations.

The meeting was among others attended by the Deputy Commissioner Poonch, DIG Rajouri Poonch Range, SSP Poonch, Senior officers of Army, BSF, Intelligence, prominent members of civil society, members of Mandir committee and District officers of line departments.

The members of Civil



Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar & ADGP Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh during visit to Poonch.

Society raised issues related to development of the area as well as those concerning smooth conduct of Yatra. The members of civil society assured the visiting officers to extend full cooperation for the grand success of the yatra.

The representatives of

Mandir management committee, co-ordination committee, civil society members, Beopar mandal and other stakeholders gave some vital suggestions for smooth and successful conduct of the Yatra. The Divisional Commissioner Jammu,

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Basant Rath's resignation-attempt to hog headlines or action in huff



J A M M U : Known for hitting headlines for his controversial statements and mode of action in discharging his duties in various capacities in Jammu and Kashmir, especially in handling the traffic wing of the police organization, 2000 IPS batch officer Basant Rath became subject matter for 'breaking news' early morning despite the entire media attention revolving around Shiv Sena stalemate in Maharashtra and stunning crackdown on the so-called activist Teesta Setavard, post Supreme Court verdict on 2002 Gujarat riots.

The resignation or voluntary retirement letter posted on the social media in the wee hours at 4.20 A.M by Rath, a hundred percent teetotaler, raises many questions, especially

as he is not supposed to have been under the influence of drugs either. It may be the first such instance when the signatory puts time, instead of date, under the signatures, which if read hurriedly can be seen like 420. Hope it is not so as the senior IPS officer is expected to know what 420 stands for in IPC or erstwhile RPC.

Mired in controversies, one after another, Rath's resignation or voluntary retirement, evoked an intense debate with some describing the offer as a gimmick and many dismissing it as yet another to remain in the limelight after having been sidelined and suspended by the Ministry of Home Affairs in 2020 for alleged 'gross misconduct'. His intention of entering electoral politics may have some credence but tweeting that it will be the BJP he may join must be a jibe. Joining the BJP and basing his politics on the Kashmir turf are like South Pole and North Pole meeting on the frozen Dal Lake.

The question now arises whether the resignation of Basant Rath would be accepted by the competent authority? If not, should it be construed that the controversial cop is treading the path of Shah Faesal to hog headlines, embark on a political misadventure and then return back to the cadre, making mockery of the system. In the first instance there seems little scope for his resignation being accepted, as he is reportedly awaiting disciplinary action and is currently under suspension.

The resignation of an officer of any of the three All-India Services is governed by Rules 5(1) and 5(1)(A) of the All India Services (Death-cum-Retirement Benefits) Rules, 1958. All-India Services includes: IAS, the Indian Police Service (IPS) and Indian Forest Service (IFS). There are similar rules for resignation of officers belonging to the other central services as well. When an officer prefers resignation, it has to be clear

and unconditional. Resignation from service is entirely different from accepting the government's Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS). Those who take VRS are entitled to pension, whereas those who resign are not. In case of the officer on State deputation, the resignation is to be submitted to the Chief Secretary of the State (in the instant case the Union Territory). The process after the resignation begins with the State or the UT checks to see if any dues are outstanding against the officer, as well as the vigilance status of the officer or whether any cases of corruption etc. are pending against him/her. In case there is such a case, the resignation is normally rejected. Further action is the prerogative of the Competent Authority-- Minister of State at the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) in respect of the IAS The Minister for Home Affairs in respect of the IPS,

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