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Visible improvement in performance of departments, level of public satisfaction: LG



LG Manoj Sinha interacting with complainants from across UT during LG's Mulaqaat programme on Monday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Saying that first step towards good governance is listening to people and resolving their grievances expeditiously, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday observed that there is a visible improvement in performance of departments and level of public satisfaction in Jammu and Kashmir.

"A proactive and citizen-

friendly administrative system has made life easier for common man. Direct communication and speed and scale of governmental intervention to resolve daily issues faced by the masses, is providing a strong boost to public service delivery", Sinha said during LG Mulaqaat programme, in which he interacted with 20 complainants from across the UT and addressed their griev-

ances during Live Public Grievance Hearing programme, at the Civil Secretariat.

During the programme, various issues of the applicants got resolved on the spot.

The Lt Governor passed explicit directions to all Deputy Commissioners and concerned officials to maintain promptness in grievance redressal mechanism by

ensuring that requests and complaints from people are responded to within a reasonable timeframe.

Zahoor Ahmad Khan from Budgam expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor-led UT Administration for taking appropriate action for quick redressal of his grievance.

One Shaikh Mudasir from Pulwama projected the issue of cleanliness of the freshwater stream - Laeth Khul, upon which the Lt Governor directed the concerned Deputy Commissioner to involve Civil Society and PRI members and mobilize the local people in keeping the water stream clean.

On the issue of illegal soil extraction in the Kishan Ganga River, the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora informed the chair that appropriate action has been taken in this regard.

Mohammad Ayaz Khan of Poonch drew the attention of authorities pertaining

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All colleges in J&K to introduce Skill Courses this year

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: All colleges in J&K will introduce a 30 credit voluntary skill certification programme this year. This will be in addition to the curriculum prescribed by the UGC for the undergraduate programme and the aim to this will be to give the students an additional skill certification leading to their higher employability. In addition several other

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Govt winds up Stationary & Office Supplies Deptt in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Monday ordered the winding up of the Department of Stationery & Office Supplies.

"Sanction is accorded to the closure/winding-up of Jammu and Kashmir, Department of Stationery and Office Supplies with the following line of action," reads an order issued by Amit Sharma,

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Two LeT terrorists eliminated in Kulgam encounter

Pak intruder killed along IB in Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR/JAMMU: Two Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) terrorists were killed on Monday in an encounter with security forces in Kulgam district, police said.

Security forces launched a cordon and search operation at Nowpora-Kherpora in the Trubji area of the district following information about the presence of terrorists there, a police official said.

During the search operation, as the joint search party approached towards the suspected spot, the hiding terrorists fired indiscriminately upon the joint search party which was retaliated effectively leading to an encounter. However in order to evacuate the civilians trapped around the encounter site, the joint team ensured the evacuation of all civilians to the safer places.

"In the ensuing encounter, two local terrorists of proscribed terror outfit LeT



were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site of encounter. They have been identified as Zubair Ahmad Mir resident of Qaimoh Kulgam and Idrees Ahmad Dar resident of Kulpora Kulgam", a police spokesperson said.

As per police records, both the killed terrorists were categorized and involved in several terror crime cases including attacks on Police and Security Forces and civilian atrocities including

killing of PRIs. The eliminated terrorist Zubair Ahmad Mir, active since August-2021, was trying to revive the terror folds by recruiting and motivating the gullible youth including terrorist Idrees Ahmad to join terror folds.

Incriminating materials, arms and ammunition have been recovered from the site of encounter. All the recovered materials have been taken into case records

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HC quashes PSA of 2 detainees

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh quashed detention orders of two detainees held under Public Safety Act (PSA) last year and directed concerned authorities to release them from custody.

The Court, while hearing two separate petitions filed by one Irshad Ahmad Reshi, resident of Taj Mohalla Trali-Payeen, District Pulwama and Mehraj-ud-Din Dar, resident of Manz Mohalla, Anchar, Soura challenging their detention orders passed by the District Magistrates Pulwama and Srinagar respectively, quashed the orders and directed authorities to

release both the detainees forthwith from the custody, if they are not required in any other case.

Justice Sanjay Dhar, quashed detention orders of duo on grounds that the detainees cannot be expected to make an effective and purposeful representation, which is their constitutional and statutory right guaranteed under Article 22(5) of Constitution of India, unless and until the material, on which detention is based, is supplied to detainee. The failure on part of detaining authority, to supply the material, renders detention order illegal and unsustainable; the Court observed and quashed the orders.

India's dedication to climate commitments evident from its performance: Modi

■ AGENCY

ELMAU (GERMANY): Asserting that India's dedication to climate commitments is evident from its performance, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday hoped that rich countries of G-7 will support India's efforts in combating climate change and invited them to tap the huge market for clean energy technologies emerging in the country.

In his remarks at the session on Investing in a better Future: Climate, Energy, Health' at G7 Summit, Modi highlighted India's track record and said it has achieved the target of 40 per cent energy-capacity from non-fossil sources nine years before time.

"The target of 10 per cent ethanol-blending in petrol has been achieved 5 months before time. India has the



world's first fully solar power operated airport. India's huge railway system will become net zero in this decade," he said.

"When a large country like India shows such ambition, other developing countries also get inspiration. We hope that the rich countries of G-7 will support India's efforts. Today, a huge market for clean energy technologies is emerging in India," the prime minister said.

G-7 countries can invest in research, innovation, and manufacturing in this field, he said.

The scale that India can provide for every new technology can make that technology affordable for the whole world, he asserted.

The core theories of the circular economy have been an integral part of Indian culture and lifestyle, Modi said.

"I called for a movement called LIFE - Lifestyle for Environment - in Glasgow last year. This year ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Hyderpora encounter: SC asks J&K HC to hear father's plea regarding exhumation of son's body

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court Monday asked the Jammu and Kashmir High Court to consider either on Tuesday or within a week the plea of a man seeking a direction to exhume the body of his son, who was dubbed a terrorist and killed in an encounter in November 2021 and to permit the family to

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Rebel Maha ministers lose portfolios; SC puts disqualification proceedings on hold

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MUMBAI/NEW DELHI/GUWAHATI: Moving against rebel Shiv Sena MLAs, Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Monday took away portfolios of nine ministers who have jumped ship, while the dissident MLAs took their fight to the Supreme Court, which kept in abeyance

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 39.0°C Min: 28.3°C

Humidity

Max : 61 Min : 41

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 32.7°C Min: 18.2°C

Humidity

Max : 64 Min: 35

Sunset : 19:43 Hours

Sunrise : 05:25 Hours

DGPC ELECTIONS: 133 elected unopposed; elections held in 26 constituencies, 48.41 pc voter turnover recorded

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: District Gurudwara Prabandhak Committees (DGPC) elections- 2022 were held successfully across Jammu and Kashmir UT, on Monday.

In Jammu division, out of total 110 Constituencies, 70 members were elected unopposed, while votes were polled for 40 Constituencies with a turnover of 48.41 percent.

Those elected from district Jammu include Surjeet Singh, son of Amir Singh, resident of Upper Gadi Garh Jammu from Gadigarh Constituency; Avtar Singh, son of Sewa Singh, resident

of Digiana Camp Jammu from Digiana Constituency; Jagpal Singh, son of Kulbir Singh, resident of Guru Nanak Nagar from Nanak Nagar Constituency; Harjeet Singh, son if Gurbaksh Singh, resident of Village Chatha Gujran from Gole Gujral Constituency; Ranvir Singh, son of Hazara Singh, resident of Nardi Bala from Akhnoor Constituency; Karan Singh Bali, son of Isher Singh Bali, resident of Rehari from Jammu West Constituency; Balvinder Singh, son of Jagat Singh, resident of Nanak Nagar Jammu from Jammu East

Constituency; Ranjeet Singh, son of Swaran Singh, resident of Sanjay Nagar Jammu from R S Pura Constituency; Tajinder Singh, son of Lakhmir Singh, resident of Basti Govindpura Simbal Morh from Darsopur Constituency; Balvinder Singh, son of Nirmal Singh, resident of Kirpind Tehsil R S Pura from Kirpind Constituency; and Gurmest Singh, son of Mohinder Singh, resident of Khour Deonian Tehsil R S Pura from Bishnah Constituency. Pertinently, the elections for District Gurudwara

Prabandhak Committees (DGPC) - 2022 were held as per the schedule notified by the Government through Financial Commissioner Revenue. The polling was scheduled to be held on June 27, 2022 (Monday) from 7 AM to 1 PM through Ballot Boxes. For the purpose, a total 190 constituencies were demarcated across the UT with 80 constituencies in Kashmir division and 110 in Jammu division.

The election notice was issued by the Returning Officers of the respective districts on May 27. The

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Sinha visits Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas, reviews arrangements for Amarnath pilgrims

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, who is Chairman of the Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB), on Monday visited Yatri Niwas at Bhagwati Nagar and reviewed arrangements for Shri Amarnathji Yatra pilgrims.

The Lt Governor directed the concerned officials to ensure health facilities, adequate number of Doctors, nursing staff, sanitation staff, duty officers on the Yatra routes.

Earlier, the Lt Governor was briefed by concerned officers regarding the facilities along the Yatra route, besides the arrangements in regard to water, power supply, sewage disposal, food and RFID



LG Manoj Sinha taking stock of arrangements made for Amarnath Yatra pilgrims at Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas.

counters at the Yatri Niwas.

The Lt Governor called for collective efforts of all stakeholders and inter-departmental synergy to ensure best in class arrangements and smooth conduct of Yatra.

Speaking to media persons on the sidelines of the visit,

the Lt Governor said, lakhs of families had to face financial hardship since Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra could not be held for the last two years due to Covid pandemic. There is a lot of enthusiasm in the people of Jammu region and in Kashmir too this year and I

see the local people are also ready to welcome the visiting pilgrims.

The security forces are alert and have made adequate arrangements for the smooth conduct of Yatra, besides it has been our endeavor to make the best arrangements this year, the Governor added.

As notified earlier, the yatra will commence on the Baltal and Chandanwari routes simultaneously from June 30.

Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu; Avni Lavasa, Deputy Commissioner Jammu; Rahul Yadav, Commissioner, JMC and senior officials from the civil administration and police accompanied the LG.

CCSK organises seminar 'Milchar' on 'Future of Future in Kashmir's Context'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a first of kind initiative in a decades, a prominent civil society organisation, Confluence of Civil Society Kashmir (CCSK) on Monday organised a seminar 'Milchar' on 'The Future of Future in Kashmir's Context' at SKICC here.

The Seminar was organised with an aim to study the role of Islamic religious leaders in creating harmony between different communities as well as explore the future of future in Kashmir's Context.

During the seminar, several prominent religious leaders of Kashmir Valley highlighted about the significance of Civil society in the contemporary times and the ways for creating a peaceful and lov-

ing society.

The seminar also discussed the importance of Holy Amarnathji Yatra and its contribution to the development of overall development of entire Jammu and Kashmir.

The religious luminaries on the occasion committed that they will provide all possible support to the government of J&K for successful and peaceful Yatra this year.

Speaking on the occasion, Sheikh Muzaffar highlighted about the role of civil society in establishing a harmonised society and said that civil society plays a vital role for the development of society.

Malik Mohammed Jameel, an eminent Islamic scholar, remarked that the Islamic Religious Leaders have a

prominent role to play in creating a harmonious society.

He added that the present day seminars should create maximum awareness among people about the communal harmony.

Mirwaiz Addul Latief Bukhari, Mirwaiz Central Kashmir while speaking on the Future of Future in Kashmir's context talked about the role of religious leaders in contemporary times.

He highlighted that the religious leaders in present times are not doing their best in making changes in the society. He assured that in coming months the religious leaders will deliver sermons on establishing a harmonised society across J&K.

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