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Amarnathji Yatra: LG urges all sections of society to participate in 62-day festivity

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday interacted with the prominent members of PRIs, Civil Society organizations, Trade, Business and Spiritual Leaders and discussed the preparations and arrangements for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

The Lt Governor urged the prominent citizens for active participation of all sections of society in the 62-day long festivity, starting from 1st July.

"We all have one purpose, one idea, our conscience is one, we are devoted to one message of peace, brotherhood, progress and prosperity of J&K," the Lt Governor said.

Society has always welcomed the devotees of Baba Amarnath Ji with open arms and has ensured their needs are taken care of. This is a



LG Manoj Sinha interacting with prominent members of PRIs, civil society groups, trade & business and spiritual leaders at Srinagar on Sunday.

▶ LG discusses preparations and arrangements for Shri Amarnathji Yatra, Eid-ul-Adha festival and Prakash Parv of Guru Hargobind Singh Ji

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beautiful example of peaceful and harmonious co-existence, he added.

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the collective efforts of the society

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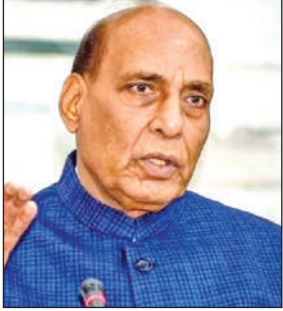
Congress which imposed Emergency now falsely accusing BJP Govt of suppressing democracy: Rajnath

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AGRA (UP): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday said the Congress which imposed the Emergency was now falsely accusing the BJP government of suppressing democracy.

Singh addressed two rallies in Agra in Uttar Pradesh on Sunday and trained his gun on the Congress.

Describing the Emergency, which was imposed on this day in 1975 by the Indira Gandhi government, as "the dark phase of Indian democracy", the senior BJP leader said, "I was jailed for 16



months and kept in isolation for about two-and-half months during the Emergency.... Many innocents were kept in jails."

"But today the Congress party is falsely accusing

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Nearly 1,500 special invitees to attend security conclave in Jammu today

JAMMU: Around 1,500 special invitees, including defence experts and retired army officers, are attending a security conclave which will be addressed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh here on Monday, Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief Ravinder Raina said.

Besides addressing the conclave at Gen Zorawar Singh auditorium on the campus of University of Jammu, Singh will also visit the BJP headquarters at Trikuta Nagar to chair a meeting of senior party leaders to review the prevailing political situation, Raina said.

"Around 1,500 special invitees are attending the security conclave on internal and external security, a non-political event being organized as part of the BJP's ongoing programme to highlight the nine-year achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government," Raina told PTI.

He said the defence minister will brief the gathering of prominent persons about the measures

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PM has ushered new era in J&K, Abdullahs & Muftis danced to tune of Pakistan: Chugh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Launching a seathing attack on former Jammu and Kashmir chief ministers Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti, BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Sunday said that Pakistan-sponsored terrorism flourished in Jammu and Kashmir under their rule following which the J&K economy was derailed and there was no progress and development.

Chugh said that the three families including Gandhis, Muftis and Abdullah plundered Jammu and Kashmir and that terrorism was at its



peak during their tenures.

The situation has improved dramatically in J&K after Prime Minister Narendra Modi took over and brought the law and order situation under control. A new era has

set in in J&K now, he said.

Chugh's comments came in the backdrop of statements made by Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti in a press conference after Opposition parties' meeting in Patna on June 23.

Attacking the three families, Chugh said that on one side they talk about democracy and on the other side they talk about China and Pakistan.

"During their tenure they suppressed people of Jammu and Kashmir and hindered development. There was no peace and progress.

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Vitasta Cultural Fest third wraps up; Governors of Punjab, TN participate in closing ceremony

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The third and final edition of the esteemed 'Vitasta Cultural Festival' concluded successfully, on Sunday, in the Valley, celebrating culture and various art forms unique to the region of Jammu and Kashmir, and bringing together diverse cultural expressions from various regions of the country.

The grand event concluded on Sunday evening, with a series of cultural programmes, including singing, dancing, and various forms of folk art, which took place at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC), located on the banks of Dal Lake in Srinagar.

The Governors of Punjab



Governors of Punjab and Tamil Nadu, Banwarilal Purohit and R. N. Ravi being honoured during the fest.

and Tamil Nadu, Banwarilal Purohit and R. N. Ravi were present as chief guests at the closing ceremony.

On Sunday, the concluding event showcased a remarkable variety of captivating

cultural programmes, featuring one standout performance by Saurabh Jadu & Group. Their enchanting singing mesmerised the audience and left a

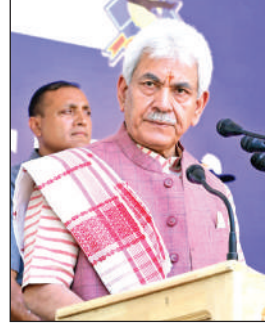
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'Pedal for Peace' Award Ceremony' Nation proud of our youth for transforming J&K: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Observing that enthusiasm and commitment of young generation to move forward with one goal and one resolve is the biggest asset of the Union Territory administration, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said the entire country is proud of our youth for channelizing their energy and transforming Jammu and Kashmir into land of enterprise, innovation and invention.

"Today, our youth, especially our daughters, are scripting new history in every sector and their determination, dedication and hard-work are ensuring inclusive development of Jammu Kashmir", he said while speaking at the Award Ceremony of 'Pedal for Peace' Cycle Race -2023



LG Manoj Sinha speaking during 'Pedal for Peace' Award Ceremony at Srinagar on Sunday.

organized by Jammu Kashmir Polie.

He added that there is a rising aspiration among the youth to transform India into a developed nation.

Sinha called upon all the sections of the society to come together to fight drug menace and said that it is necessary to foil nefarious efforts of the neighbouring

country and build a drug-free Jammu Kashmir.

The Lt Governor felicitated the winners and congratulated them for showcasing great enthusiasm, commitment and passion. This year, 2557 Cyclists in 8 categories participated in 'Pedal for Peace'.

"Pedal for Peace is a symbol of peace, progress and prosperity and all the efforts are

being made to ensure that our youth can improve the sporting talents they have, provided with opportunities to excel and their unique qualities are celebrated," he added.

At the award ceremony, the Lt Governor highlighted the key endeavours of the UT Administration to

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PM visits Egypt's historic 11th century Al-Hakim Mosque, restored with help of Dawoodi Bohra community

■ AGENCY

CAIRO: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday visited Egypt's historic 11th century Al-Hakim Mosque in Cairo, restored with the help of India's Dawoodi Bohra community.

On the second day of his state visit to Egypt, Modi visited the Fatimid era Shia

mosque where he was received by the Minister of Tourism and Antiquities of Egypt, Dr Mostafa Waziri.

Modi was shown around the mosque by Shahzada Husain Burhanuddin, son of Sultan al-Bohra Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin.

The mosque's latest restoration was completed

about three months ago. He appreciated the intricately carved inscriptions on the walls and doorways of the mosque which was built in 1012.

"Honoured to visit the historic Al-Hakim Mosque in Cairo. It's a profound testament to Egypt's rich

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Missing Reasi resident found beaten to death by son, others

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A 19-year-old youth was arrested for allegedly being involved in the killing of his father who was reported missing in March, a senior police officer said on Sunday. Three people, including the victim's son, have been arrested

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SHRI MANOJ SINHA
HON'BLE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
JAMMU & KASHMIR

26 JUNE 2023

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

THEME OF THE YEAR

People First: Stop Stigma and Discrimination, Strengthen Prevention

Let's Do This Together

- Raise awareness about the importance of treating people who use drugs with respect and empathy.
- Raise awareness about Hepatitis C epidemic & HIV among people who use drugs and expand and strengthen Hepatitis C prevention programmes.
- Promote evidence-based, voluntary services for all people who use drugs.
- Educate about drug use disorders, available treatments and the importance of early intervention and support.
- Offering alternatives to punishment; prioritizing prevention; and leading with compassion.
- Combat stigma and discrimination by promoting language and attitudes that are respectful and non-judgmental.
- Empower young people and communities to prevent drug use and addiction.

Achievement by Govt. of UT of J&K

Drafting and implementing drug de-addiction policy on ground.

Setting up of 14 addiction treatment facilities in UT of J&K.

Raising awareness in community.

Successful Campaign of Nasha Mukta Abhiyan. (Sep 2022-Dec 2022)

Successful launch of Tele Manas Toll Free Helpline No. 14416/1-800- 891-4416. 17861 calls received so far. Ranked 2nd in the Country.

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