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JK Public School Kunjwani celebrates 10th International Yoga Day with gaiety

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VAJK holds sports meet on yoga & nutrition at Jammu

## Thousands of dauntless Kashmiris celebrate 10th Int'l Yoga Day with Modi at Srinagar



PM Narendra Modi participates in 10th International Day of Yoga celebrations at Srinagar on Friday.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Negotiating valiantly the odds of weather, thousands of spirited Kashmiris, motivated by the energising words of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, celebrated  $_{
m the}$ International Day of Yoga, on the rain drenched ground of Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC)in Srinagar

on Friday. Applauding the spirit of Kashmiris, Prime Minister emphasised, "I also saw scores of girls covering themselves with the Yoga mat and they remained on the ground. This undaunted spirit of

theirs and the love for Yoga is quite appreciable.'

 $\mathbf{Prime}$ expressed his gratitude for being present in Jammu and Kashmir, the land of Yog and Sadhna, saying that the atmosphere, energy, and experience from Yoga could be felt here today.

"Participation of 50-60 thousand people of Jammu and Kashmir with Yoga on this occasion is a remarkable feat in itself," he said.

Prime Minister reminded that the theme for this year, "Yoga for Self and Society," highlights the significant contribution of Yoga in enhancing personal well-

## PM clicks selfie with Yoga enthusiasts SRINAGAR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday straightaway went off the stage to

enthused Kashmiris. Block after block, the Prime Minister interacted with young boys and girls and cheered them up, taking selfies himself, chatting with them- thus making their

The event at SKICC began with a mixed mood of weather and human spirit. Moments before the start of the programme, rain poured down on SKICC ground, trying to dampen the spirits of the Yoga enthusiasts of Srinagar. The crowd declined to move away and stuck to its ground. The Yoga mats were used as head cover and the long green stretches of floor mats were used as mass-umbrellas.



## Historic event has put J&K on global map: Sinha

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for giving Jammu and Kashmir an opportunity to lead the International Yoga Day celebra-"This historic event has put Jammu Kashmir on global map", he added. The Lieutenant Governor said that Yoga plays the most significant role in enhancing the physical, psychological and emotional aspects of well-being. PM has taken the Yoga to the world and today this invaluable gift from our ancient tradition is being practiced across the globe, he added. "Yoga is a holistic approach towards happiness. It is the first step towards a healthy life. It unites Body and Mind as saint Patanjali had said that Body and Mind are one. Yoga brings consciousness and through consciousness LG Manoj Sinha welcoming PM Narendra Modi pure joy is born", he said.



at Srinagar on Friday.

ness and fostering social cohesion. He conveyed his best wishes on the International Day of Yoga to all citizens and those practising Yoga worldwide.

Modi took part in the Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) session, emphasising the significance of yoga in fostering physical, mental, and spiritual growth.

In commemoration of the

International Yoga Day, the yoga event led by the Prime Prime Minister highlighted that a remarkable 177 countries supported India's proposal in the UN. He also mentioned notable achievements in previous International Day of Yoga events, such as 35,000 individuals practising yoga on Kartavya Path (earlier known as Rajpath in Delhi) in 2015, and over 130 counattended by tries participating in the

Minister at the UN Headquarters last year. Additionally, he expressed his delight that more than 100 institutes in India and 10 major foreign institutes have been recognized by the Yoga Certification Board established by the Ministry of Ayush. The celebration led by the Prime Minister was also

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## **NEET row:** SC refuses to defer counselling; 1563 students to take exam again on Sunday

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DELHI: The Supreme Court Friday refused to defer the NEET-UG counselling process, scheduled to kick off on July 6, saying it is not an "open and shut" exercise, even as the political pot kept boiling over the controversy-ridden exam with the opposition attacking the Centre over alleged paper leak and other

National Testing Agency (NTA), under fire over the lapses in the conduct of NEET and UGC-NET, is gearing up to conduct on

#### GST Council likely to deliberate on online gaming tax, Par panel recommendation on fertiliser STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The GST Council, in its meeting on Saturday, is likely to deliberate on various issues, including taxation on online gaming and the Parliamentary standing committee's recommendation for lowering tax on fertiliser, according to sources. The 53rd meeting of the GST Council, chaired by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and comprising her state counterparts, is also likely to discuss the progress of the Group of Ministers (GoM) on finalising the report on Goods and Service Tax (GST) rate rationalisation and amendments to GST laws based on previous decisions of the council.

The council may also discuss the recommendations made by the



Sunset: 19:41 Hours

Sunrise: 05:23 Hours

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Sunday a retest for the medical entrance exam for 1,563 candidates who were earlier awarded grace marks to make up for the loss of time at six centres. The Congress party, mean-

while, staged protests across the country over the alleged irregularities and demanded the resignation of Education Dharmendra Minister Pradhan, who skipped the Delhi University's Yoga Day event where some students held a protest against the irregularities. Congress leader

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## Delayed revaluation results force law students to appear in supplementary exams for papers they passed

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Even as the nation is grappling with one after another controversy revolvaround National Eligibility Test (NET) and National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET), the University of Jammu does not seem to have learnt any

The University on Friday declared the re -evaluation result notification of the answer scripts of various papers and courses of B.A LL.B (5vrs) 9th Semester Examination, held in

February/March 2024-the day it was holding the supplementary (mercy) examinations, in accordance with the date issued on June 12,

At least two of the 166 students in the result list of reevaluation notification have been shown as having passed subject course No 901, notwithstanding the fact that they were supposed to appear in the supplementary examination of 9th semester today. Similar might be the case with other students supposed to appear in other papers or

courses they had sought revaluation. The supplementary examination has been scheduled for June 21, 25 and 28 besides July 4 and 8,

Who will compensate for the hard toil put in by the revaluation seekers? Had the revaluation notification been issued well in time, such students would not have undergone extensive studies for the papers they had already cleared. By putting the students and their parents to agonized situations, the University of Jammu has

shown a high degree of insensitivity, sources said.

The sources added that 166 students out of nearly 300 students, studying in the Law College of Jammu University, KC Law College and Dogra College of Law had sought revaluation of their papers. Of these, there has been no change in the evaluation of marks in respect of about 75 students. they added.

Some of the students have alleged the University of playing mind-games

## Govt orders inquiry against two former JMC officers; Jt Comm to investigate

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Commissioner Secretary Housing and Development Department (H&UDD) Mandeep Kaur on Friday appointed Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Joint Commissioner (R&E), Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), as Inquiry Officer to conduct an in-depth inquiry against former Assistant Enforcement Officer (AEO) Enforcement Inspector (EI).

"In terms of Rule 33(4) of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules,

Assembly Polls: ECI directs CEOs of J&K,

1956, sanction is accorded to the appointment of Rakesh Kumar Gupta, JKAS, Joint Commissioner Municipal Jammu Corporation, as Inquiry Officer to conduct an indepth enquiry into the charges levelled against Kamini Kesar, the then Assistant Enforcement Officer and Naresh Kumar, the then Enforcement Inspector, Jammu Municipal Corporation (Veri-JMU-45/2010)," reads an order issued by Mandeep Kaur. "Chand Singh, Secretary,

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## Without Legal Aid there is no Rule of law: Justice Sanjiv Khanna

SRINAGAR: The J&K Legal Services Authority, under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) on Friday organized the State Conference of District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) of UTs of J&K and Ladakh at J&K Judicial Academy, Srinagar.

Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Senior-Most Judge, Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman, NALSA presided



Singh, Chief Justice, over the conference in presence of Justice N. Kotiswar

Supreme Court Judge, Justice Sanjiv Khanna addressing participants during a conference at Srinagar on Friday.

#### Three held for providing shelter to terrorists in Doda **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DODA/JAMMU: Three people have been arrested for allegedly providing shelter and food to terrorists involved in the attack on security forces in Doda district last week, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Javid Iqbal said.

The terrorists had attacked a joint checkpost of the army and police at Chattergalla and Kota Top areas of the district on June 11 and 12, injuring six army

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## 3 others states to update voters' list STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Election Commission on Friday said it has initiated preparations for forthcoming assembly elec-Harvana. tions in Maharashtra and Jharkhand with updation of electoral rolls in these states along with that in Jammu and

July 1, 2024 will be the qualifying date for roll updation. For the just-held Lok Sabha polls, the voters' list was updated with January 1

Kashmir.

as the qualifying date.

Qualifying date helps establish number of voters on a given date in a state or in the country. The term of the existing legislative assemblies in the three states are going to end

26 and January 5, 2025 respectively and elections to these legislative assemblies are required to be conducted before the completion of their

Besides, assembly elections

in Jammu and Kashmir are also to be conducted for constituting a new house after

delimitation of constituen-

cies, the EC noted. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said on Thursday that assembly elections on November 3, November would be held soon in Jammu and Kashmir and plans are underway to restore statehood to the union territory in the near future. In his first visit to the valley after

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## **J&K Trade Show 2024 in Srinagar** Brand J&K successfully promoted on global platform under PM Modi's leadership: LG

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Union Territory administration has been successful in promoting brand Jammu and Kashmir on the global platform, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Friday.

The Lieutenant Governor made these remarks after inaugurating J&K Trade Show 2024 at Kashmir Heritage Government Arts Emporium here.

In his address, the Lt Governor welcomed the artisans, weavers, growers and

business entrepreneurs. In his address, the Lt



LG Manoj Sinha addressing gathering after inaugurating J&K Trade Show 2024 at Srinagar.

Governor welcomed the artisans, weavers, growers, and business entrepreneurs and lauded the endeavour of Industries & Commerce department and J&K Trade

& Promotion Organization (JKTPO) to promote the diverse sectors of handicrafts, handloom, agriculture and horticulture. "J&K Trade Show reflects

that the Union Territory of Jammu Kashmir has ushered in an era of opportunities. It also reiterates our commitment to create a vibrant business and trade

ecosystem in the UT and provide a new identity to J&K's unique cultural and artistic heritage in the global market," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor highlighted the key initiatives of UT Administration, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to bring reforms in Agriculture, Handloom and Handicraft sectors.

"We are formulating and executing policies keeping in mind the region's rich culture, heritage, agricultural excellence to ensure sustainable growth and employment generation. I am happy

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## Special DG BSF visits IB areas in Jammu frontier, reviews security

#### STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: BSF's Special

Director General, Western Command, Y B Khurania on Friday visited the International Border (IB) in the Jammu frontier and reviewed the security situation. His visit came a days after Union Home Minister Amit Shah held a high-level meet-

ing in Delhi to review the situation and the preparations for the annual Amarnath pilgrimage in Jammu and Kashmir. Khurania arrived at the BSF Jammu frontier for a two-day visit to review the security scenario of the IB, a BSF spokesman said.

Inspector General D K Boora gave a detailed presentation to Khurania covering all the critical aspects of



ed the Samba border area, where he was briefed by the sector commander and battalion commandant about the operational preparedness of the BSF along the border.