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Development not possible without peace: LG

‘Some people trying to provoke SFs, Admn to fuel unrest’

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Asserting that development was not possible without establishing peace in Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Friday said some people were trying to provoke security forces and the administration so that some mistake is made and an unrest is fuelled.

Development can only take place when there is peace. This has to be kept in mind. There is no place in the world which has progressed when there was no peace, Sinha said addressing a function at the launch of District Export Plans at SKICC here.

Union Minister of State, Commerce and Industry, Anupriya Patel was also present.

Sinha said some people were continuously trying to foment trouble in the valley as they were not happy with the tourism growing here, industries being set up, economic scenario stabilising, and lives of people changing.

"But, we will not allow that situation to arise," the LG said.

The society has to come forward. The security forces are working hard round-the-clock for the safety and security of



LG Manoj Sinha speaking after unveiling of District Export Plans for J&K.

the common people, he said.

Sinha said the administration is working on a policy that innocent people will not be touched but the guilty will not be spared.

He said the steps being taken by the government with regards to development, were for the future of the people and their children.

So, come forward in making a new J-K, and there is need to create awareness in the society that unless there is peace,

"we will not be able to achieve development. It is not just the responsibility of the government, but of the citizens here as well," he said.

Sinha said J&K has a huge potential for exports, especially its handicrafts, paper mache, horticulture produce, Pashmina and carpets.

He said the government was working on tripling the exports in the next five years.

"We have been working on it for the last two years with the Union Commerce ministry. Today, we have formulated a detailed plan for every district and in the coming days, we will try to export from every district of J-K. We are grateful to PM for his guidance and support. We are working on a target to triple the exports in the next five years," the LG added.

The Lt Governor said in the last two years, the UT administration has taken several steps to identify and promote the exports of local products, resulting in a 54 per cent increase in the exports in 2021-22 as compared to 2020-21.

He said J-K has emerged as a top performer, reaching third position among the UT's

Soldier shoots colleague in Poonch, kills self later

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An Army jawan allegedly shot dead his colleague and later killed himself in Poonch district on Friday, official sources said.

Naik Intiyaz Ahmed had a scuffle with Sepoy Ibrar during a road opening party (RoP) exercise in the Surankote area around 5.30 am, they said. In a fit of rage, Ahmed opened fire from his service

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Magisterial enquiry ordered in anti-terrorism ops at Chandigarh Lolab

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KUPWARA: The Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Lolab has been appointed as Enquiry Officer to conduct the magisterial enquiry under section 176 Cr.Pc in the anti-militancy operation at Chandigarh Lolab on 19th of June 2022 resulting in the killing of four terrorists.

In this connection, the general public is

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Rubaiya Sayeed identifies Yasin Malik, 3 others as her abductors

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Rubaiya Sayeed, former Chief Minister Mufti Mohammed Sayeed's daughter, appeared before a special CBI court on Friday in a case related to her 1989 abduction and identified JKLF chief Yasin Malik and three others as the ones who took her captive, officials said.

This is the first time Rubaiya has been asked to appear in the case. She had been freed after five terrorists were released in exchange. Rubaiya, who stays in Tamil Nadu, is listed as a prosecution witness by the CBI, which took over investigations into the case in early 1990.

Rubaiya identified Malik, who was present in the court through video conferencing.

"This is the person and his name is Yasin Malik. He was the man who threatened me that he will drag me out of the minibus if I refused to follow their diktat," Rubaiya told the judge.



Dr Rubaiya Sayeed, after appearing before special CBI court in Jammu on Friday.

She later identified him again through the pictures that were exhibited in the court.

The case had gone into virtual cold storage and was revived after Malik was picked up by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in 2019 on charges of terror funding.

In January last year, the CBI, with help from special public prosecutors Monika Kohli and S K Bhat, framed

charges against 10 people, including Malik, in the Rubaiya kidnapping case that turned out to be a turning point in the Valley's volatile history. The release of the five JKLF members was seen as a morale booster for terror groups, which had started raising their heads at the time.

During the hearing, Rubaiya recorded her statement before the

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Head-on collision between two cars at Ring Road Jammu; 3 die, 8 injured



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JAMMU: Three persons died while eight others got injured when two cars collided head-on at Ring road near Brai Brahmana, due to which three persons died while eight others got injured. The deceased were identified

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India-China military talks to be held on July 17 on Indian side of LAC in eastern Ladakh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The 16th round of military talks between India and China on the lingering border standoff in eastern Ladakh will be held on July 17 on the Indian side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the region, official sources said on Friday. India has been pressing for quick disengagement of troops from all

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Absence of democracy in J&K feeding alienation: NC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The National Conference Friday said the "absence of democracy" in Jammu and Kashmir is "feeding alienation" among the people of union territory.

The situation with regards to democracy in J-K stands incoherent vis-a-vis the remarks made by Prime Minister Narendra

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 35.0°C Min: 25.8°C

Humidity

Max: 85 Min: 66

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 31.8°C Min: 16.6°C

Humidity

Max: 74 Min: 36

Sunset : 18:52 Hours

Sunrise : 06:10 Hours

Ladakh accords grand reception as Dalai Lama visits after four years

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: As His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama arrived in Leh after a gap of four years, a grand reception was accorded to the Noble Laureate by all sections of the society on Friday at the Kushok Bhaluka Rinpoche Airport. The Dalai Lama was received by Eminent Rinpoches, monks and nuns from different monasteries, President Ladakh Buddhist Association, President Ladakh Gonpa Association, CEC, LAHDC Leh, MP Ladakh, Executive Councillors, CRO Tibetan Settlement Sonamling, lead-



Tibetan spiritual leader, Dalai Lama after his arrival at Ladakh.

ers of different religious and political organisations.

The reception entourage comprised of religious and

J&K reports 149 fresh COVID cases; Ladakh 14

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Friday reported 149 fresh Covid cases-- 73 from the Jammu division and 76 from the Valley, thus taking the total number of positive cases to 456605 in the Union Territory.

According to the daily Media Bulletin, 856 are Active Positive, 450991 have recovered and 4758 have died; 2333 in the Jammu division and 2425 in the Valley.

Providing district-wise breakup for positive cases during the past 24 hours, the Bulletin informed that Srinagar reported 61

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NIA Court dismisses bail applications of two involved in unlawful activities case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Special Judge NIA, Jammu has dismissed the bail applications of accused persons namely Abdul Aala Fazili, son of Late Mohd Rafi Fazili, resident of Hunhama Chowk near Airport Road, Tehsil and District Budgam, Peerzada Shah Fahad, son of Basir Ahmed Shah, resident of Samboora, Tehsil and District Pulwama, Kashmir at present Dawood Colony, Anchar, Soura, District Srinagar, Kashmir, J&K, involved in Unlawful Activities to propagate false narrative of the secessionist

as well as the terrorist to disintegrate the sovereignty and unity of Union of India and to motivate Kashmiri youth to exhortate the subversive activities against the popular government in FIR No. 01/2022 U/s 13, 18 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act {UA(P)A} and 120B, 121, 124, 153B of Indian Penal Code (IPC), being investigated by State Investigation Agency (SLA), Jammu.

The accused Abdul Aala Fazili has also written an article 'The Shackles of Slavery will Break' and published it in monthly magazine

'The Kashmir Wala' as a part of the ongoing strategy to build and propagate the false narrative against Union of India to disruption the territorial integrity by seceding the Jammu and Kashmir and annexing with Pakistan. The write-up is highly provocative, seditious and intended to create unrest in Jammu and Kashmir to abet the gullible youth to take the path of violence and create communal unrest. It is worthwhile to mention here that the State Investigation Agency (SLA) is a Specialized Agency,

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Kishtwar to become North India's major 'power hub': Dr Jitendra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Friday said that Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar will become North India's major "power hub" generating nearly 6,000 MW of power after the completion of the ongoing power projects.

Addressing a public rally through virtual mode from Jammu, as he could not make it to Kishtwar due to inclement weather, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the surplus power from Kishtwar will not only be utilised for other parts of the UT, but will also be sold to other



Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh addressing a rally at Kishtwar.

States. He lamented that the rich natural resources of Chenab were not exploited by the previous governments which ruled J&K for 60-65 years.

Pertinent to mention that 1000 MW Pakal Dul Project, 624 MW Kiru Project, 540

MW Kvar Project and 930 MW Kirthai Project are all located in close vicinity of each other, along with 850 MW Ratle Project which has been revived as a Joint venture between the Centre and the UT. This, the

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Court directs CB to register FIR, investigate 'custodial' death of youth

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A court here on Friday directed the Crime Branch to register an FIR against the police and investigate the alleged custodial death of a youth in the Natipora area of the city.

The directions of the judicial magistrate, first class, Srinagar, came after hearing a petition of Shaffiq, the mother of 21-year-old Muslim Muneer who died last week after being called to a police station in a theft case.

SHO PS Crime Branch is directed to get an FIR registered in the case against the accused No. 2 Abdul Rashid (working as Munshi in police) and other unknown police official/s of PS Nowgam under the relevant

sections of IPC, the court said in its order.

It also asked the Crime Branch to get the case investigated by an efficient police officer to bring the culprit/s to book.

Over the family's prayer of a direction to conduct test identification parades (TIP) in the case and for collecting the CCTV footage of police station Nowgam, the court said it will not pass any direction as it is the domain of the investigating agency and the court cannot interfere in the same.

The family has accused the police of the custodial killing of Muneer.

Police said Muneer was called to the police station on July 9 forenoon for

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Over 5,400 pilgrims leave Jammu camp for Amarnath

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The 16th batch of over 5,400 Amarnath pilgrims left Jammu city on Friday morning for the twin base camps of Pahalgam and Baltal in Kashmir, officials said.

The annual pilgrimage, which was suspended from Jammu last Sunday due to bad weather resumed on Monday. A flash flood triggered by heavy rains near the cave shrine on Friday last week led to the death of at least 15 people.

The 43-day-long pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre-high cave shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas commenced on June 30 from the twin tracks -- the traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam route in



Jubilant Amarnath Yatis at Bhagwati Nagar Base Camp, Jammu.

south Kashmir's Anantnag district and 14-km shorter Baltal in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district.

A total of 5,461 pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas in a convoy of 220 vehicles amid heavy CRPF security, the officials

said.

They said 1,975 pilgrims heading for Baltal were the first to leave the Bhagwati Nagar camp in 86 vehicles around 3.30 am followed by a second convoy of 134 vehicles carrying 3,486 pilgrims

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Parliament House can't be used for Dharnas, protests: Birla

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Demonstrations, dharnas or religious ceremonies cannot be held in the precincts of Parliament House, a circular by the Rajya Sabha secretariat has said, drawing ire from the Opposition on Friday even as Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla insisted that such notices were being issued for years.

The Rajya Sabha secretariat has said that the circular has not been issued for the first time and such advice has been reiterated from time to time. They said such a circular is issued normally ahead of every session of Parliament.

The secretariat also provided copies of the similar circular issued during the

Congress-led UPA regime in 2013 and said such circulars are being issued for many years now.

The new bulletin, which has been issued by Rajya Sabha Secretary General P C Mody ahead of the Monsoon session of Parliament beginning July 18, said the kind cooperation of members is solicited.

"Members cannot use the precincts of the Parliament House for any demonstration, dharna, strike, fast, or for any purpose of performing any religious ceremony," the bulletin said.

Reacting strongly to the circular, the opposition parties attacked the government. Congress general secretary and chief whip

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