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LG calls for organising cultural exchange programmes of artists from other states, UTs

Says conservation efforts must retain aesthetic, historic values



LG Manoj Sinha chairing a meeting to review action plan for revival, restoration, preservation and maintenance of ancient cultural heritage.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Emphasising on promoting the culture of Jammu and Kashmir among the people of other states and vice versa, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday called for organising cultural exchange programmes of artists with other states and UTs, furthering the 'Ek Bharat

Shreshtha Bharat' movement.

Chairing a meeting to review the action plan for effective implementation of the scheme for 'Revival, Restoration, Preservation and Maintenance of Ancient Cultural Heritage' in the Union Territory, the Lieutenant Governor stressed on welfare measures

for the local artists and asked the department to make dedicated efforts for the hand-holding of artists.

He advised the Department of Culture to rope in seasoned and experienced master artists from J&K to train the young artists.

Referring to the scheme, envisaged to identify the sacred places and heritage

sites requiring intervention, carrying out their revival, restoration or renovation work, ensuring protection and longevity of these places, besides promoting restoration wherever damage has occurred to these places, the Lt Governor directed the Culture Department to adopt value-based conservation with the help of experts. The department should also ensure transparency and effective onsite monitoring of the projects, he added.

Sinha asserted that the conservation efforts must retain the aesthetic, historic and social values of our great civilizational and cultural legacy.

"Identify shrines, places having historical, cultural, religious significance and work should follow value-based methodologies and integrated approach to conservation. Take up the projects that reflect the

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ACB nabs AEE, Work Supervisor R&B Baramulla for accepting bribe of Rs 25,000

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has nabbed one Mukhtiar Ahmad Joo, working as Assistant Executing Engineer and Reyaz Ahmad Peer, Works Supervisor posted in R&B, Electric Sub Division North, Baramulla for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 25,000.

As per an official spokesperson, the ACB received a complaint against Mukhtiar Ahmad Joo, I/c Assistant Executive Engineer, R&B Electric Division North (Baramulla)

for allegedly demanding bribe etc. "The complainant, who is working as contractor, alleged that he had completed work of fixing of Internal Electrification with Main Control Panel and Service Line to 10 roomed double stored building at HS Busgran Uri, District Baramulla at an estimated cost of Rs 4,14,720 on tender basis. He further stated that whole work was completed within stipulated period and handed-over to concerned officials but Mukhtiar Ahmad Joo, I/c Asstt Executive Engineer of R&B Electric Sub Division, North

(Baramulla) was demanding bribe of Rs 20,000 for releasing final payment," the official said.

He further told that on receipt of complaint matter was verified and it was found that Mukhtiar Ahmad Joo I/c Asstt Executive Engineer as well as Reyaz Ahmad Peer, Works Supervisor posted in R&B Electric Sub Division North (Baramulla) were demanding bribe of Rs 20,000 and Rs 5000 respectively from complainant for processing his case for final payments and allegations of demand of bribe by

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Yasin Malik on hunger strike in Tihar Jail

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Kashmiri separatist leader Yasin Malik is on hunger strike in Tihar

J a i l after the government did n o t respond to his plea that he be allowed to physically appear in a Jammu court hearing the Rubaiya Sayeed kidnapping case in which he is an accused, officials said on Saturday. Malik, 56, head of the banned Jammu

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J&K records 557 new COVID cases, 2 deaths

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday logged 557 fresh COVID-19 cases and two fatalities, pushing the tally of the infections in the Union territory to 4,59,544 and the death toll to 4,763, officials said.


Of the fresh cases, 282 were reported from Jammu division and the rest

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Four drug peddlers arrested in Kishtwar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Saturday arrested four drug peddlers and seized heroin from their possession in Kishtwar district, officials said. On specific information, police apprehended four drug peddlers from different places in Kishtwar, they said. Those arrested have been identified as Adil Hussain, Mudasir Hussain, Salman Sajjad Kandoo and Afia Tabassum, the officials said. Two FIRs were registered.



WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 30.6°C Min: 23.7°C

Humidity

Max : 93 Min : 79

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 28.9°C Min: 22.2°C

Humidity

Max : 82 Min: 67

Sunset : 19:36 Hours

Sunrise : 05:41 Hours

Maintenance matter

Daughters not liability: SC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Daughters are no liability, the Supreme Court has said while dealing with a matter relating to payment of maintenance to a woman by her father.

The observation from a bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and A S Bopanna came on Friday after the counsel appearing for the man said that the woman is a liability.

"Daughters are not a liability," Justice Chandrachud

observed while referring to Article 14 of the Constitution which deals with equality before law.

The apex court had in October 2020 noted that the c o u n s e l appearing for the applicants had stated that no amount was paid towards the arrears of maintenance computed at Rs 8,000 per month for the daughter and Rs 400 per month for the wife after April 2018. It had

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3 children, woman killed in road accident at Samba

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Three children and a woman, part of a marriage party, were killed and 15 others got injured in a collision of two vehicles in Samba district, officials said on Saturday.

The injured were taken to Samba district hospital. Seven critical injured were later shifted to Government Medical College hospital in Jammu for specialised treatment, officials said.

The incident happened Friday around 11.50 pm, when a tempo traveller carrying 19 members of a marriage party collided with a truck, they said.

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Progressing J&K: Saubhagya scheme liting up rural areas across J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The J&K Power Department Development is working hard in ensuring electrification to every village of J&K, visible from the fact that around 3,57,405 households have been electrified in whole UT under Saubhagya scheme.

Despite facing many natural barriers like hilly terrains and difficult topography of the region, J&K government fulfilled the dream of inhabitants living in these places to see the light of bulb.

For the first time, after 73 years of independence, village Saddal of Udhampur district and Ganouri-Tanta village of Doda district saw

the light of an electric bulb ending decades of darkness from the lives of villagers of these villages.

Village elder of the Gnaouri- Tanta village says

Around 3 lakh households provided electrification under the scheme

they were living a miserable life without electricity till now.

"After electricity was provided to us under Saubhagya scheme, our life eased a lot. Our children now study at ease during night hours also. Earlier they couldn't study after evening hours. We had to burn wood for light in our houses," he said.

Similarly, villagers in far flung and hilly border areas of

to the government for launching ambitious schemes like Saubhagya which has made our lives comfortable and convenient in many ways. Earlier, our children could not study due to lack of electricity. We had to go to another village to get our mobile phones charged," said Abdul Hamid, a resident from the area.

Pawan Kumar-, Sarpanch, Halqa Kotiarhala

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Half of over 7,000 Amarnath bound pilgrims return due to road closure

Traffic resumes on Jammu-Srinagar Highway

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A fresh batch of 7,053 Amarnath pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here on Saturday for the twin base camps in Ganderbal district but over half of them were forced to return due to highway closure, officials said.

The pilgrims left in 243 vehicles escorted by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), they said.

As many as 2,504 pilgrims headed to the Baltal base camp were the first to leave

in 88 vehicles, followed by the second convoy of 155 vehicles carrying 4,649 pilgrims to the Pahalgam base camp, the officials said.

However, the convoy headed to Pahalgam returned to the Bhagwati Nagar base camp as the Jammu-Srinagar highway was closed due to landslides triggered by rains. The convoy headed to Baltal was halted at Ramban and the pilgrims were housed in the Yatri Niwas camp.

Heavy overnight rains in Jammu have triggered land-

slides and mudslides.

The Amarnath Yatra was suspended from Jammu on Friday due to inclement weather and bad condition of the Jammu-Srinagar national highway.

The 43-day Amarnath Yatra to the 3,880-metre-high cave shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas commenced on June 29.

Around afternoon, vehicular traffic resumed on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway after it was

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Srinagar Court summons Farooq in JKCA scam case on Aug 27

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A court here Saturday summoned National Conference (NC) president and Member of Parliament Farooq Abdullah in a money laundering case related to the alleged financial irregularities in the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA).

The Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar, issued the summons against Abdullah for August 27 on a complaint filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) against him and others



in the JKCA money laundering case.

Abdullah was questioned by the ED for over three hours here on May 31.

He was JKCA President from 2001 to 2012 and the

"scam" being probed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the ED is about alleged financial misappropriation between 2004 and 2009.

The ED has attached properties worth over Rs 21 crore already. This includes Rs 11.86 crore of immovable assets belonging to Abdullah.

The ED claimed its probe so far has "revealed that Ahsan Ahmad Mirza in connivance with other office-bearers of the JKCA, had misappropriated

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BSF fires at Pak drone detected along IB in Jammu; search launched

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BSF opened fire at a Pakistani drone after spotting it near the International Border (IB) in Kanachak sector of Jammu and Kashmir, a senior official said on Saturday.

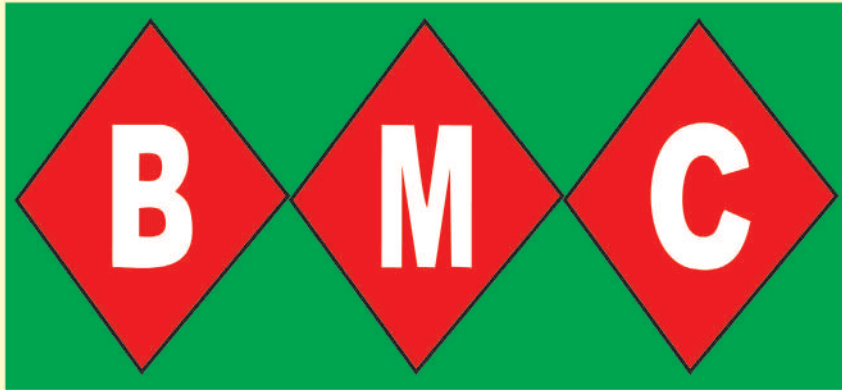
A blinking red light was observed by the troops coming from Pakistan side in Kanachak area at 9.40pm on Friday, he said. Alert Border Security Force (BSF) troops fired at it, he said.

The troops launched a search operation in the area, which is still going on,

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