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to 75-yr old Jammu's political problem

# **Violence, terrorism will achieve nothing: LG**

GANDERBAL: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday reiterated that the UT Government is commitment to ensure economic and social justice for all the citizens, adding that the impressive turnaround in various sectors during the last two vears has succeeded in improving the quality of life.

"Violence and terrorism will achieve nothing", Sinha said while paying tributes to Late Sheikh Abdul Jabbar, a prominent political figure of J&K during a public event at Guriwan Lar, Ganderbal.

"We must remember the sacrifices of the heroes of J&K like Sheikh Abdul Jabbar and tread the path of peace to establish a progressive and prosperous society", the Lt Governor added.

The event was organized Sheikh Jabbar Foundation to commemorate the 32nd death anniversary of Sheikh Abdul Jabbar.

"I pay my humble tributes to the brave son of Maa Bharti Sheikh Abdul Jabbar



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha addressing public event at Guriwan Lar, Ganderbal.

leader Sheikh Abdul Jabbar Sahib worked selflessly for the people and progress of J&K and made the supreme sacrifice for the nation", said the Lt Governor.

J&K UT is a symbol of India's unity and its greatness and we owe our strength to ancestors like Sheikh Abdul Jabbar. With their blessings, we have made impressive strides to socioeconomic development and today J&K's growth is stronger than ever, the Lt Governor added.

Speaking on the occasion,

cealing it in a specially

designed compartments in

the government's endeavours to bring transparency, accountability and efficiency in the governance system, besides reforms and policy decisions to accelerate unprecedented growth in sectors like Industries, education, healthcare, power, connectivity, infrastructure, sports, social security, self

employment etc. Public welfare reforms introduced by the government in the last two years are paying the dividend and people at the last ladder of development are receiving the

Our objectives are clear-Social justice, equitable development and prosperity of all citizens. Welfare of our Tribals, workers, youth, women and farmers is evident in the various schemes launched by the government. I expect every section of society, especially youth to contribute to the economic progress of J&K', the Lt Governor added.

Responding to the public demand to rename Government Hospital and bridge after Sheikh

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#### J&K logs 74 COVID cases, Ladakh 11

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir's COVID-19 tally climbed to 4,55,257 on Saturday with 74 fresh cases, while no new deaths were reported, officials here

The death toll stands at 4,756, they said.

Of the fresh cases, 50 cases were reported from the Jammu division of the union territory and 24 from the Kashmir valley, the

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#### Two OGWs involved in anti-national activities booked under PSA in Doda **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Two Over Ground Workers (OGWs) allegedly involved in anti-national activities were booked under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, police said.

Saqib Hussain Mir of Banola-Chiralla and Adil Igbal Batt of Sazan-Bhagwah were found running terror modules to

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#### Hitting the Golf ball hard like hitting hardcore terrorists; DGP Dilbag Singh throwing open the Golf Course at Srinagar on Saturday.

# Judiciary answerable to 'Constitution and Constitution alone': CJI Ramana

Constitution alone" Chief

NEW DELHI: In India a party in power believes that every governmental action is entitled to judicial endorsement and the opposition parties expect the judiciary to advance their political positions and causes but the "judiciary is answerable to Constitution

Justice of India N V Ramana said on Saturday. He also expressed disap-

pointment that even after 75 years of Independence people have not understood the roles and responsibilities assigned by the Constitution to each Institution.

"As we celebrate 75th year

of Independence this year and as our Republic turned 72, with some sense of regret I must add here that we still haven't learnt to appreciate wholly the roles and responsibilities assigned by the Constitution to each of the Institutions.

The party in

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# J&K emerges as new route for transit of drugs through Punjab: IGP Border

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS CHANDIGARH: Jammu

and Kashmir has emerged as a new route for the transit of drugs through Punjab, said a senior state police official on Punjab Inspector General

of Police (Border Range) Mohnish Chawla stated this a day after the recovery of 16-kg heroin Gurdaspur district.

"The investigations into the 16-kg heroin recovery from Gurdaspur revealed that arrested persons have used national highway (connecting Jammu to Punjab) to bring this consignment from neighbouring Jammu by con-

Three arrested for spying in Rajasthan

**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAIPUR: Three people were

arrested on the charge of

espionage for Pakistani intel-

ligence agencies, a top intelli-

gence official said on

The action was taken

against three people out of

the 23 suspects detained

during a special drive,

Operation Hifajat , conduct-

India slams USCIRF for

'misrepresenting' facts

NEW DELHI: India on

Saturday slammed the US

Freedom (USCIRF) for its

"biased" and "inaccurate'

The strong reaction from

the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) came a day

after the USCIRF alleged

"repression" of critical voices,

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especially religious

comments on the country.

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Religious

ed in border districts,

Saturday.

#### conference. The Gurdaspur police on Friday had arrested four persons following the recovery of

16.80 kg of heroin after intercepting two cars coming from the Jammu side. The accused were identified as Manjinder Singh, alias Manna (28), Gurdit Singh,

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# CBI registers FIR against two for running fake anti-corruption organization

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two cars," said Chawla while addressing a virtual press

alias Gitta (35), and Bhola Singh (32), residents of Cheema Kalan village in Tarn Taran, and Kuldeep Chief former Singh, alias Keepa (32), of Kazi Kot Road in Central

Presidential poll: Only Murmu,

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

NEW DELHI: NDA nomi-

nee Droupadi Murmu and

joint opposition candidate

Yashwant Sinha are the only

two left in the race for the

president's office after the last

day for the withdrawal of

Rajya Sabha Secretary

General P C Mody who is also

the Returning Officer for the

July 18 polls said 115 nomi-

nation papers by 94 individu-

als were received till June 29,

of which 107 were rejected for

not meeting the required cri-

The nomination papers of

ended on

nomination

Saturday.

## NEW DELHI: The Central Bureau of Investigation

(CBI) on Saturday registered an FIR for allegedly committing fraud in the names of the President of India, Ex-Chief Justice of India and Union Ministers.

The accused persons, identified as Reningston Sales and R.Vincent Raju, were allegedly committing the fraud in the name of Union Minister Jitendra Singh and President Ram Nath Kovind, Justice R.M.Lodha, Prime Minister Office (PMO) and the Vigilance

Sinha left in fray

Murmu and Sinha, four sets

each, were found to fulfil all

the requirements of a valid

nomination and were accept-

Rajya

Secretariat said in a state-

ment that the voting will take

place between 10 AM and 5

PM in Room Number 63 of

the Parliament House, and in

notified rooms in state assem-

The Electoral College for election to the Office of

President of India comprises

the elected members of both

Houses of Parliament and the

Legislative Assemblies of all

members of

Sabha

According to the FIR, a complaint was received the Central through

Commission (CVC).

Vigilance Commission portal and the matter was then taken up for enquiry. In the enquiry, it was revealed that during the year 2017-2018, Reningston Sales and R.Vincent Raju

conspired together and opened a Zonal Office of the Anti Corruption and Anti Crime Wing of India (ACAC Wing of India) in Chennai. They purportedly showed an address in the national capital as their Head Office, which is found to be ficti-

states, and the union territo-

ries of Delhi and Puducherry.

With several regional parties including the BJD, BSP

and SAD extending their sup-

port to Murmu, the numbers

are stacked in favour of the

NDA nominee who is expect-

ed to win the polls comfort-

MPs normally exercise their

vote in the Parliament House,

while members of state leg-

islative assemblies, including

the MLAs of the NCT of

Delhi and the Union Territory

of Puducherry, in their

respective capitals at the

places notified by the Election

Commission of India

They also unauthorisedly showed R.M.Lodha, Ex-Chief Justice of India as National President of ACAC Wing of India. It is further revealed that in

the pursuance of the criminal conspiracy to show that the ACAC Wing of India was a reputed organisation, they fraudulently and dishonestly printed the letterheads, rubber stamps, identity cards and visiting cards of the ACAC Wing of India by mentioning "Central Vigilance Commission Recognised" with the country's National Emblem.

They also forged the letter purportedly issued by Minister for State Dr Jitendra Singh, PMO and Department of Personnel & Training Government of India, intimating all the Chief Secretaries of the state governments about the appointment of Lodha as the

President of ACAC Wing of

India, as per the FIR. It is also revealed that the accused persons dishonestly used the forged letter purportedly issued by the President of India Ram Nath Kovind addressed

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#### locations for Amarnath pilgrims in Jammu STATE TIMES NEWS be installed under the smart JAMMU: In a bid to facili-

Public WiFi zones activated at 3 vital

tate Amarnath pilgrims to stay connected with their families back home, the Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) on Saturday set up WiFi zones at three vital locations including the base camp Bhagwati Nagar here, an official said.

The two other locations where the WiFi zones were established are Jammu railway station and the main bus stand, the official said.

The official said the three locations were among over two dozen already identified places in the city where the WiFi services are planned to

city mission for the benefit of the students and the business community besides the visiting tourists.

JSCL, a special purpose vehicle constituted in August 2017 by the Jammu and Kashmir government for the implementation of smart city development projects in Jammu city, had signed an agreement with service provider LMES to install WiFi hotspots at 20 more locations in November last

The officials said any user can avail the Public WiFi facility which is free of

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## LG felicitates Dr Karan Singh

# Remarkable growth of J&K is example of our collective determination: Sinha

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Saturday attended a programme at Amar Singh Club to felicitate Dr Karan Singh. Lauding the immense con-

tributions of Dr Karan Singh in Public life, the Lt Governor called him a towering man of ideas and ideals. Dr Singh with his multifaceted personality has made

a remarkable contribution to

Indian polity and illumined literary world with his intellectual brilliance, he said. The Lt Governor called on



Singh at Amar Singh Club, Srinagar.

#### the young generation especially those who are engaged in social service, literary field, to draw inspiration from the life of Dr Karan Singh

"It was dreams of our founding fathers that development should be balanced, deeply rooted in the spiritual and cultural traditions of India. The remarkable, robust and resilient growth of J&K is finest example of our collective determination and triumph against various hurdles", the Lt

# SASB launches Integrated Online Facility for Virtual Darshan; Pooja, Hawan

## Over 6,000 pilgrims leave Jammu for Amarnath shrine

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SRINAGAR: In order to provide an opportunity for millions of devotees of Baba Amarnath Ji across the globe who could not come for the Yatra this year, the Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) is extending the online facility for performing virtual Pooja, Virtual Hawan, Prasad Booking etc., so that the devotees have a personalized experience of the of godliness and bliss of the holy cave shrine.

It was informed that the devotees can book their Pooja, Hawan, and Prasad online, and priests at the holy cave will offer it in the devotee's name, besides the Prasad will be subsequently delivered at doorsteps of the devotees.

On the occasion, CEO, SASB, Sh Nitishwar Kumar noted that the online services can be booked through Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board's www.shriamarnathjishrine.com by clicking Online Pooja/ Book Hawan/Prasad link through the Board's Mobile application (which may be downloaded through the link https://play.google.com/store/ apps/details?id=com.ncog.sh riamarnath , by paying Rs 1100/- for virtual Pooja, Rs. 1100/- for Prasad booking



(with 5 gm silver coin of Shri Amarnathji), Rs. 2100/- for Prasad booking (with 10 gm coin of Amarnathji ) Rs. 5100/- for the special hawan or combi-

nation of any of the above. The Virtual Pooia or Hawan would be carried out by the Pujaris at the Cave shrine by pronouncing the

Name and Gotra of the devo-

Mantras and Shlokas. 'Maximizing the use of

available technology and digitization, the devotees would be let in a virtual online room through Jio meet application wherein they can have a special virtual Pooja and Darshan of Lord Shiva,' he

"We have made an arrangement with the Postal Department for dispatching Prasad within 48 hours,' CEO, SASB observed. Once the booking is done, the Shrine Board would share the link and date/time on the registered mobile number/ email id of the devotee, he

tee along with chanting of

The portal has been developed by Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board with the help of National Informatics Centre, J&K.

Meanwhile, amid tight security arrangements, the fourth batch of 6,113 pilgrims, including 1,292 women, left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here this morning to pay obeisance at the 3,880-metre-high holy cave shrine of Amarnath in south Kashmir Himalayas,

officials said. The pilgrims, also comprising 195 Sadhus and 25 children, will be reaching

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Chenab in Doda

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: An ambulance parked at a workshop for servicing, rolled down into river Chenab in Doda district on Saturday, officials said. No one was present inside the ambulance when it plunged into the river near Ganpath bridge, they said.

The CCTV footage of the incident shows the vehicle getting into reverse mode and crossing the road to the other side before disappearing after rolling down several hundred feet into the river.

A search is on to locate the submerged ambulance, the official said, adding it belonged to Medical Block Padder and its driver had parked the vehicle at the workshop for repairs and washing.

## Max: 62 Temperature (Srinagar) Max: 33.4°C Max: 64 Min: 49 Sunset: 19:43 Hours Sunrise: 05:27 Hours