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LG exhorts people not to remain hostage to past, join transformational journey to build golden future of J&K

Land to landless, house under PMAY will empower marginalized

SRINAGAR: Cautioning all the sections of the society to remain vigilant against the elements that are misleading public and working against the interest of the poor, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday exhorted people not to remain hostage to the past and join the transformational journey of the present to build a golden future of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Youth is our hope for the prosperous Union Territory and all arms of government must work as a team to provide them all the essential support," the Lieutenant Governor said during the 28th edition of 'Awaam Ki Awaaz' programme, which he dedicated to the local people and all the stakeholders engaged in the holy Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

He expressed gratitude to all those who are selflessly

working with determination and commitment to make the spiritual pilgrimage of Shri Amarnath Ji a pleasant one

for the pilgrims. "The spiritual odyssev symbolizes the tradition of kindness and compassion for one and all. This pious Yatra inspires us to build a bright future for Jammu and Kashmir, rooted in human dignity, social equality and

Amarnath, located at a

height of 3,888 metres in the

south Kashmir Himalayas,

justice," the Lt Governor said.

Highlighting the major decisions taken by the UT Administration, the Lt Governor said the poor, underprivileged and the deprived are the priority of the administration and every possible effort is being made to fulfill their basic needs and promote their ease of living. "J&K Administration is

pledged to work for the welfare of the poor and the vulnerable sections of the society. The ambitious scheme to provide land to landless and a house under PMAY will enhance quality of life and empower the marginalized," the Lt Governor said.

Food security to poor people is our fundamental civilizational values. Prime Minister's Supplementation for Priority Households Scheme would benefit a large section of society and it will ensure their well-being, he added.

In this month's episode, the Lt Governor shared the inspirational success stories of innovative and entrepreneurial youth of Jammu Kashmir.

The Lt Governor made a special mention of Shakir Ahmad, Adnan Mushtaq and Furgan Rashid, students of GHSS, Kreeri,

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Road accident leaves 8 CRPF personnel injured

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Eight CRPF personnel were injured on Sunday when their vehicle rolled down the road into Sindh nallah in Ganderbal district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said here.

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel were on way to the shrine of Amarnath via the Baltal route when the accident took place in the early hours of the day, they said. The injured personnel were rescued and taken to the Baltal base camp hospital, they added.

Rusted mortar shell found **■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

KATHUA: A rusted mortar shell was found near the International Border in Kathua district, officials said on Sunday. The mortar shell was dugout by BSF personnel during some construction work in Border Outpost Chadwal area late Saturday evening, the officials said. They said the shell was later destroyed by the bomb disposal squad in a controlled explosion without causIndia global bright spot with strong desire to grow more: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India is global bright spot with a strong desire to grow even Prime Narendra Modi said on Sunday as he shared on social media a recent Capital Group report which stated that the country is poised for a period of secular growth, fuelled by significant expansion in direct and fixed asset investment.

Sharing the report on Twitter, Modi said. Youngsters and entrepreneurs will find these 9 points

"And yes, India is a global bright spot with a strong desire to grow even more!" he

The Capital Group, in a recent report, said India is poised to rise among emerging markets in this decade.

The country has had political stability over the last 10 years allowing economic development to be a top pri-

"While political instability and market volatility may increase in advance of general elections next year, we believe that India is poised for a period of secular growth, fueled by significant expansion in direct and fixed investment," Capital Group said.

The report has listed several key aspects that make India appealing compared with other emerging mar-

Those aspects include

reforms measures taken under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government such as Aadhaar, Goods and Services Tax (GST), Unified Payment Interface (UPI) and Production-linked incentive programmes, Capital Group, the biggest money managers in the world, said.

In another tweet. Modi said that over the last few days, foundation stones for two PM-MITRA mega textile parks have been laid. These parks will come up

Army's QRTs thwarted potential threats during Amarnath Yatra, provided timely assistance to pilgrims

STATE TIMES NEWS

The Reaction Teams (QRTs) of the Army have successfully thwarted potential threats and provided timely assistance to pilgrims during the ongoing Amarnath Yatra, a defence spokesperson said on Sunday

The QRT duties encompass maintaining constant vigilance, conducting regular patrols, coordinating with local authorities and promptly responding to any emersituations, spokesperson said.

More than 2.15 lakh pilgrims have so far visited the

20,806 Yatris perform Darshan at Holy Cave, 6,600 leave from Jammu

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since the commencement of Despite weather not being the annual 62-day pilgrimfavorable and several parts of age on July 1. the Valley witnessing down-The spokesperson said the pour, 20806 pilgrims per-QRTs have exhibited remarkformed darshan at the Holy able vigilance in ensuring a Cave smoothly and comfortably with the support of secure passage for the piladministration and the govgrims during the ongoing ernment agencies on Sunday. yatra on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway With this, the cumulative

total of pilgrims visiting the "The QRTs have successful-Cave Shrine since the beginly thwarted potential threats ning of the 62 day pilgrimage climbed to 229221. and provided timely assis-Meanwhile, another batch of tance to the pilgrims, reflectover 6,600 Amarnath pil-

mitment to the safety ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9



CRPF men giving security to convoy of Amarnath Yatris. Kashmir amid rain and tight

security to embark on the annual pilgrimage, an official

"The 14th batch, comprising

Nagar base camp Jammu for the valley in a convoy of 241 vehicles between 3.30 am and 3.55 am." the official said.

The pilgrim convoy left for

Pahalgam in Anantnag and Baltal in Ganderbal district, amid moderate rains which went on for hours drenching several parts of Jammu and leaving many roads waterlogged. According to the official, 3,686 pilgrims left for Pahalgam base camp in 132 vehicles, while 2,998 pilgrims are heading for Baltal in 109

With the latest dispatch, a total of 86,865 pilgrims have left the Jammu base camp for the valley since June 30 -- the day the first batch of pilgrims was flagged off by Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj

Thai monks' 32-day 'padyatra' for world peace culminates in Ladakh STATE TIMES NEWS people including Buddhist LEH: A 32-day 'padyara' monks from countries like

(foot march) for world peace, organised by Buddhist monks of Thailand, culminated here with local people turning up in good numbers and hailing Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a global peace-maker.

Representatives of Indian Minorities Foundation (IMF) also participated in the final leg of the march that began from the NDS Stadium and concluded at the Shanti Stupa here, located at an altitude of 11.841 feet above the sea level.

The peace walk was a congregation of nearly 2,500

Thailand, Nepal, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, and the USA, besides leaders of other faiths, religious bodies, devotees and students.

The march was aimed at propagating the message of peace and harmony.

The Thai Monks reached Mahabodhi International Meditation Center (MIMC) Ladakh. They had started the 'Dhamma Padh Yatra' for world Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh on June 12.

On their arrival at MIMC. they were welcomed

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Leopard captured in Doda

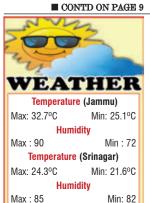
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JAMMU: A leopard was captured in Doda district on Sunday, a wildlife department official said. A trap was laid in remote Nalwah Ghat about a month back after locals reported frequent movement of the leopard from a nearby forest into the village and attacks on their animals, the official said. The leopard's capture came as a big relief to the villagers. The iron traps set up in the village have not been removed as some more leopards are roaming in the area, the official said.

Cong had committed support to AAP at Patna meet: Omar on Delhi ordinance

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Sunday said the Congress had committed support to the AAP on the issue of Central government's ordinance on controlling bureaucracy in Delhi during the first meeting of Opposition parties at Patna on June 23. His statement comes after the Congress



Sunset: 19:36 Hours

Sunrise: 05:26 Hours

When India speaks, whole world listens: Rajnath

grims left the Jammu city

early this morning for

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ing their unwavering com-

LUCKNOW: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Sunday earlier India's words were not taken seriously at international forums, but today when it speaks the whole world lis-India's prestige has

internationally increased under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said at an event as part of his three-day visit to parliamentary stituency Lucknow.

"Earlier, India's words were not taken seriously at international forums, today when India speaks, the whole world



prime minister visits other countries, you must have seen on TV how he is welcomed there," he said after inaugurating an open gym at Mrityunjay Park in Nirala Nagar, according to a press statement issued by the local BJP unit.

"The prime minister of

Boss. The President of America tells Modiji 'you are globally powerful', and expresses desire to take his autograph. Muslim countries are also giving him the highest respect. The Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea extended his hand to touch the feet. It is an honour...for every Indian," he

Singh said India currently is the fastest growing economy in the world. India was the 11th largest economy in 2013-2014,, today it is the fifth largest, he said. Singh said BrahMos mis-

siles would be manufactured at Lucknow with

J&K land for local landless people, not for outsiders; Mufti, Abdullah misleading for cheap politics: Chugh **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Sunday lashed out

at the National Conference and the PDP for inciting people of Jammu and Kashmir on the issue of land to landless, which was recently announced by Lieutenant Governor Manoj

Sinha under PMAY Scheme.

The BJP leader said the Lieutenant Governor has already clarified that no outsider will be settled in the pretext of PMAY scheme, which is solely meant for the J&K domicile, who don't have land to construct their



"NC and PDP like parties have lost their ground, particularly after abrogation of Article 370. They have been exposed in public due to their double speak and injustice done over the years with the

people of Jammu and Kashmir. Now whatever good is being done by the LG administration it is disturbing Muftis and Abdullahs, who in one way or the other, try to incite people of Jammu and Kashmir on baseless grounds," Chugh said. He said since the NC, PDP

and other parties governed the UT, the poor and downtrodden sections of the society in Jammu and Kashmir suffered immensely as their pleas failed to hit the deaf ears of these political parties.

"NC and PDP have considered government assets as their own and were using it blatantly in their regimes. However, PM Narendra Modi's corruption-free government took multiple propeople and pro-poor steps and decided to allot 5 Marla's of land to those landless people of Jammu & Kashmir, who don't have even a shelter to reside inside," he said.

"How shamelessly Mehbooba Mufti and Omar Abdullah are inciting people against the baseless things. Those who gobbled hundreds and thousands of Kanals of government land while being in power have no right to speak against the

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CJ presides over Technology Day celebrations at KVK Gurez

GUREZ: Chief Justice High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh on Sunday presided over Technology Day celebrations at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK)in Mountain Gurez Agricultural Research and Extension Station (MARES)

of SKUAST-K at Izmarg. $\,$ Upon his arrival to MARES, the Chief Justice was given a rousing welcome by Head MARES and Krishi Vigyan Kendra-Gurez, Dr. Bilal Ahmad Bhat and the scientists and staff.

On the occasion, the Chief Justice interacted with subject matter specialists and scientists of the MARES and discussed about the scope for cultivation of different vegetables as well as other potential species in the valley.



others during Technology Day celebrations at KVK Gurez.

During the interaction, Dr. Shahnawaz Ahmad Dar briefed the Chief Justice about the status and potential of honey bee rearing in

Gurez valley. Similarly, Dr. Mohammad Mudasir briefed the Chief Justice about scope of protected cultivation of different vegetables in this

region because of harsh climatic conditions in winters. At Izmarg, the Chief Justice was briefed about different activities related to

undertaken SKUAST-K for the upliftment of farming community of this region. Dr. Bhat apprised the Chief Justice about recent tie up of SKUAST-K with PepsiCo for marketing support to potato growers of this valley. Dr Parveen Kumar, SMS (Ag. Extension), on the occasion briefed the Chief

Justice that July 16 is the Foundation day of ICAR and ICAR has decided to celebrate the day as Technology Day. He added that the Technology Day celebrations will go on till July 18 and all the KVKs in the country are organizing exhibitions displaying various innovations. technologies and products as a part of their endeavour to raise awareness of farming

community.

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ing and sharing currencies.

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Tax Symposium on Combating Tax Evasion, Corruption and Money Laundering', the minister exuded confidence that G20 will continue to assist the jurisdictions in enhancing their law enforcement

Under the G20 Presidency,

FM for strengthening global architecture to combat financial crimes Sitharaman said, India has

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taken the lead for building capacity in tax and financial crime investigation in the South Asian region in collaboration with OECD. India has decided to launch

a pilot on tax and financial crime investigation in collaboration with OECD for the

ning at the Regional National Campus Academy of Direct Taxes in New Delhi on July 18.

Observing that G20 has helped spearhead a number of reforms to the global tax. anti-corruption and antimoney laundering

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South Asian

Region begin-