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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday addressed the Valedictory session of 5-day Orientation Programme at Institute Indian of Management (IIM) Jammu. On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor also inaugurated Tejas Sports Complex within the campus. In his address, the Lieutenant Governor con-

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gratulated and extended his best wishes to all the students on the beginning of their new

He called upon the management students to focus on changing the lives of people, push for inclusive growth and make sure no one is left

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Domana, Jammu," an ACB

official said, adding, "The

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Domana, Jammu and has

agreed to receive 1st install-

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Since, the complainant did-

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approached Anti-Corruption

Bureau for taking legal

action against the accused

public servant under law,

official said adding that on

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>> Addresses Valedictory session of Orientation **Programme at IIM Jammu**

Woman arrested for assault on

GMC doctors; strike called off

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- Says, I wish to see the young, bright minds as business leaders and thinkers of tomorrow who will shape economic progress of society and future of this great country
- As we seek to make India developed country by 2047, we must ensure greater prosperity for all
- Our business leaders of tomorrow must focus on changing lives of people, push for inclusive growth and make sure no one is left behind
- IIM Jammu's contribution to education sector is truly commendable. Tejas Sports Complex inaugurated today symbolizes IIM Jammu's commitment to students' holistic growth
- 5Cs: Collaboration, Critical Thinking,
- Communication, Creativity and Curiosity will equip business leaders of tomorrow with essential life skills, empowering them to effectively navigate challenges of rapidly evolving world
- Future of India's business innovation, resource management rests on the shoulders of business leaders and thinkers of tomorrow
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Pahalgam terror attack aftermath US designates LeT proxy TRF as foreign terrorist organisation

STATE TIMES NEWS WASHINGTON/NEW DELHI: The US has designated The Resistance Front (TRF), a proxy of the Pakistan-based terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba, as a "foreign terrorist organisation" over the Pahalgam terror attack, a move welcomed by India as a "timely and important" step reflecting strong counter-terror cooperation between the two countries.

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US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, announcing the punitive measure, said it was part of Washington's commitment to countering terrorism and enforcing President Trump's call for justice for the Pahalgam attack.???

Rubio said the US State Department is adding the TRF as a designated Foreign Terrorist Organisation (FTO) and Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT) The TRF, a Lashkar-e-

India welcomes US listing TRF as global terrorist outfit

NEW DELHI: India on Friday welcomed the US move to designate The Resistance Front, a proxy of Pakistan-based terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) that was behind the Pahalgam attack, as a global terrorist organisation. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar described

Washington's decision on The Resistance Front (TRF) as a 'strong affirmation" of India-US counter-terrorism coopera tion.

In a social media post, he specially complimented US Secretary of State Marco Rubio for designating the proxy of Pakistan-based LeT.

"Appreciate @SecRubio and @StateDept for designating TRF - a Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LeT) proxy - as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) and Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT). It claimed responsibility for the April 22 Pahalgam attack," the external affairs minister said

Taiba (LeT) "front and proxy", claimed responsibility for the Pahalgam attack which killed 26 civilians, he said , adding it was "the deadliest attack on civilians in India since the 2008 Mumbai attack conducted by the LeT.

recently in 2024," Rubio said. "These actions taken by the Department of State demonstrates $_{\mathrm{the}}$ Trump Administration's commitment to protecting our

attacks against Indian secu-

rity forces, including most

"TRF has also claimed national security CONTD ON PAGE 9 responsibility for several

ACB arrests JDA official for accepting Rs 10,000 bribe

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Friday arrested a junior official of the Jammu Development Authority (JDA) for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 10,000 for allowing construction work in the Ballain Domana area of Jammu.

"ACB received a complaint alleging therein that public servant namely Kewal Krishan, Junior official of Jammu Development Authority (JDA) demanded illegal gratification from the complainant for allowing further construction of the dou-

Every disaster lesson

CM interacts with citizens; listens to public concerns

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah after his interaction on Thursday with public at his Jammu Raabita office listened to public grievances at Srinagar Raabita office. Several deputations and individuals today called on the Chief Minister at the weekly public outreach programme and apprised him of various issues, demands and challenges faced by different

sections of society. Prof. Iqbal S. Hasnain, Padma Shri awardee and Member of the Board of Trustees at the National University of Science and Technology, Muscat, Omanpresented his book

CM Omar Abdullah interacting with citizens at Raabita office Srinagar on Friday.

"Fault Lines in the Faith" to the Chief Minister. Prof. Hasnain also serves on the Executive Committee of Hamdard University and the Mountaineering Indian Foundation, and is the former Pro-Chancellor of Jamia

challenges faced by the business community in Kashmir. A delegation of international martial arts players also called on the Chief Minister to deliberate on the emerging challenges concerning international-level sports persons from Jammu and Kashmir, and sought the government's

continued support for developing their talent and giving them ample opportunities. President and Secretary of the Kashmir Labour Union's Federation, brought to the Chief Minister's attention the pressing concerns regarding

the Jammu and Kashmir Other &

Kashmir Himalayas. The Yatra also resumed from the twin base camps of Pahalgam and Baltal in Kashmir, officials said.

Escorted by CRPF and police personnel, the 16th batch of 7,908 pilgrims including 5,957 men, 1,613 women, 26 children and 310

camps of the 3.880-metre-

high cave shrine in the south

7,900

sadhus and sadhvis - left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here in 261 vehicles for the twin base camps between

> The first pilgrim convoy, carrying 2,879 pilgrims in 92vehicles, left for the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal district, followed by the second convoy of 5,029 pilgrims in 169 vehicles, who are undertaking the Yatra via the 48-km traditional Pahalgam route in Anantnag district, they said. Amid chants of "Bum Bum Bhole" and "Har Har Mahadev," enthusiastic

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Javid Ahmad

President of the Kashmir

Chamber of Commerce and

PSC reviews school

Tenga,

Fresh batch of over 7,900 pilgrims leaves for Shri Amarnathji Shrine STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: After a day-long suspension due to heavy rains and landslides in Kashmir, the Amarnath 3:30 am and 4:25 am, the Yatra resumed on Friday officials said. with a fresh batch of over pilgrims leaving Jammu for the twin base

Industry (KCCI), met the Chief Minister to discuss var-Building ious trade-related matters Construction CONTD ON PAGE 9 and shared insights into the

to learn from: CS

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a significant step towards enhancing the disaster resilience and preparedness, the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir conducted a highlevel workshop on the Incident Response System (IRS) on Friday.

The workshop was attended by Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, Principal Secretary Home and DMRR&R, Chandraker Bharti, senior Administrative Secretaries, Divisional Commissioners, Heads of Departments and National Disaster Management experts including Brigadier Kuldip Singh (Retd), Former Senior Consultant, Ministry of Home Affairs.

In his opening remarks, the Chief Secretary underlined the critical importance of building a culture of disaster preparedness among the citizens and institutions. "Disasters often arrive without warning and in every such instance, citizens are the first responders," he said. "Each capable individual

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Modi sounds poll bugle; warns against 'evil intentions' of oppn

STATE TIMES NEWS

(BIHAR) MOTIHARI Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday sounded the poll bugle in Bihar, where assembly elections are due shortly, calling for "an NDA government, once again", which would protect the state from the "evil intentions" of the RJD-Congress combine. Modi also accused the RJD of seizing land from the poor on the false promise of jobs, in an apparent reference to the 'land-for-jobs' scam, and asserted that the 'viksit' (developed) Bihar is key for eastern India's development. Addressing a rally in



Motihari town, the headquarters of East Champaran district, he said, "The people of the state had broken the shackles of RJD", but the younger generation "must be made aware of the despair in which Bihar was mired two

decades ago". He also made an indirect reference to the land for jobs scam, on a day when the Supreme Court turned down a plea by RJD supremo Lalu Prasad, a former railway minister

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education in Leh

STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: The Department-Parliamentary related Standing Committee (PSC) on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports convened a meeting in Leh to assess and support the progress of school education in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

The meeting was chaired Digvijaya Singh, bv Chairman of the Committee and Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha.

In his opening remarks, Singh welcomed all representatives and outlined the agenda focused on strengthening school education

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DGP visits Doda, reviews multi-agency security grid

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Director General of Police (DGP) Nalin Prabhat on Friday reviewed the security situation and anti-terror operations in the mountainous districts of Doda, Ramban and Kishtwar

The DGP visited Doda district to conduct a comprehensive review of the security arrangements in view of ongoing counter-terror operations and the upcoming events scheduled across the region.

The visit was part of a broader effort to recalibrate field-level preparedness in the mountainous districts of the DKR Range, especially



DGP Nalin Prabhat chairing a meeting at Doda

in light of evolving threat perceptions.

A strategic security review meeting was convened at Bhaderwah and was attended by key officers from civil. police, and military establishments.

The meeting was attended by DIG DKR Range, SSP Doda, SSP Kishtwar, Commander 9 Sector RR, Commanding Officer 4 RR, and Commanding Officer CRPE The

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Kavinder Gupta sworn in as 3rd Lt Governor of UT Ladakh

STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: Kavinder Gupta was sworn in as the third Lieutenant Governor of UT Ladakh at the Durbar Hall of the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat.

He was administered the Oath of Office by Justice Arun Palli, the Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu

and Kashmir and Ladakh. At a vibrant function at the LG Secretariat, attended by people from all walks of life, the LG was accorded a guard of honour by the Ladakh Police after taking oath as the new LG of UT Ladakh. He took the oath in the presence of his family members. Chief Secretary, Pawan Kotwal, read the warrant of Gupta's appointment by President Droupadi Murmu. Kavinder Gupta succeeds Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra



CJ Arun Palli administering the Oath of Office to Kavinder Gupta as LG of Ladakh on Friday.

(Retd), who took over the reins as the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh on February 19, 2023. Brig (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) had succeeded RK Mathur, appointed as the first Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh in 2019, after the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir was split into two Union Territories. Kavinder Gupta has held

several key posts in the past, both in the government and within his party. He was the J&K Deputy Chief Minister in 2018 during the BJP-PDP government.

Hailing from Jammu city's Janipur area, the 66-yearold senior BJP leader has also served as Jammu Mayor for a record three consecutive terms from 2005 to 2010. He also served as general

secretary of the BJP's state unit and headed the J&K unit of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) for two consecutive terms from 1993 to 1998.

Assembly Subsequently, he was unanimously elected as the speaker

of the House. He had earlier served as secretary of the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) and spent about 13 months in jail during the Emergency.

Interacting with the media persons after taking oath as the new LG, Kavinder Gupta, thanking President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, for his new assignment, reiterated his commitment to work for the development of Ladakh.

Rinpoches, Venerable Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Advocate Leh, Tashi Gyalson; Chairman/CEC LAHDC Kargil, Dr Mohd Jaffer Akhoon; Chief Secretary, Dr Pawan Kotwal; Deputy Chairman, Executive Councillors and Councillors from both Leh and

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ED files charge sheet against Robert Vadra, others in Shikohpur land deal case

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday filed a charge sheet against Robert Vadra, the businessman husband of Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, in a money laundering case linked to alleged irregularities in a land deal in Haryana's Shikohpur, official sources said. His office issued a state-

ment later saying the present

proceedings are nothing

more than an extension of

the political witch hunt by

the present government

against Vadra.

agency, sources told PTI, has also attached 43 immovable located in properties Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Gujarat worth Rs. 37.64 crore pertaining to Vadra and his linked entities like Sky Light Hospitality Pvt. Ltd. and others

A provisional attachment order was issued by the agency on Wednesday under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), they said.

The sources said the charge sheet has been filed before the Rouse Avenue court here under various sections of the

This is the first time that PMLA. any probe agency has filed a A total of 11 entities including Vadra, a firm prosecution complaint naming the 56-year-old Vadra in linked to him named Sky a criminal case. Light Hospitality Pvt. Ltd., The federal investigative

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Kavinder Gupta was elect-

ed as an MLA for the first time from the Gandhi Nagar constituency in the 2014 elections.