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Sanjeev Singh elected President of YRS

UAPA accused arrested via facial recognition system

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Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh Pacer Kamboj added to India squad as cover for Akash Deep, Arshdeep; Nitish too doubtful

LG pledges to eliminate ecosystem fueling terrorism

Committed to destroying entire network responsible for radicalizing youth



LG Manoj Sinha felicitating winners of 'Pedal Through Paradise Cycle Race-2025 organised by Jammu Kashmir Police at Srinagar on Sunday.

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Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday attended the felicitation ceremony of 'Pedal Through Paradise' Cycle Race- 2025 organized by J&K Police at Srinagar.

The Lieutenant Governor felicitated the winners and hailed the enthusiasm and

spirit of unity amongst the participants. More than 5500 Cyclists from different parts of the country participated in 10 categories.

In his address, Lieutenant Governor saluted the sacrifice, dedication and valor of brave J&K Police personnel in securing peace and progress in the Union Territory

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- Commends J&K Police for innovative initiative aimed to nurture new dreams, instill new strength and create new aspirations in lives of youth
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- 'Pedal Through Paradise' not just sporting event but symbol of new J&K. It sends powerful message to youth to choose path of progress over violence, drug addiction
- We must unite and wage war against terrorism, its eco-system and drug addiction
- Urges youth to contribute towards building a terrorism-free, drug-free, fit J&K

Manoj Sinha likely to get another term as J&K's Lieutenant Governor

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha is poised to get another term at the helm of Jammu and Kashmir, with his current five-year tenure nearing completion.

Highly placed sources told STATE TIMES that the Centre is likely to extend his gubernatorial assignment, citing his administration's remarkable performance across key sectors. Since taking over as Lieutenant Governor on August 7, 2020, Manoj Sinha has steered Jammu and Kashmir through a phase of significant transition. Under his leadership, the Union Territory has witnessed large-scale infrastructure development, a sharp dip in violence, and the restoration of peace and near-normalcy after decades of unrest

One of the most striking transformations has been in the tourism sector. With peace gradually returning, the region recorded an unprecedented influx of tourists over the past three years, breathing new life into the local economy.

From Gulmarg to Pahalgam, the once-silent valleys are now echoing with the sounds of thriving tourist activity, notwithstanding the unfortunate and tragic Barisaran carnage at the behest of the rogue nation Pakistan, which has been avenged by the valiant Indian forces through Operation Sindhoor under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi.

According to sources, the Centre is satisfied with the Sinha administration's war against corruption and instilling a sense of accountability and transparency in governance. Through a series of structural reforms, digital interventions, and accountability measures, the government has cracked down on long-standing networks of graft, sending a clear signal that transparency and integrity are non-negotiable.

Besides, numerous welfare schemes have been rolled out for all sections of society - including marginalized communities, youth, women, and farmers, irrespective of region, religion or caste - strengthening the government's inclusive governance model. Initiatives such as youth entrepreneurship drives, rural infrastructure missions, and health coverage expansions have been widely welcomed.

Parliament's Monsoon Session to begin today

STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: Monsoon Session of the mence on Monday, July 21, and will continue until August 21, during which the central government plans to introduce eight new bills. The legislative agenda includes key economic and governance-related proposals, with the spotlight on the much-anticipated Income-Tax Bill, 2025.

According to official listings, the Income-Tax Bill, originally introduced in the Lok Sabha on February 13 during the Budget Session, has been adopted by a select

Precautionary restrictions imposed in Tehsil Singhpora to ensure peace, public safety

STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: IN view of

the prevailing circumstances

and to maintain law and

order, the Additional District

Magistrate Baramulla, Syed

Altaf Hussain has imposed

restrictions under Section

163 of the Bharatiya Nagrik

Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS).

These restrictions will be in

force from 8:30 PM on 20th

July 2025 to 9:30 PM on

21st July 2025 in certain

areas of Tehsil Singhpora,

The order has been issued

as a preventive measure to

ensure peace, safeguard pub-

lie life and property, and to

avoid any untoward inci-

dents. The assessment of the current ground situation,

recent developments and

reports of potential distur-

bances has necessitated this

step to maintain law and

During this period, no

assembly or gathering of

four or more persons shall be

permitted in the designated

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areas. This restriction

order in the area.

sub Division Pattan.

BJP MPchaired by Baijayant Jay Panda. The bill is pending Union Cabinet approval, only after which it will be brought for passage in the ongoing session. Another major bill up for

committee

parliamentary

introduction is the Manipur Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025. This bill aims to align Manipur's state GST law with the national GST Additionally, framework. Parliament is expected to consider a bill to extend President's rule in Manipur. which requires reauthorisation every six months

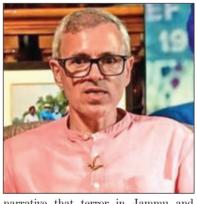
Omar blames Pak for continued terror in J&K Says it needs to rethink stance in wake of India's 'act of war' warning

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has unequivocally stated that Pakistan's "inimical intentions" remain the most formidable challenge to achieving a terror-free Jammu and Kashmir, cautioning Islamabad that India now views any terror attack as an act of war. In an interview with PTI, Abdullah

dismissed the narrative that the abrogation of Article 370 was the solution to terrorism in the region, asserting that the recent Pahalgam attack, which claimed 26 lives, had starkly proven this

"No matter what we do, if Pakistan's intent is inimical, then we will never fully achieve a terror-free Jammu and Kashmir. And I think Pahalgam has proven that," Abdullah said.

"The BJP tried very hard to sell this



narrative that terror in Jammu and Kashmir was the result of Article 370. We know that's not true. Terror in Jammu and Kashmir is the result of Pakistan's intentions. And therefore. that's why the removal of Article 370 did not stop terror in Jammu and Kashmir,"

The chief minister emphasised that the onus is now on Pakistan to reassess its strategy and highlighted a critical shift in New Delhi's posture, warning that the Indian government has set a 'very low bar" for what constitutes an act of aggression.

"The biggest challenge will be to convince Pakistan that its support for these sorts of activities is bad for us, but it's bad for Pakistan," Abdullah stressed.

"And given now the sort of very low bar that the Government of India has set. that any attack will be seen as an act of war, Pakistan needs to seriously think about whether it wants to plunge the neighbourhood into a war.

On the Pahalgam terror attack that

Terrorists exchange fire with SFs in Kishtwar

STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: An exchange of fire took place between

and security forces in a forest in the Kishtwar district on Sunday.

officials gunfight

occurred when the police, assisted by the Indian Army, launched a cordon and search operation in the Khankoo forest located between Dachhan and Nagseni, following informa-

tion about suspected move-

ment of terrorists, the offi-

They further noted that the hiding terrorists opened fire upon spotting the search parties, who retaliated.

The exchange of fire con-

tinued for some time.

CB books 3 fraudsters for duping job seekers

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police's Crime Branch has registered three separate cases against fraudsters for allegedly duping several job seekers of nearly Rs 1.50 crore, a senior offi-Superintendent Senior

Police, Crime branch Jammu Benam Tosh said the FIRs were registered against the accused on the basis of separate complaints.

"Stringent possible action under law is being taken against notorious elements involved in job scams, but job seekers, their parents and guardians are also required to be beware of such fraudsters," he said.

He said an FIR has been registered against Ajay Kumar, a resident of Sungli village of Doda on two written complaints submitted by six victims, claiming that he hadduped them of Rs 1.06 crore on the pretext of providing government jobs.

Kumar impersonated himself as a Secretariat official to win confidence of job seekers, the officer said, adding he is a notorious fraudster and more complaints against him are pouring in.

Another FIR has been registered against suspended government school teacher Jameel Anjum of Jammu, on the joint complaint lodged by

nine complainants from Lower Gadi Garh Jammu, he

The victims alleged that Anjum, presently in jail on indicial custody in another case, duped them of Rs 39 lakhs on the false promise of providing Government jobs, the SSP said.

This was the 11th FIR registered against Anjum who used to pose himself as PA of high dignitary to loot the gullible youth, he said, adding more complaints against him are being received from the victims of iob scams He said the third FIR has

been registered against

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has asserted that the situation in Jammu & Kashmir has undergone a fundamental transformation ever since PM Narendra Modi took over in 2014 and more so post Article 370 abro-

In a Podcast conversation with PTI Editor-in-Chief Vijay Joshi, Dr Jitendra Singh said, "Peace in J&K is no longer bought by appearement". This underlines a complete departure from the approach adopted by the UPA Government and a shift in the Centre's

Post Article 370, there is a mental union and a feeling of belonging strongly felt among the citizens of J&K the Union Minister, who hails from J&K,

The Minister, who represents the



Udhampur Lok Sabha constituency of Jammu & Kashmir, said that while physical and legal changes post-2019 have been widely acknowledged-such as the extension of rights to women and refugees previously denied due to discriminatory provisions-what is less dis-

Peace in J&K no longer bought by appeasement: Dr Jitendra cussed is the psychological shift. "There is now a sense of being one among fellow countrymen," he said, adding that those from Jammu & Kashmir no longer see themselves as distinct or different from fellow countrymen in the rest of India.

> The Minister attributed this change to the removal of constitutional barriers that had conditioned successive generations. "Earlier, a citizen from J&K would look at himself as someone different... now there is a sense of belonging, he said. He described it as a "mental blockade" being lifted-an important but underappreciated outcome of the constitutional changes made in 2019.

Responding to renewed demands from opposition leaders for restoration of full Statehood to Jammu & Kashmir, Dr Jitendra Singh reiterated the government's position. He said Prime Minister

PM Modi's leadership reduced emotional, geographical distance between J&K and Delhi: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership for reducing the emotional and geographical distance Jammu between and Kashmir and Delhi, fostering a stronger sense of unity.

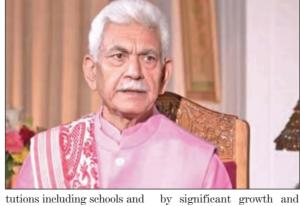
In an exclusive interview to a national news channel (ABP), the LG candidly reflected on the accomplishments, challenges, and the evolving socio-economic landscape of this strategically significant union territory.

"When I assumed office, Jammu and Kashmir was still grappling with the shadows of unrest, frequent shutdowns, and strikes instigated by hostile elements from across the border. Today, the

scenario is strikingly different. There was a time when, at the behest of our neighboring country, this region would shut down due to strikes. That is now a thing of the past," Sinha said, emphasizing a palpable shift toward stability.

"One of the most telling signs of this change has been the absence of stone-pelting incidents, a common form of protest that marred public order for decades. For the first time in over 30 years, peaceful Muharram processions have taken place uninsymbolizing renewed communal harmony and mutual respect", he said adding that normal life has

resumed with vigour. "Cinema halls have reopened, educational insti-



colleges operate without disruption, businesses flourish, and nightlife has begun to revive. Because of all this, the common man's trust has grown significantly," Sinha

On the economic front, the LG's tenure has been marked

structural reforms.

"In five years, we have doubled the economy of Jammu and Kashmir," he proudly declared. A remarkable turnaround was witnessed in the banking sector, with J&K Bank transitioning from a loss of Rs 1300 crore to a

profit of Rs 1700 crore, now ranked among the country's best banks. This recovery has directly alleviated financial stress for the local popula-

Tourism, a vital pillar of the region's economy, has surged dramatically. Last year alone, approximately 2.38 crore tourists-both domestic and international-visited Jammu and Kashmir. The Pahalgam attack, which sent ripples of fear through the hospitality industry, was quickly overshadowed by rapid recovery and invest-

"Someone who had just one hotel in Pahalgam now owns at least one more; many have built two or three hotels. Over 5000 new hotels

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Another batch of over 4,000 pilgrims leaves for Amarnathji Shrine

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The 20th batch of 4,388 pilgrims, including 900 women, left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here on Sunday to offer prayers at the 3,880 metre high holy cave shrine of Amarnath in south Kashmir

According to officials, the

While 2,815 pilgrims left for Pahalgam in a convoy of

Number of pilgrims crosses 3 lakh mark

Himalayas, officials said.

yatra is going on smoothly on both routes, and the number of pilgrims is likely to cross the 3 lakh-mark later in the

The fresh batch of pilgrims, which included 130 sadhus and sadhvis, left the base camp in separate convoys for Pahalgam and Baltal under tight security arrangements, they said.

115 vehicles, 1,573 pilgrims

SRINAGAR: The number of pilgrims for the annual Amarnath Yatra this year erossed the three-lakh mark on Sunday, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said. "By the grace of Baba Amarnath Ji, the holy pil grimage has surpassed the 3 lakh mark today," the LG said in a post on X. Sinha said this sacred

May Baba's blessings oring peace, strength and fulfilment to all. Har Har Mahadev!" he added in the

xperience.

ourney is a deeply enriching

onboard 95 vehicles preferred the Baltal route, officials said.

Max : 86 Max: 34.6°C Min: 21.5°C Max: 76 Min: 40 Sunset: 19:37 Hours Sunrise: 05:36 Hours

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