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Many areas in J&K cleared off terrorism, its ecosystem: LG

‘JK Police finest example of superior internal security machinery’



LG Manoj Sinha attending passing out parade of JKP Constables at Manigam Police Training School on Sunday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Police has not only foiled evil designs of the neighbouring country but uprooted terrorism and its ecosystem from many areas, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Sunday.

He said the Jammu and Kashmir Police is also the finest example of superior internal security machinery for protection of integrity and sovereignty of the country.

Sinha was addressing the gathering at the attestation-

cum-passing out parade of the Jammu and Kashmir Police Constables at Manigam Police Training School.

"There are hundreds of examples in Jammu and Kashmir where brave cops, under able leadership, have

not only foiled many evil designs of the neighbouring country by carrying out historic operations but even uprooted terrorism and its ecosystem from some areas," Sinha said at the function in Ganderbal district.

"Jammu and Kashmir Police is the finest example of superior internal security machinery with its skill, dedication, mobility and resolve to protect the integrity and sovereignty of the country. Over a period of time, they have shown that where there is a will, there is a way forward," the L-G said.

In the times of borderless crime, the need of the hour was to strengthen the entire police force to deal with the machinations of global crime, he said.

"You are aware that borderless crime has become a challenge for security agencies around the world. For

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PSC successfully conducts prelims of J&KKCE, 69.75 pc candidates appear in exams

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A total of 23807 candidates out of 34131 appeared on Sunday in J&K Combined Competitive (Preliminary) Examination (J&KKCE), 2022 conducted by Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (J&KPSC) both in Jammu and Srinagar and four districts of Doda, Rajouri, Anantnag and Baramulla.

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Over 700 pilgrims leave for Amarnath cave shrine from Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Over 700 Amarnath pilgrims left Jammu on Sunday for the twin base camps of Pahalgam and Baltal in Kashmir, officials said.

The 43-day-long pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre-high cave shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas commenced on June 30 from the twin tracks -- the traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam route in

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Two children die in Kathua house collapse; 3 men washed away in flash floods

Flood fury in Surankote area, many vehicles washed away, people trapped; Doda Admn issues advisory

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA/DODA: A house collapsed following heavy rains in Kathua district on Sunday, leaving two children dead, officials said, adding that three people were washed away in a flash flood amid heavy rainfall in the district, officials said.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha expressed grief over the loss of lives and directed the district administration to provide necessary assistance to the affected family.

"The loss of innocent lives due to house collapse in Billawar is extremely unfortunate and tragic. My deepest condolences to the bereaved family in this hour of grief", the LG said.

The officials said that three were washed away in the district's Tarnah nallah, adding that rescue operations have been started.

The three people have been



Police team carrying out search operation for persons missing in Kathua floods.

identified as Dev Raj (50), Bablu (48) and Kamal Singh (60) - all residents of Sallan, they said.

The district administration has issued a fresh advisory asking people not to venture out to places near the Chenab river, its tributaries and other water bodies in the wake of increasing water levels amid heavy downpour.

Meanwhile, heavy floods were reported in Surankote

area on Sunday evening in which many vehicles were washed away and many people got trapped. Acting swiftly, army and police launched rescue operation.

Incessant rains and flash floods have wreaked havoc across Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban districts as several foot bridges have been washed away, including the one at Afti in Warwan. District Magistrate, Doda,

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COVID: 704 new cases in J&K, 10 in Ladakh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 704 fresh Covid cases on Sunday that took the infection tally to 4,64,764, while one more fatality pushed the death toll to 4,771, officials said.

Of the new cases, 210 were reported from the Jammu division and 494 from the Kashmir valley, they said.

There are 4,859 active cases in the Union Territory, while the overall recoveries have reached 4,55,136, officials said.

There were 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus), they added.

Meanwhile, Ladakh has

recorded 10 fresh Covid cases that took the infection tally to 28,871, officials said.

All the new cases were recorded in Leh, they said.

So far, 228 people have succumbed to COVID-19 in Ladakh. Of these, 168 deaths were reported from Leh and 60 from Kargil, according to officials.

The number of active cases stands at 123 in Ladakh - 108 in Leh and 15 from Kargil.

A total of 746 sample reports were tested in Ladakh, of which 632 in Leh and 103 in Kargil were found to be negative, officials

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FS&D Deptt to launch UT-wide anti-food adulteration surveillance campaign today

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: On the directions of FSSAI to the States/UTs, the department of Food Safety & Drug Administration, under the Supervision of Commissioner FS&DA J&K, Shakeel-Ul-Rehman Rather, is going to launch two week UT-wide surveillance campaign from August 1, 2022 till August 14, 2022 with the objective to check the adulteration in edible oils, compliance w-r-t limits of Trans Fatty Acids, labeling provisions and mandatory AGMARK license for Multi Source Edible Vegetable Oils (MSEO) including vanaspathi and enforcement of prohibition of sale of loose edible oil.

According to Deputy Commissioner Food Safety Jammu, it has been noticed at FSSAI level that there are instances of

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 31.1°C Min: 24.5°C

Humidity

Max : 96 Min : 72

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 30.2°C Min: 18.8°C

Humidity

Max : 82 Min: 51

Sunset : 19:30 Hours

Sunrise : 05:46 Hours

Rs 43 lakh Biryani Scam: ACB registers FIR against ex-JKFA office bearers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) has filed an FIR against the J&K Football Association (JKFA) officials for misappropriation of funds to the tune of Rs 45 lakh received from the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council.

As per the officials of ACB, a preliminary inquiry was conducted after a complaint was lodged by well-wishers of the Football Association through one Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat of Sopore alleging that funds allotted by the J&K Sports Council and

other government and semi-government agencies, for conducting football activities across J&K were misused and the funds sanctioned by the government through J&K Sports Council to organise tournaments like Khelo India and Mufti Memorial Gold Cup were not utilised properly.

"During the investigation, it was found that members of J&K Football Association showed an amount of Rs 43,06,500 paid to Mughal Darbar, Polo View Srinagar (a famous restaurant in Srinagar) for purchase of Biryani as refreshment for

the teams. But no such refreshment has ever been given to any team in any district of Kashmir province. The bills raised and placed on record in this regard have been found fake," the ACB stated in the FIR.

"Similarly, an amount of Rs 1,41,300 was shown paid to Hindustan Photostat for various activities, which during inquiry also were found out to be fake and prepared by resorting to forgery. An amount of Rs 1,01,900 was shown paid to Jan Hardware Tengpora Bye-pass Srinagar which was found non-existing," the contents of the FIR

Army builds 170-ft bailey bridge to facilitate Machail Mata Yatra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Army has built a 170-feet long bailey bridge on a river to facilitate pilgrims visiting the Himalayan shrine of Mata Machail in Kishtwar district, officials said on Sunday.

The bridge was recently washed away due to a flash-flood.

The 40-day annual Shree Machail Mata yatra, which started on Monday after a gap of two years due to the Covid pandemic, is witnessing a huge rush of pilgrims despite heavy rains, officials said. "On the request of district administration,

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Army dog ‘Axel’ who helped kill terrorist laid to rest

it. "Thank you for your service, Axel," the Srinagar-based Chinar Corps of the Army tweeted alongside a file photo of the German shepherd.

The Army paid homage to 'Axel' in a solemn military ceremony in Pattan on Sunday.

Major General S S Slaria, General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Kilo Force, paid homage to the canine soldier.

It was an emotional moment for Axel's handler who has been its guardian, caretaker, trainer and the closest buddy for the last two years.

The canine was buried in the premises of the 26 Army Dog Unit in the presence of unit personnel and

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‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’ turning into mass movement: Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' is turning into a mass movement and urged people to put 'tiranga' as profile picture of their social media accounts between August 2 and 15.

In his Mann Ki Baat radio broadcast, Modi noted that under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' programme to mark the 75th anniversary of India's Independence, a special campaign 'Har Ghar Tiranga' is being organised

between August 13 and 15. He urged people to hoist or

Modi also urged people to put from August 2-15 tri-colour as the profile picture of their accounts on social media platforms,



display the national flag at their homes during the campaign.

"Let us further this movement by hoisting the National Flag at our homes," he said.

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Last respects being paid to Indian Army's dog, Axel, who lost its life in action after being hit by a bullet in an operation.

in the operation.

After an Army jawan and a policeman suffered injuries during the encounter, 'Axel', attached with a body camera, was pressed into action.

"The presence of a mosque within 10 metres of the target house further necessitated operation calibration and no high calibre weapons were

used to neutralise the terrorist," an official said. 'Axel' managed to pinpoint the location of the holed-up terrorist but in the process fell to the enemy bullets.

Because of 'Axel', the security forces could gun down the terrorist without violating the sanctity of the mosque and any damage to

Grievance redressal timeline reduced from 45 days to 30 days: Dr Jitendra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Sunday said the time for redressal of public grievances received on an online portal has been reduced from 45 to 30 days.

He said this decision is in keeping with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's emphasis on effective implementation of public grievance redressal mechanism with disposal of grievance within minimum possible time, but with maximum possible satisfaction of the complainant.

Singh, the Minister of State for Personnel, said an order

issued by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievance (DARPG) also states that a complaint received from a citizen will not be closed until an appeal filed against it is disposed of.

Last year, the DARPG had reduced the maximum time limit to 45 days from 60 days to resolve public grievances, a statement issued by the Personnel Ministry said.

Singh said under the leadership of PM Modi, every attempt is being made to implement an effective public grievance redressal system and bring about administrative reforms at par with glob-

al standards to promote satisfaction among the people.

The minister also pointed out that in various monthly 'Pragati' (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation) review meetings, the prime minister himself reviews the status of public grievances.

Singh said the twin factors of people's satisfaction and timely redressal of grievances has led to about a 10-fold increase in public grievance cases since this government came to power in 2014, and this also reflects the trust citizens have

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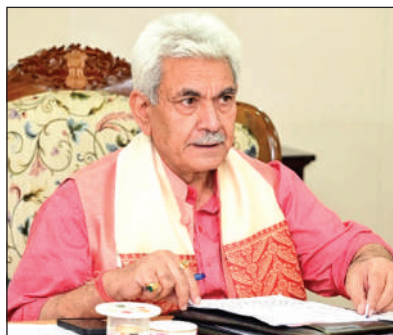
Addressing grievances promptly testimony to responsive, efficient administrative structures: Sinha

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said that addressing of a large number of grievances promptly across Jammu and Kashmir is a testimony to responsive and efficient administrative structures.

"Our sustained effort is to minimize interface of a common citizen with government and continue reform process for better service delivery", the Lt Governor said while listening to the people's grievances and assessing the activities and functioning of government offices at the grassroots, during the "LG's Mulaqaat- Live

Public Grievance Hearing", at the Civil Secretariat.



LG Manoj Sinha listening to people's complaints during LG's Mulaqaat programme.

The Lt Governor observed that one of the basic elements of governance architecture is providing opportunity to the people to become a stakeholder in the develop-

ment process.

Noting that LG's Mulaqaat has raised the public expectations in terms of both speed and quality disposal of grievances, the Lt Governor said, "I expect officers at all levels to promote a culture of excellence, and welfare of our citizens should be the core function of the governance".

In today's LG's Mulaqaat, a number of applicants expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor led administration for getting their grievances resolved timely and efficiently. Interacting with the applicants regarding their grievances, the Lt Governor

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