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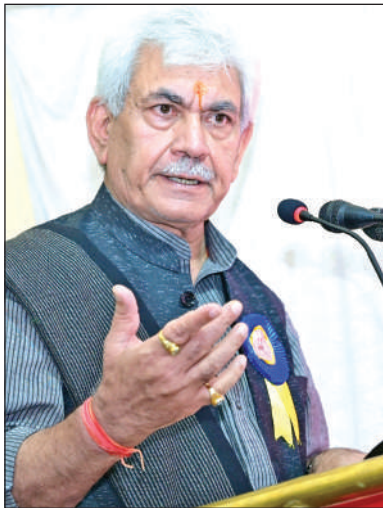
SRINAGAR: Stressing that excellence and inclusion is the key to lay the foundation of Jammu and Kashmir's future, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said there is need for a new thinking in school education.

"Scientific temper of the students must be developed and one-to-one mentoring should be encouraged to generate curiosity and creativity", Lieutenant Governor attended the annual day celebration at Devki Arya Putri Pathshala, Srinagar.

The Lt Governor observed that the school, started in 1910, played a pivotal role in providing education to girls from underprivileged sections of society. The school has ensured greater access to quality education to students.

Intelligent, reflective and compassionate students would become the engine of innovation and development in all fields, the Lt Governor said.

Lauding the indispensable role of womenfolk, the Lt Governor stressed that the new generation needs to know that the women of Jammu and Kashmir have contributed in many areas of nation-building. At the time of tribal invasion, women played a very important role in keeping the people together,



he added.

The Lt Governor also recalled Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, and said that he was a pioneer of women's empowerment and women's education, and believed that women of our country are not less than men in any form and they should be respected as much as men.

The Lt Governor observed that in the post-independence years, women were deprived of their rights due to draconian laws. Right to Education was applicable

in the whole country but it was not implemented in Jammu and Kashmir. After August 2019, the situation changed and it was made applicable along with all 890 central laws, he further said.

Highlighting the interventions in the education sector of the UT, the Lt Governor said, in the last two years, efforts have been made to provide quality education to the children.

Under the 'Aao School Chalein Campaign', in the last one year, UT administration has enrolled 1.65 lakh children. 'Talaash' app is being used to identify such children who had to drop out of the school due to some reason in the last few years. Till now, 86000 such boys and girls have been identified and now they are being enrolled in schools, the Lt Governor added.

Enrollment levels, which were falling steadily before 2019, have increased within two years. Sustained efforts are being made for Early Childhood Care & Education as recommended by the National Education Policy. Despite the constraints of the Corona, 1.24 lakh children were enrolled for Early Child Care Education and we have decided that this year, 2000 Kindergartens will be established.

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Ward Officer SMC nabbed red handed while accepting bribe of Rs 20,000

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SRINAGAR: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has caught one Mohd Maqbool Bhat, son of Ali Mohd Bhat, resident of HMT Srinagar, presently working as Ward Officer, Hawal, Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), red handed while demanding Rs 50,000 as bribe and accepting Rs 20,000 as first installment.

As per an official spokesperson, the sleuths of ACB received a complaint wherein it was alleged that Ward Officer,

Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Hawal was demanding Rs 50,000 as bribe for allowing construction in favour of complainant. The complainant requested Ward Officer and pleaded for justice, but official remained adamant on his demand. However, he asked the complainant to pay Rs 20,000 as first installment. "The complainant approached Anti Corruption Bureau for taking legal action against accused public servant under law. Accordingly, FIR No. 33/2022 under section 7 of PC Act 1988

was registered and a trap team constituted, which caught accused public servant Mohd Maqbool Bhat red handed while demanding and accepting bribe amount of Rs 20,000 as first installment of bribe of Rs 50,000. He was arrested by ACB and bribe money was also recovered from his possession in presence of independent witnesses. Subsequently, searches were carried out at different locations associated with accused," said official, adding that further investigation is going on.

Ten Inspectors transferred

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JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police, GRP J&K, Sunil Kumar on Saturday transferred ten inspectors.

According to order, Inspectors Darshan Singh, Ranjit Singh and Vinod Kumar have been transferred from GRP Jammu and Kuldeep Raj from GRP Katra and posted to GRP Kashmir; Sanjay Gupta, Ranjit Singh from GRP Katra and Vikas Kumar from GRP Kashmir to GRP Jammu; Farooq Ahmad Sofi, Ravi Kumar and Mohd Amin from GRP Kashmir to GRP Katra.

Terror financing case: Police carry out multiple-raids in Poonch

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JAMMU: The police on Saturday raided multiple locations in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch in connection with a hawala racket that was unearthed with the arrest of two people who were allegedly routing money to terror outfits Lashkar-e-Taiba and Al Badr, officials said. Abdul Hamid Mir, a resident of Poonch, and Delhi-based garment trader Mohammad Yaseen were arrested from Jammu bus stand and the national capital on Wednesday and Thursday, respectively. Hawala money worth Rs 24 lakh was recovered from

them. The officials said police have been carrying out searches at multiple locations in Poonch since early this morning. "The raids are going on and further details are awaited," an official said.

According to police, Yaseen, a resident of Delhi's Turkman Gate, revealed that the hawala money was being routed to India through South Africa and collected in Surat and Mumbai. He ran a garments business in Meena Bazaar and was the Delhi link to send this money to terror operatives in Jammu and Kashmir through couriers, the police had said earlier.

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Pilgrimage to Mata Vaishno Devi shrine resumes

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JAMMU: The yatra to the famous Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta hills in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district resumed on Saturday morning after remaining temporarily suspended overnight following heavy rains, officials said.

Over 1,500 devotees were allowed to resume the journey on the old track around 6.30 am from Darshani Dodi in Katra, the base camp for the yatra, they said.

However, the Himkoti (battery car) track which is also known as the new track, is still closed due to

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High-level security meet discusses action plan as terror activities spike in Rajouri, Poonch

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JAMMU: Amid a spurt in terror activities in Jammu and Kashmir's border districts of Rajouri and Poonch, a high-level security meeting was held on Saturday to devise an action plan to counter the emerging threat, a police official said.

The conference held in Rajouri was attended by Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu zone, Mukesh Singh and senior Army officers among others.

The meeting was convened nine days after two terrorists attacked an Army camp in Rajouri, killing four soldiers in a pre-dawn suicide strike that marked the return of 'fedayeen' (suicide) attacks to



ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh along with senior Army officers during security conference at Poonch.

Jammu and Kashmir after more than three years.

Both the terrorists, believed to be from the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed, were shot dead.

The official said the meeting was also attended by intelligence agencies, brigade commanders, senior superintendents of police of both Rajouri and Poonch and the

superintendent of police (Operations) of Shopian.

"Detailed discussion was held on the recent trends of terrorist activities in which the intelligence agencies briefed those attending the meeting. An action plan was devised to counter the emerging threat," the official said.

The ADGP also visited Thanamandi and was briefed by SSP, Rajouri, Mohammad Aslam and other officers on suspected movement of terrorists.

On August 15, terrorists fired at security forces during a cordon-and-search operation in the Sojan forest area of Samote in Rajouri but managed to escape taking advantage of bad

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AC approves transfer of land for Police Station Khansahib

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SRINAGAR: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the proposal of Revenue Department to transfer a parcel of land for Police Station Khansahib.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

The Administrative Council approved the

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Misrepresentation of facts by vested interests: J&K Admn on reports of inclusion of 25 lakh voters

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SRINAGAR/JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Saturday clarified that reports of a likely addition of over 25 lakh voters after the summary revision of electoral rolls is "misrepresentation of facts by vested interests".

The clarification was issued through an advertisement in local dailies after facing political backlash, including from parties perceived close to the government. National Conference chief Farooq Abdullah has called an all-party meeting over the issue

on Monday.

Jammu and Kashmir's Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Hirdesh Kumar recently said the Union territory was likely to get around 25 lakh additional voters, including outsiders, following the special summary revision of electoral rolls being held for the first time after Article 370 abrogation.

"We are expecting massive changes in the voter list given that a large number of youngsters have attained the age of 18 over the past three years.

"After Article 370 abroga-

tion, many people who were not enlisted as voters in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir are now eligible to vote. Also, anyone who is living ordinarily can avail the opportunity to get enlisted as a voter in J&K under the provisions of The Representation of the People Act," Kumar told reporters in Jammu on August 17.

He said the projected 18-plus population in Jammu and Kashmir is around 98 lakh while the number of enlisted voters is 76 lakh.

"We are expecting an

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2 LeT terrorists arrested for I-Day grenade attack in Budgam

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SRINAGAR: Two "hybrid terrorists" of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) have been arrested in connection with a grenade attack in Budgam on Independence Day in which a civilian from a minority community was injured, police said on Saturday.

On August 15, terrorists lobbed a grenade at Gopalpora Chadoora in Budgam district in which a person identified as Krishna Kumar sustained injuries. A

case was registered at the local police station, an official said.

"Budgam Police cracked grenade lobbing incident on minority at Gopalpora on 15/8/22 in which 1 person from minority was seriously injured. 2 Hybrid terrorists of LeT namely Sahil Wani & Altaf Farooq @ Amir arrested. Vehicle used by terrorists also seized. Investigation going on," the Kashmir Zone Police tweeted on Saturday.

During the investigation in the case, CCTV footage

revealed that two scooter-borne suspects were involved in the grenade lobbing incident, he said.

Many suspects were picked up for questioning and during further investigation, police received information that Sahil Ahmad Wani of Tangnar Kralpopra Chadoora was involved in the attack, the official said.

He said Wani was arrested and during questioning, he admitted that he and main conspirator and hybrid

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149 SIs adjusted

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JAMMU: Director General of Police, J&K, Dilbag Singh on Saturday adjusted 149 SIs of J&K Executive Police.

As per PHQ order, SIs Suresh Mitla, Anil Kumar, Paramjeet Singh (Now Rtd), Madan Lal, Manzoor Hussain, Omesh Kumar, Raj Kumar, Ashwani Kumar, Jai Singh, Shiv Kumar (Now Rtd), Mohd Farooq, Parshotam Kumar, Narinder Singh, Madan Lal, Ahmed Din, Daljeet Singh, Sardari Lal, Kavinder Singh, Purn Chand, Paretem Singh (Now rtd), Shamsheer Singh,

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