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Whether in 2022 or 2023, EC to take final call on J&K assembly elections: Sinha

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Observing that the conduct of elections to the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly is the prerogative of the Election Commission, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said the situation for the democratic exercise is conducive and the final call to hold the polls in 2022 or 2023 will be taken by the Commission.

"Whoever wants to work for the people here will be the Chief Minister", Sinha said while replying to questions about the BJP wanting to have a Hindu CM during premier show 'Press Conference' by ABP national television channel held in Srinagar, adding that the decision lies with the people but the Chief Minister will be from Jammu and Kashmir.

He said the Delimitation Commission has completed its report and the Election Commission is expeditiously carrying out various process-



es. The electoral rolls, updated till 2015, are undergoing revision, he added.

Replying to a question about Jammu division getting enhanced seats in the Legislative Assembly, he said the process has been carried out by the Commission after holding interactions with the people. He elaborated on the political process and said that 30, 000 chosen representatives in the Panchayat

Raj Institutions are fulfilling the aspirations of the people while Jammu and Kashmir has five MPs in the Lok Sabha. This too is a political process, he said.

On being asked if the frontier states should be governed by the Central government or have elections, he stated that the beauty of democracy is the centre and state governments working together.

To a question about restoration of the statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, Sinha said the Home Minister is on record having stated in Parliament that the decision will be taken at appropriate time after having delimitation of constituencies and then elections. He said that the Government of India is capable of the same and it will be done at appropriate time.

On completion of three years of the abrogation of Article 370, the Lieutenant Governor said that three major achievement have been registered, which include the marginalized people getting their rights, new era of peace dawning and all round development taking place, New J&K treading on the path of progress and transparency remaining hallmark of the governance.

He spoke on a volley of subjects, ranging from development to investments. He

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JKP Sub-Inspector paper leak; CBI conducts searches at 30 locations

FIR registered against 33 accused including then Member JKSSB, ex- Medical Officer of BSF, Munshi of Kanachak Police Station, Bengaluru-based private company & beneficiaries

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/NEW DELHI: The Central Bureau of Investigations (CBI) on Friday conducted searches at 30 locations in connection with alleged irregularities in the selection of police sub-inspectors by the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB).

The searches were conducted at 28 locations in Jammu and one each in Srinagar and Bengaluru after the registration of an FIR against JKSSB member Narayan Dutt and 32 other accused,



CBI sleuths at EDUMAX Classes at Akhnoor town on Friday.

including middlemen and candidates.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has also named Dr Karnail Singh, a

medical officer, Avinash Gupta, the owner of a coaching centre in Akhnoor, and a Bengaluru-based company in the FIR.

Last month, the Jammu and Kashmir administration cancelled the J&K Police Sub-Inspector recruitment following allegations of irregularities and recommended a CBI probe into the selection process.

It was alleged that there were irregularities in the written examination conducted on March 27.

"The results were declared on June 4, 2022. There were allegations regarding malpractices in the examination. The Jammu and Kashmir government had

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August 5 to be celebrated as 'J&K Bhrashtachar Mukti Diwas': LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday launched major initiatives with a vision for a prosperous tribal community.

On the sidelines of the event, the Lt Governor announced the government's decision of extending various provisions under the Public Services Guarantee Act completely through online mode.

Online Public Services are

now linked with timelines laid down under Public Services Guarantee Act. The defaulting officers will be served notices for failure in automated online mode, and linked with penal provisions, said the Lt Governor.

5th August will be celebrated as 'J&K Bhrashtachar Mukti Diwas', he added.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor inaugurated eight tribal hostels built at a cost

of Rs 26 crore and laid the foundation stones for Rs 100 or worth 25 tribal hostels.

The occasion witnessed the launch of a series of initiatives by the Lt Governor including Coaching programme for NEET/JEE and competitive examinations under TOP 50, Host 50 and Stars 100 schemes.

Top-20 meritorious tribal students received laptops

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Govt committed for equitable development of every citizen: Chugh

Assures full support to resolve issues of Pahari community



BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh with delegation of Pahari leaders.

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NEW DELHI: Reiterating the Government's commitment to ensure equitable development besides according similar treatment to all

communities without any biasing, BJP National General Secretary, Tarun Chugh said that present Government has always worked on the principal of

'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas' and will continue the same in future also so that every community can prosper can develop, equally. He

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24 JKAS Officers to retire in 2023

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JAMMU: The government on Friday asked 24 JKAS officers, scheduled to retire during the calendar year 2023, to submit their records so as to enable the GAD to issue the retirement notification.

"These members of Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service are scheduled to retire on attaining age of superannuation during the calendar year 2022, as per the Date of Birth records available in the General Administration Department," the notification issued by Shuaib Mohammad Naikoo,

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Civilian killed, soldier injured in Kulgam encounter

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SRINAGAR: A civilian was killed and a soldier injured during an encounter between security forces and terrorists in Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, police said.

The security forces had launched a cordon-and-search operation in the Redwani area of Kulgam district following inputs about the presence of militants there, a police official said.

The official said the search operation turned into an encounter after the terrorists opened fire on the security personnel, who retaliated. An Indian Army soldier

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Land-grabber turned JeI associate publishing Urdu newspaper to befool Govt; FIR registered

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JAMMU: The Jammu Police on Friday has taken cognizance into act of Land-grabber turned JeI associate who was also publishing a newspaper to befool the security agencies, J&K Government and Information Department with wrong figures in terms of number of published copies with illegal increase aimed to manage advertisement from government.

On May 7, continuing

investigations into the major Hawala racket operating from Pakistan for mushrooming terrorism in Jammu



Mohd Sharief Sartaj

Booked under unlawful activities Mohammad Sharief Sartaj, owner of Urdu daily Rah-e-Manzil was taking advertisements from Govt

and Kashmir, the joint Police teams had raided the house and office of a silent Jamat-e-Islami (JeI) associate Mohd Sharief Sartaj, son of Shams-ul-Din, resident of EP-62, Dalpatian

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Procession taken out to commemorate 7th day of Muharram



Muharram procession being taken out in Jammu on Friday.

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JAMMU: A procession to commemorate 7th day of Muharram Shahadat of Shahzada Qasim was taken out from residence of Late Syed Mazhar Ali Shah

under the banner of Anjuman-e-Imamia Jammu. A Majlis was also organized before the procession, which was addressed by Moulana Syed Ghulam Hussain Rizvi from Iran Culture

House, New Delhi. While addressing the gathering, Moulana explained in detail the value of all 72 martyrs who laid down their lives in Karbala - 'a Battle against oppression of Yazeed'. He further stressed upon the teachings of Imam Hussain and the supreme sacrifice of Shahzada Qasim, for the sake of truth and Justice. One can learn from history of Karbala that how to be a victorious when you are oppressed, said Moulana, adding that when you are on the path of Allah, no force can oppress you. During the procession, mourners recited Nohas and Marsiahs to pay tributes to Shehzada Qasim. At Imam Bargah New Plots, mourners offer Namaz-e-Magribain, followed by a Majlis, which was addressed by Molana Zaffer Mehdi from Muradabad.

President Anjuman-e-Imamia Syed Amanat Ali Shah, President Anjuman-e-Haidery New Plot Shakeel Karbalai, Vice President

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