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Admin committed to equitable development, ensuring no section is left behind: Sinha

'Central Govt has extended the support for survey, gemological studies of Sapphire mines'



LG Manoj Sinha paying obeisance at holy Shri Chandī Mata Machail Shrine on Friday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said that the administration is committed to equitable development, meeting the needs of the communities and ensuring that no section of society is left behind.

"In the last three years we have taken many steps to address the concerns of people of Kishtwar, to expand employment opportunity and to improve connectivity in the rural areas," the Lt Governor said while addressing the representatives of PRIs and the citizens at Gulabgarh Paddar.

He also shared the efforts

of the UT Administration for holistic development of Kishtwar.

During his visit to Kishtwar, Sinha paid obeisance at holy Shri Chandī Mata Machail shrine.

He was accompanied by Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary Higher Education Department; Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu, Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor and Sunil Sharma, former Minister.

He also took appraisal of the facilities extended to the pilgrims and also interacted with the deputations of local residents.

Interacting with the PRIs and citizens, he referred to the revival of cinema theatre after the gap of three decades, better road

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3 killed, 11 injured in Kargil explosion

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Three people were killed while 10 sustained injuries in an explosion inside a scrap dealer's shop in Kargil district of Ladakh on Friday, officials said. A "suspicious" object exploded in the shop located in Kabadi Nallah area of Drass, they said. Three people, including a non-local, were killed, while the injured were taken to a hospital, they said. Police have registered a case.

NTPC starts trial run of hydrogen bus in Leh

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: State-owned power giant NTPC has started a trial run of a hydrogen bus in Leh.

Towards achieving carbon-neutral Ladakh, NTPC is setting up a hydrogen fuelling station, solar plant and providing five fuel cell buses for operation on intricacy routes of Leh, a company statement said. The first hydrogen

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LeT terror module busted in Uri, 8 arrested

2 terrorist associates held in Sopore, huge cache of arms recovered in Kupwara

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Security forces have busted a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror module in Baramulla district by arresting eight terrorist-associates involved in cross-border smuggling of arms and ammunition at the behest of their Pakistani handlers, police said on Friday.

A terrorist module has been busted in Uri in Baramulla and eight LeT terrorist-associates have been arrested. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Amod Nagpure told reporters in Baramulla.

Nagpure said arms and ammunition have been recovered and cases under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act & Arms Act have been registered.

Giving details, the SSP said that during patrolling and area domination at Churunda in Uri area of the north Kashmir district on August 8, security forces noticed a suspected person



2 LeT terrorist associates in police custody at Sopore.

who was roaming in the area. He tried to flee while noticing the patrolling party, but was apprehended tactfully, the officer said.

During his personal search, two grenades were recovered and he was taken into custody immediately, the SSP said.

He identified him as Showkat Ali Awan, a resident of Churunda Uri.

During further questioning, Awan revealed the names of his accomplices -- Sadeeq Khatana -- both of whom are residents of Churunda, Nagpure said.

The two were questioned and on their disclosure, two grenades, a Chinese pistol, a pistol magazine and four live rounds were recovered from them, he said.

Similarly, on Aug 11, during a naka checking at Powarian Thajal Uri, security forces signalled a vehicle to stop. As the vehicle stopped, its driver and four other persons inside it

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Reallocation of Deptts in Ladakh

Amit gets Addl charge of MD, SIDCO Ladakh, D'Souza, Maralkar get new Deptts

STATE TIMES NEWS
LEH: The Union Territory Administration in Ladakh has reallocated the departments among the Administrative Secretaries after the transfer of former Commissioner Secretary, Ajeet Kumar Sahu, IAS (AGMUT:2003) to join as Joint Secretary in the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India relieved from the UT Administration of Ladakh.

Further, Michael M. D'Souza, IAS:2015 has joined the UT Administration of Ladakh on August 10, 2023.

Accordingly, Amit

Sharma (IAS: 2012) shall also hold the additional responsibilities of Managing Director, Infrastructure Development Corporation (SIDCO) Ladakh in addition to his own duties till further orders. Yetindra Maralkar (IAS:2013) has been allocated General Administration Department; and Michael M. D'Souza (IAS:2015) has been allocated PWD (R&B) Department; PHE, Irrigation & Flood Control Department; Agriculture & Horticulture Department; and Cooperative Department.

Budha Amarnath Yatra begins amid tight security

Arrangements for pilgrimage reviewed in Poonch

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The 10-day Budha Amarnath Yatra began on Friday with a batch of over 1,000 pilgrims leaving the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here for Jammu and Kashmir's mountainous Poonch district.

Chants of "Bam Bam Bhole", "Har Har Mahadev" and "Jai Shri Ram" rent the air as the pilgrims' convoy was flagged off by Additional Director General of Police, Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh.

A total of 1,338 pilgrims, including 907 men and 411 women, left for the Budha



ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh and others flagging off first batch of pilgrims after performing rituals.

Amarnath shrine in Poonch's Rajpura village in a convoy of 29 vehicles. The convoy was escorted by paramilitary forces, officials said.

Representatives of religious and social organisations, including Vishva Hindu Parishad national general secretary Vinayakrao

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No case of infiltration along IB in J&K for long time: IG BSF

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A top BSF officer on Friday said the force's "good work" was evident from the fact that no instance of infiltration has been detected along the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir for "a long time".

Speaking to reporters during a plantation drive launched by the force in the border district of Samba, Inspector General of BSF (Jammu frontier) D K Boora said the primary objective of the force is to prevent terrorists from infiltrating into the country from across the border.

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BSF troops remain vigilant and are ready to thwart any attempt of infiltration from across the border, he said.

"No case of infiltration has come to notice of anyone (along IB) during a long time in the past. It proves that BSF is performing good work on the borders. We will continue it. Our focus will continue in that direction. It will further be intensified," Boora said.

He said the Border Security Force (BSF) does not focus on terrorists stationed across the border.

"We are not focusing on as to how many (terrorists)

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NIA raids in Jammu, Shopian

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU/SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) raided the residence of a doctor in Bathindi area here in connection with a terror conspiracy case.

According to official sources, the NIA team raided the house of a doctor in Peer Bagh Colony, Bathindi,

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History cannot be buried or changed by removing names: Farooq

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: History cannot be buried or changed by removing the names of leaders who have not been a part of the BJP, it will "emerge" and "remain", said National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Friday.

"They are removing Nehru's and Indira Gandhi's name. They are removing the names of every leader who is not a part of them, but history does not change," Abdullah told reporters here when asked that the Jammu and Kashmir administration has dropped 'Sher' the popular name of his father and



National Conference (NC) founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah at the Kashmir International Convention Centre.

Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre.

The National Conference president said that the government has removed the history of Mughal rule of 800 years from books, but "does it mean Mughals were not here?"

"When the people go to see Taj Mahal what will they say, who made it? When they will go to the Red Fort, they will say who built it? When they will see Jamia Masjid, Humayun's Tomb, Saffdarjung Tomb, Qutub Minar, what will they

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Screening test for Lab Attendant/ Theatre Attendant / Lab Assistant postponed

STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: Screening test of post of Lab Attendant/ Theatre Attendant / Lab Assistant for 14 posts scheduled to be held on August 20, 2023, postponed.

An official communiqué issued by Principal GMC Udhampur reads "In reference to this office Advertisement notification No. 17 of 2023 Dated August 12, 2023 issued under endorsement No. GMC/UDH/2023-24/1060 Dated August 12, 2023 regarding conduct of screening test for the post

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Mushaal Hussein Mullick's appointment as Pak minister endorses India's claim of neighboring country harbouring terrorists in J&K: Chugh

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary and party In-Charge of Jammu and Kashmir Tarun Chugh on Friday lashed out at Pakistan, saying Mushaal Hussein Mullick's appointment as Minister in the neighboring country endorses India's claim that Pakistan is harbouring terrorism and terrorists.

Chugh said Pakistan has always provided refuge to most wanted terrorists, who are involved in destabilising security and sovereignty of India.

He referred to the appoint-



ment of the wife of banned JKLF chief Mohammad Yasin Malik as Minister in Anwar ul Haq led government and said, "Pakistan has once again provided evidence that this country has been established to harbour terrorism and provide refuge to terrorists.

Chugh said that Malik's wife has been involved in spreading fabricated

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ETS sets up its first test centre in Kashmir for TOEFL, GRE exams

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: US-based Educational Testing Service (ETS) on Friday said it has established its first test centre in Kashmir to help students of the valley write TOEFL and GRE exams without having to travel outside.

ETS is the world's largest non-profit educational assessment, research, and measurement organisation, and the owner of assessments such as TOEFL and GRE. The test centre

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Body of foreign terrorist recovered in Reasi

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A foreign terrorist was killed after he slipped and fell into a deep gorge during an anti-terrorist operation by security forces in Reasi district and his body was recovered on Friday morning, officials said.

The terrorist was injured in an encounter with security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district on August 5, but he could not be traced then. Another terrorist was killed in the gunbattle in Khawas area of Rajouri district on August 5.

"The body of the second terrorist injured in an encounter at Khawas found by special operations group (SOG) at Dhakikot area of Reasi," Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) of Jammu zone Mukesh Singh

said.

Two grenades, three AK magazines, 90 AK rounds, 32 pistol rounds and some other material were recovered from the spot.

The Army, along with the SOG of the police, has been continuing operations in forest areas of Reasi district to track down the terrorist, Lt Col Suneel Bartwal PRO (Defence) spokesman said.

During the operations, Army and police personnel deployed along the high ridge lines in forest areas near Dhakikot observed suspicious movement of unidentified persons on late Thursday night, he said.

When one of the suspicious persons approached the deployment site and was challenged, he tried

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Film tourism will be major driver of growth, job creation for J&K: Sinha

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said that film tourism will be a major driver of growth and job creation for Jammu Kashmir.

"The UT Administration had launched the new film policy, after consultation with all stakeholders, and now J&K has emerged as a favorite shooting destination for film-makers", he said after inaugurating the first day shoot of upcoming TV show 'Pashmina' in Srinagar.

The Lt Governor extended his best wishes to Alchemy Films, Sony SAB TV, cast and the entire team for the new show.

Interacting with the



LG Manoj Sinha inaugurating the first day shoot of upcoming TV show 'Pashmina' in Srinagar.

media persons, the Lt Governor said the golden era of film shooting is returning to the valley.

Local talent from the UT is also the part of the TV show 'Pashmina' which will be filmed extensively in different locations of Jammu Kashmir over next five months.

Siddharth Malhotra and Sapna Malhotra, creators and producers of Alchemy Films Private Limited, cast and crew members of the show were present on the occasion.

'This side or that', deal with those making hate speeches under law: SC

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court asserted on Friday action must be taken against all those making hate speeches "this side or that side".

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and SVN Bhatti made the remark during a brief hearing on a batch of petitions seeking directions to curb hate speeches across states, including a plea for action against Hindu outfits calling for social and economic boycott of Muslims following the recent communal violence in Nuh-Gurugram in the Delhi-NCR

region.

A lawyer claimed before the bench that the Indian Union Muslim League (IUMML), a political party in Kerala, organised a rally in the state in July where slogans like "death to Hindus" were raised.

"We are very clear. This side or that side, they have to be treated alike and law will take its own course. If anyone indulges in anything which we know as hate speech, they will be dealt with as per the law. This is something which we have already expressed our

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 35.8°C Min: 25.8°C

Humidity
Max: 83 Min: 59

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 32.0°C Min: 17.3°C

Humidity
Max: 72 Min: 40

Sunset : 19:09 Hours
Sunrise : 05:49 Hours