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Mayor Rajinder felicitates Martyrs' families under Meri Maati Mera Desh programme at Ward 20

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Launches Green J&K Drive from IIM Jammu

360 degree security mechanism strengthened in Jammu Div, efforts on to eliminate terrorists' support system: LG

Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said that 360-degree security mechanism has been strengthened in Jammu Division and all efforts are being made by the security grid to eliminate the terrorists' support system.

"We are following the policy of zero tolerance against terrorism and the UT Administration is determined and committed to take stringent action against those associated with the terror ecosystem or facilitating terrorist, secessionist activities in Jammu and Kashmir," the Lt Governor said while interacting with the media persons on the sidelines of a function held to launch the Green Jammu & Kashmir Drive 2023-24 from IIM

He reiterated the commit-



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at the launch of Green Jammu & Kashmir Drive 2023-24 at IIM Jammu on Sunday.

the Administration to dismantle the terror ecosystem.

Referring to the issue of Sarore Toll Plaza, the Lt Governor said that the concern of the people is genuine. I have discussed the issue with the Chairman NHAI the matter will be resolved in the coming days, he added.

Earlier, launching the drive, the Lt Governor planted a tree sapling in the IIM Campus to mark the occa-

congratulated the Forests Department, IIM Jammu, Village Panchayat

all the stakeholders for the launch of the mega planta-

"Green J&K Drive has become a major contributor to increasing the green cover of J&K, strengthening our ecology and building a healthier society. In the last 3 years, we have been able to plant more than 4 crore saplings and the target for this year is to plant 1.75 crore plants to ensure ecological security," the Lt Governor said.

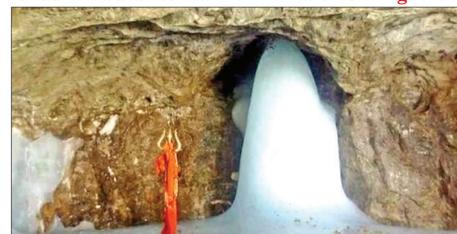
The Lt Governor highlighted the need to protect, preserve and restore ecology and biodiversity for sustainable

J&K has one of the most diverse forest areas in the country with 55% forest and green cover. It is in the interest of environment and our future generations to

Amarnath Yatra to remain temporarily suspended from Aug 23 for track restoration works

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

Chadi Mubarak to mark culmination on August 31



JAMMU / SRINAGAR: The 62-day long Shri Amarnathji Yatra, 2023 commenced on 1st July this year and it will culminate with the event of Chadi Mubarak on 31st August 2023.

The Yatra commenced simultaneously from both the routes - the Pahalgam track in Anantnag district and

cross over. If they manage to

cross over, they will lie low for

another extended period," the

senior officer told PTI on the

Three Army personnel were

killed by the terrorists in the

Halan forest area of Kulgam

The troops had launched a

cordon-and-search operation

after picking up on signals

about the possible movement

condition of anonymity.

on August 5.

Baltal in Ganderbal district. This year the Yatra has

seen overwhelming footfall with more than 4.4 lakh pilgrims having taken darshan at the Holy Amarnathji Shrine so far.

Shrine Board authorities have informed that due to considerable reduction in the flow of pilgrims and the urgent repairs & maintenance of the Yatra tracks at vulnerable stretches being undertaken by Border Roads Organization (BRO), movement of pilgrims on both the tracks leading to the Holy

Cave is not advisable. Hence, the Yatra shall remain temporarily suspended from both routes with effect from 23rd

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Two arrested for raising slogans 'hurting religious sentiments'

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police have arrested two persons for allegedly raising objectionable slogans against a particular community at a recent rally here and said that "hurting religious sentiments of any community will not be tolerated".

The arrest follows the registration of an FIR under sections 295-A (deliberate acts to outrage religious feelings) and 147 (punishment for rioting) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) at Pacca Danga police station.

People's Democratic Party chief Mehbooba Mufti on Saturday slammed the Jammu and Kashmir admin-

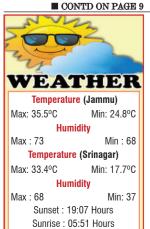
Ensure proper implementation of provisions of RTI Act on proactive disclosure of information: SC STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: Supreme Court has directed the Central Information Commission and the State Information Commissions to ensure proper implementation of provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005 including on proactive disclosure of information by public authorities.

A three-judge bench led by Justice D Chief Chandrachud said public accountability is a crucial feature that governs the relationship between 'duty bearers' and 'right holders'.

The top court said power and accountability go hand in hand and noted that while all citizens shall have the 'right to information' under Section 3 of the Act, the corelative 'duty' in the form of the obligation of public authorities is recognised in Section 4 of the RTI Act.

"We direct that the Central Information Commission and the State Information Commissions shall continuously monitor the



istration over the incident and asked if any action was being taken against those

"While the LG administration was busy showing off the Tiranga Yatra in Kashmir another took place in Jammu where right wing fanatics openly called for a Muslim genocide," Mehbooba said in on X, formerly a post

raising the slogans.

Sharing a video of the rally in her post, the former J-K chief minister said "murderous slogans" were raised at the rally in Jammu. "What action has this administration taken against

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Combing, surveillance operations go on for terrorists behind Kulgam attack

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The hunt is on for terrorists involved in the ambush in which three soldiers died in Kulgam district earlier this month, with security officials indicating the same group was behind attacks in Rajouri and Poonch this year.

A top security force officer said combing operations were underway in south Kashmir and quadcopters were being used extensively to track down the perpetrators of the attack.

"Our assessment is that the group is still in south Kashmir and has not crossed



Pir Panjal mountain range.

over to the other side of the

We are hoping for contact

of the ultras through the for-A total of five soldiers were killed in Poonch in April and

another five lost their lives in an attack at Bhattadurian

justice is giving care, support to victims STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: True justice tigation and trial.

Crimes against children: SC says true

in cases of crimes against children is achieved not merely by nabbing the culprit or the severity of punishment meted out but by the support and security provided to the victim, the Supreme Court has said.

A bench of Justices S Ravindra Bhat and Aravind Kumar made the observation while issuing a slew of directions relating to the appointment of support persons under the POCSO Act.

A "support person" means a person assigned by the Child Welfare Committee to render assistance to the child

through the process of inves-

"In crimes against children, it is not only the initiating horror or trauma that is deeply scarring; that is aggravated by the lack of support and handholding in the days that follow.

"In such crimes, true justice is achieved not merely by nabbing the culprit and bringing him to justice, or the severity of punishment meted out, but the support, care, and security to the victim (or vulnerable witness), as provided by the state and all its authorities in assuring a painless, as less an

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Will address unemployment, poverty if elected to power: Azad



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing gathering of workers in Doory South Kashmir

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Former Chief DPAP and Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Sunday reiterated

that he will address the soaring unemployment problem of Jammu and Kashmir if elected to power since the UT is figuring among the top five

states in terms of no employment opportunities to the

Azad said that it is not only the educated youth who are facing unemployment crisis, the non-skilled and illiterate class equally faces problems to search their manual jobs.

"If I am back to power, I will start again triple shift of developmental works that will ensure all the local skilled as well as non-skilled labours are accommodated to livelihood. theirSimilarly, we need to create massive and diverse job opportunities for our

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detained in Reasi, Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two suspected drug peddlers were detained under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act in Reasi and Jammu districts, police here said on Sunday.

Suraj, a resident of Serwad village of Katra, was detained on the orders of Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar for his repeated involvement in drug peddling in Reasi district, a police spokesperson said.

The accused is lodged in the Amphalla district jail in Jammu, he added.

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Hrithik Roshan accorded warm

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Hundreds enthusiastic fans, mostly youngsters, on Sunday waited for hours in the scorching heat to catch a glimpse of Bollywood superstar Hrithik Roshan, who reached the city of temples to inaugurate a showroom of a leading jew-

ellery brand here. The actor also grooved to his popular song "Ek Pal Ka Jeena", from his 2000 debut film "Kaho Na... Pyaar Hai", at the event held at Channi in the outskirts of the city where police had a tough time keeping the surging



Bollywood Superstar Hrithik Roshan dancing on his song at an event in Jammu.

Welcome to Jammu', the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

J&K witnessing creative power of young generation: Sinha bridging gaps and building bridges,

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Observing that youth is the age of determination, dreams and dedication, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said Jammu and Kashmir is presently witnessing the creative power of young generation, determined to create a better future and dedicated to build a peaceful and prosperous Union Territory.

"Youth is power of transformation", Sinha said during the 29th edition of 'Awaam Ki Awaaz', which he dedicated to the unsung heroes and the vouth of Jammu and Kashmir. The Lt Governor congratulated the people of Jammu Kashmir for their enthusiastic participation in Independence Day events.

"On the occasion of Independence Day, entire J&K with unity, brotherhood and one emotion dedicated themselves to contribute in the journev of 'Viksit Bharat' and faster and inclusive economic development. Now we have to move forward with a new resolve and determination for all



LG Manoj Sinha speaking during 29th edition of 'Awaam Ki Awaaz'.

round development of the UT and the country," he said.

The Lt Governor also paid homage to the great personalities of J&K who have contributed significantly for the development of the society.

In every corner of J&K, the 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign is recognizing and paying solemn tribute to those unsung heroes whose stories of valour and selflessness continue to rekindle the flame of patriotism, he said.

He said the unprecedented progress registered across the sectors, empowerment of every section of society is a matter of pride for every citizen of

"This year, on Independence Day, we have resolved to create new opportunities for the youth and to ensure prosperity and empowerment of women. The Government is already preparing an effective, long-term strategy and we must come together to contribute and realize this dream." the Lt Governor said.

Let us together build a glorious future for all, he added.

In this month's episode, the Lt Governor shared the success stories of women entrepreneurs who are inspiring others with their determination and commitment.

Dream, dedication and hard work is the key to success. Extraordinary achievement of Asiya Jan from Pulwama, in Beekeeping is motivating others to dream big, he said.

Ramban's Heena Lateef is scripting a shining success story of women entrepreneurship. With her food processing unit, Heena is also empowering other women, the Lt Governor

He made a special mention of Tabinda and Nazia Kausar of district Doda who have become entrepreneurs and employers by utilizing the opportunity provided by the Tejaswini scheme of Mission Youth.

Appreciating Mumtaza Begum of Bandipora for making significant mark in the field of Sheep farming, the Lt Governor said the life story of determination and courage of Mumtaza Begum is inspiring others and is now paving the path for new entrepreneurs in this sector.

He shared the achievements of Lalita Devi of Basantgarh and 50 other women from her Self-Help-Group who are marching with confidence towards the goal of economic empowerment. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Ladakhis concerned over grazing land 'taken over by China': Rahul

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday claimed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's assertion that not an inch of the land in Ladakh has been taken over by China is not true.

The people of Ladakh are concerned about their grazing land "taken over by the Chinese Army," Gandhi, who is on a tour of Ladakh, said after paying tributes to his father and former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi on his birth anniversary.

"All the people (in Ladakh) say the Chinese Army has intruded and taken over our grazing land and they (people) cannot go there now. They are clearly saying this even as Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) says that not an inch of land was taken

over which is not based on truth," Gandhi reporters.

The Congress leader said he was planning to visit Ladakh during his Bharat

Jodo Yatra but had to abandon the plan due to some 'logistical reasons".

"So I thought let me come and do a detailed tour of Ladakh. I came to Pangong and am going to visit Nubra and Kargil. The idea is to listen to what the people have to say and what their concerns are. Over here, the concern is of the (grazing) land that has been taken over by China. The people have been affected in a big way because their grazing lands have been taken over. Another concern of the people is the lack of cellular connectivity,"

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