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India's future offers immense opportunities for engineering careers: LG

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LG Manoj Sinha addressing joining batch of 2023 of IIT Jammu on Wednesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Observing that India's future offers immense opportunities for engineering careers Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said that as the nation continues to invest in research and development, infrastructure and technological advancement, a plethora of opportunities await engi-

Sinha was addressing the students of the joining batch of 2023 of IIT Jammu at the inaugural session of the Foundation Program at Jagti Campus.

He congratulated and extended his best wishes to the students embarking on a new journey. The world-class faculty here at IIT Jammu will nurture your talents to transform your dreams into reality, he added.

The Lieutenant Governor said, under the guidance of Prime Minister India is on the move and is emerging as a technology and services hub powered by knowledge economy.

The 'Make in India' and 'Digital India' initiatives coupled with a burgeoning startup ecosystem, presents a fertile ground for young minds to make their mark and carve a successful career in engineering, he added.

He advised the students to explore new paths and keep re-inventing themselves to keep pace with the change happening around the world.

"We need engineers who will not be confined to the mundane, but who will think beyond textbooks and question the status quo and embrace challenges as opportunities. The expertise of the young engineers' expertise will be instrumental in driving the mission of Make in India and Start Up India," the Lt Governor said.

Citing examples of Japan and USA, the Lt Governor said the engineering prowess of these countries has contributed to their growth and elevated their status in the world. He said, the world's greatest powers are witness to the fact that great engineers have been instrumental in propelling those nations to unparalleled heights.

"India needs engineers who can address the challenges of urbanization, infrastructure and access to quality healthcare and education for all. Young engineers' ideas and solutions can pave

28 pc GST on online gaming stays

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The GST Council on Wednesday decided to levy a 28 per cent GST on online gaming and casinos on the face value of bets at entry level, even though three states -- Delhi, Goa and Sikkim -- expressed dis-

The Centre will bring amendments to the Central GST law in the ongoing session Parliament, following

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FIR registered over 'anti-national' slogans

STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Police have registered an FIR against several unidentified persons for allegedly raising "antinational" slogans during a rally in Poonch district, officials said on Wednesday.

The slogans were incidentally raised at a rally by Gujjars and Bakerwals, held on Tuesday in the border district against a bill introduced in the parliament last

Who can recommend revocation of Article 370 when no constituent assembly exists in J&K, asks SC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Who can recommend the revocation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir when no constituent assembly

exists there? The Supreme Court on Wednesday put this question to the petitioners who have challenged the abrogation of the constitutional provision that bestowed special status on the erstwhile state.

A five-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud commenced hearing a batch of pleas challenging the Centre's August 5, 2019 decision to abrogate Article 370, a move that had come in for vicious attack by some major opposition parties but earned fulsome praise from those supporting the BJP.

The bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan tioners, as to how can a pro-

vision (Article 370), which

was specifically mentioned as

a temporary provision in the

Constitution, become perma-

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Jammu and Kashmir

Constituent Assembly came

The top court referred to

proviso 3 of Article 370

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this article, the President Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR may, by public notification, Gavai and Surya Kant asked senior advocate Kapil Sibal, declare that this article shall the lead counsel for the peticease to be operative or shall

be operative only with such exceptions and modifications and from such date as he may

specify, provided that the recommendation of the Constituent Assembly of the State referred to in clause (2) shall be necessary before the President issues

such a notification. The CJI asked Sibal, "What happens when the tenure of constituent assembly comes to an end? No constituent assembly can have an indefinite life. The proviso to clause (3) of Article 370 refers to the recommendation of the constituent

assembly of the state, and it

says before the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Girdawar placed under suspension

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a resolute display towards zero tolerance on corruption in the delivery of public services, Girdawar, Vijay Kumar, has been placed under suspension for issuing fraudulent revenue extracts.

Following a revelation that mother-son duo in collusion with revenue officials, deceitfully not only sold a property to two different individuals in the Bakshi Nagar area of Jammu city but also raised bank loan against this sold out property, Anti-Corruption Bureau took note of this act.

After thorough investigation conducted by the

880 flats constructed in last 3 years for Kashmiri migrant employees: Govt STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: A total of 880 flats have been constructed in the Kashmir vallev in the past three years for Kashmiri migrant employees who wish to return, Union Minister Nityanand Rai told Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. Rai also said 5.248 two-

room tenements were constructed in Jammu region --Purkhu, Muthi, Nagrota

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Joint intelligence meeting held in Rajouri to ensure peaceful I-Day celebrations STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Army on Wednesday held a joint intelligence and security coordination meeting in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district to formulate strategies for peaceful conduct of upcoming events, including Independence Day celebrations, a defence spokesman

All the stakeholders of Rajouri and nearby Poonch district, including senior

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Anti-Corruption Bureau, it was found that the then Patwari now Girdwar, was issuing fards in collusion with the private benefici-

financial losses for both the buyers and the institutions involved in the transaction. An FIR has been lodged under relevant sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act, Samvat 2006, as well as Sections 120-B, 420, 467, 468, and 471 of the RPC. TheCorruption mental action against the

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SRINAGAR/RAJOURI: Wednesday arrested two "hvbrid terrorists" Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) outfit from Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir, police Acting on a tip off, security

forces established a mobile vehicle check point at Azadgunj in Baramulla

The two suspects tried to flee after noticing the checkpoint, a police official said. "The suspects were appre-

hended tactfully. During their personal search, one of Independence Day," the CAT directs magisterial enquiry into allegations

of sexual harassment against Principal

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of the said School who with-

pistol, one pistol magazine, four pistol rounds and one grenade were recovered from them and were taken into custody immediately," the

He said the two were identified as Faisal Majeed Ganie and Nurul Kamran Ganie. both residents of Baramulla.

official said.

"Preliminary investigations have revealed that the individuals are hybrid terrorists and are affiliated with banned terrorist organisation LeT. They had collected the arms and ammunition for carrying out terrorist activities in Baramulla town ahead

official said. Hybrid terrorists are those

2 'hybrid' terrorists arrested in Baramulla,

OGW of terror outfits detained in Rajouri

who carry out attacks and then slip back into their routine lives. Meanwhile, another overground worker (OGW) of ter-

ror outfits has been detained

under the Public Safety Act in Rajouri district, police Mohd Altaf is the fifth overground worker to be detained in the border district in the past two months under the stringent administrative law

that allows detention without charge or trial for up to two years in some cases, a police

JERC to hold public hearing on JKPDC's tariff petition today ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: On the tariff petition of Jammu and Development Corporation Ltd. (JKPDCL), Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) is holding public hearing tomorrow on 3rd August, 2023 from 11:00 A.M to 1.00 PM in at Conference Hall of JERC, Panama Chowk, Railway Road Jammu. In this connection, general public/ organizations interested in presenting their views on the matter before the commission are invited to participate in the public hearing as per

Altaf, a resident of Gadyog village in Khawas, was detained on the orders of the Rajouri district magistrate after the police prepared a written dossier on him, he

Senior Superintendent of Police (Rajouri) Amritpal Singh said the preventive detention of five notorious overground workers in the past two months have been made with the aim to check their unlawful acts of working for terror outfits.

In a separate case, a suspected criminal was arrested and booked under the

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Court hearing the petition

Azad appreciates Kapil Sibal's historical arguments on Art 370 petitions before SC ■ STATE TIMES NEWS against abrogation of Article

NEW DELHI: Chairman

Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Ghulam Nabi Azad on Wednesday appreciated the historical arguments of senior advocate Kapil Sibal in the petition on abrogation

"I express my sincere gratitude to Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal for his historical, fearless and eloquent presentation and arguments before learned judges of Supreme

370 today," Azad said in the



Terming the proceedings in Supreme Court as historic, Azad said, "We have been unwaveringly fighting

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Protecting prevailing peace in J&K our duty: DGP

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: The Director

General of Police (DGP) J&K, Dilbag Singh on Wednesday said that in peace in Jammu and Kashmir has been hunted for a long time with a planned conspiracy of Pakistan and a large number of lives of people, police and security forces have been lost due to terrorism.

The DGP J&K was speaking at parade-cum-flagging off ceremony of 'Peace & Stability' Teams established Operational Capabilities Augmentation of Police Stations (OCAPS) at

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business, industries and

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Aatmanirbhar J&K. Besides,

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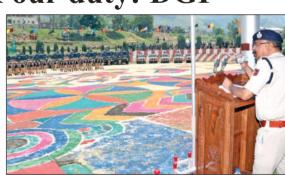
At the inaugural ceremony,

the Lt Governor also shared

the interventions made by

the UT Administration to

the family," he said.



DGP Dilbag Singh speaking at parade-cum-flagging off ceremony of 'Peace & Stability' Teams established under OCAPS at CTC Lethpora.

(CTC) Awantipora. "It is our duty to protect the prevailing peace which has been achieved after great sacrifices," Dilbag Singh said adding that people are

UGC declares 20 universities as 'fake' and not empowered to confer any degree

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI:

Grants University (UGC) on Commission Wednesday declared 20 universities as "fake" and not empowered to confer any degree with Delhi having eight such institutions, the highest. "It has come to the notice of the UGC that a number of institutions are offering degrees in contrary to the provisions of the UGC Act. Degrees awarded by such universities shall neither be recognised nor valid for higher education or employment purpose. These universities are not empowered to confer any degree,' UGC secretary Manish Joshi

Delhi has eight "fake" universities -- All India Institute of Public and Physical

said.

Health Commercial University Ltd. Daryaganj; United Nations University; Vocational ADR-Centric University: Juridical University; Indian Institution of Science and Engineering; Viswakarma Open University for Self-Employment; Adhyatmik Vishwavidyalaya (Spiritual University), according to the UGC. Uttar Pradesh has four such

universities Gandhi Hindi Vidyapith; University of Electro Complex Homeopathy; Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose University (Open university); and Bhartiya Shiksha Parishad. Karnataka. Maharashtra. Puducherry, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and Kerala also have "fake" universities, the UGC said.

Sinha inaugurates Affordable Rental Housing Complex at Sunjwan 'Today marks beginning of new era for entire working community of UT'

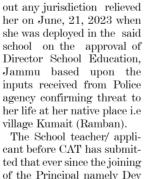
STATE TIMES NEWS

Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday inaugurated the Affordable Rental Housing Complex, underPMAY (Urban) Mission, Sunjwan

He dedicated the facility to the labour, work force & weaker section of Jammu Kashmir and handed over the keys of the accommodation units to the beneficiar-

"Workers are the main drivers of J&K's growth and improving their quality of life is our ultimate aim. Today marks the beginning of a new era for the entire working community of Union Territory," the Lt Governor

He said the Affordable



her life at her native place i.e village Kumait (Ramban). cant before CAT has submitof the Principal namely Dev Raj Bhagat in the Govt Hr. School, Batote in August, 2022, the said

towards the applicant on the pretext that she is unmarried and may require his company but her complete avoidance/ refusals frustrated the very motive of said Principal in achieving his vicious design of gaining sexual favours from her. It is further contended in the petition that the delinquent Principal used to send his selfie photographs at mid night and other irrelevant messages to the applicant and then used to delete them.

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When this matter came up for hearing Advocate

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inclusive affordable rental housing avenues for urban migrants, poor and working community. "Labour force and Workers

LG Manoj Sinha flanked by Jammu Mayor Rajinder Sharma inaugurating affordable Rental Housing Complex at Sunjwan on Wednesday.

Rental Housing Complex will provide dignified living to urban poor, migrant workers and weaker sections of socie-

ty near their workplace. Such initiatives will create a sustainable housing ecosys-

tem for the underprivileged, bring qualitative change in the lives of a family, prevent the growth of future slums and address the vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Abhiyan', he added.

The Lt Governor acknowledged the significant role of workforce in India's economy. He reiterated the commit-Administration to creating vibrant, sustainable and

provide means of livelihood and raising the living standards of the workforce.

In less than 3 years, a huge number of self-employment

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