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Inaugurates various projects of Srinagar Smart City

Terrorists must be called as terrorists, no double standards on terrorism: LG

'We must isolate such individuals as they are gravest threat to peace, growth of society'

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Sending a terse message to terror sympathisers, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday strongly called for ending immediately the tendency to classify terrorists, saying there should be no double standards for terrorism.

"Terrorists are terrorists and some people tend not to say so because of their double standards", the Lieutenant Governor said after einaugurating various projects of Srinagar Smart City from Integrated Command and Control Centre, Shaltengh, adding that such elements were actually sympathetic to the cult of terror.

Sinha said the dubious elements will have to define terrorists as terrorists and there should be no double standards in this regard. Those trying to create distinction are enemy of peace and development, he added.

"We must isolate such individuals as they are the gravest threat to peace and growth of society," the Lt



LG Manoj Sinha speaking after inaugurating various projects of Srinagar Smart City on Thursday.

Governor said, adding that develop-

world if there is no peace.

residents of Srinagar for the launch of new initiatives.

He said the projects dedicated to the people today will strengthen core urban infrastructure, integrate technological tools for clean and sustainable environment and IT-based solutions to address the challenges to ensure quality of life to the citizens.

"The core of all the smart city projects is to enhance city's liveability and to ensure that the development is sustainable and inclusive," the Lt Governor said.

Water Real-time Quality Monitoring System for River Jhelum and Dal lake; Real-time Noise Monitoring stations and systems for Srinagar City; integrated solid waste management and door to door collection monitoring system will improve smart city management, he added.

He said, the new technology and digital transition is aimed to create a smart grid system in Srinagar to tackle the challenges of climate

LG Manoj Sinha paying obeisance at Damdama Sahib Gurdwara at Srinagar on Thursday.

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

in various districts

VAJK organises volleyball competitions

Reconstruction of Damdama Sahib Gurdwara testimony of resolve 'Virasat Bhi Vikas Bhi: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday paid obeisance at Damdama Sahib Gurdwara and dedicated the newly rebuilt complex to the devotees. The sacred Gurdwara was in dilapidated condition and it was undertaken for

the biggest hindrance in

the development of Jammu

and Kashmir, especially

the weaker sections," he

A large number of public

welfare steps have been

taken for the people of

Jammu and Kashmir ever

since Article 370 was done

away with and a new era

has dawned upon the

Union Territory, Chugh

added. He said J&K has

moved away from terror-

ism to tourism, from bul-

lets and stones to new edu-

cation and development.

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Information

NEW DELHI: Secretary,

and

reconstruction by Srinagar Smart City Limited in consultation with the management committee. "Reconstruction of this spiritual heritage place is a testimony of our resolve to ensure 'Virasat Bhi Vikas Bhi', Heritage as well as Development," the LG said. The Gurdwara building has

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Anti-Corruption

Bureau (ACB) on Thursday

arrested a revenue official

namely Fayaz Ahmed Shora,

Nazir, of Tehsil Office Khag,

red-handed while demanding

and accepting bribe in

According to a statement

issued here, A complainant

approached PS ACB

Srinagar against a public

servant, Fayaz Ahmad

Shora, Senior Assistant/ In-

Charge Nazir Tehsil Office

Khag, alleging demand of

bribe for listing his case of

property dispute sooner in

the court of Tehsildar con-

cerned. It was alleged that

'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign to pay tribute

to 'veers' who laid down their lives for country

Budgam district.

interiors have been redone with improved diverse facilities to the visitors. The Lt Governor was accompanied by Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor SMC; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary and senior officers of police and UT

the complainant has a dis-

pute with his uncles with

regard to land. The case in

this regard is under trial in

the Court of Executive

Magistrate First Class,

"The complainant alleged

that the accused Nazir had

been delaying the hearings of

case and requested him to

expedite the trial of case, who

however demanded bribe of

Rs. 2000 for listing his case.

The complainant did not

want to pay bribe and

instead approached Anti-

Corruption Bureau (ACB)

Srinagar for taking legal

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action against the

Tehsildar Khag."

ACB arrests revenue official

red-handed for accepting bribe

Lal Chowk's iconic Clock Tower gets facelift



iconic Red Square in

Moscow, will add to the city's

STATE TIMES NEWS

of the Poonch district.

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Is there no

mechanism to abrogate

Article 370 even when the

people of Jammu and

Kashmir want it, the

Supreme Court asked on

Thursday and wondered if

the now repealed provision

can't be touched will it not

amount to creating a "new

category" beyond the basic

structure of the Constitution.

Hearing for the second day

a clutch of petitions challeng-

ing the Centre's 2019 deci-

sion to abrogate Article 370

of the Constitution that

accorded special status to

Jammu and Kashmir, a five-

judge constitution bench

headed by Chief Justice DY

Chandrachud wanted to

know how the provision could

be revoked in the absence of a

The

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hang out options.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Clock Tower, popularly known as Ghanta Ghar, at Srinagar's historic Lal Chowk is getting a major makeover under the Srinagar Smart City Project.

The business community of Lal Chowk claims it has suffered immensely over

Army jawan who went Narco-terrorism case: SIA conducts missing from Kulgam recovered: ADGP STATE TIMES NEWS

Locals feel the refurbished

SRINAGAR: An Army jawan who was reported missing from Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir last week has been recovered. police said on Thursday.

Javaid Ahmad Wani, posted in Ladakh, went missing on Saturday from his native Kulgam district while he was

"Missing Army jawan has been recovered by Kulgam Police. Joint interrogation will start shortly after

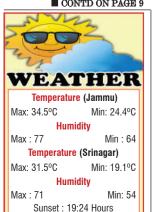
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Over 1,100 Amarnath pilgrims leave Jammu for cave shrine

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The 32nd batch of Amarnath Yatris with over 1,100 pilgrims Thursday left the base camp here for the holy cave shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas amid tight security arrangements, officials said.

Over 4.3 lakh devotees paid obeisance at the 3888-metre high shrine since the

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Sunrise: 05:39 Hours

Abdullahs, Muftis exploited J&K people for decades under garb of Article 370: Chugh their slogan of justice. "The Article 370 has been

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Thursday said that the Supreme Court is the guardian of the rights of individuals and weaker sections of the society who were deprived of their rights before abrogation of Article 370.

People have realized how Abdullahs and Muftis kept them in the dark all these years and played to the tunes of Pakistan ISI to deprive people of development and progress, Chugh

"They are just doing poli-

raids in Rajouri, Poonch

The bench, also comprising

Justices Saniav Kishan

Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR

Gavai and Surya Kant, told

senior advocate Kapil Sibal,

appearing for National



tics. What they mean by including

justice. Did they forget women of J&K were sufferers, while tribal population Paharis, Valmakis, SCs, STs and

Akbar Lone, there are only

two highly debatable issues --

whether Article 370 acquired

a permanent status with the

cessation of the constituent

assembly of Jammu and

Pakistan refugees were deprived of their rights," Chugh said.

He added that they have been misleading the people of Jammu and Kashmir by

detained under PSA

STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: A terrorist associate was detained on Thursday under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) in Kishtwar district,

police said. The detained associate, Abdul Karim Butt, is the brother of hardcore A++terrorist and category Hizbul Mujahideen commander Jahangir Saroori, they said.

Police said Butt was put behind bars in order to safeguard public peace and national security. Kishtwar

Superintendent of Police Khalil Poswal said

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Broadcasting and Department Telecommunications, Apurva Chandra on Thursday said that Meri Maati Mera Desh will be the concluding programme of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav which celebrates 75 years of India's Independence.

Addressing a press conference here, Apurva explained installing Shilaphalakam as tribute to bravehearts, Mitti ka Naman and Veeron ka Vandan are

campaign Meri Maati Mera

the key components of the lighted the role of media in generating awareness about the campaign and taking it to every nook and corner of the country. nationwide

campaign Har Ghar Tiranga organised last year was a roaring success and this year even a more ambitious programme 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' is being rolled out under Azadi ka Amrit

Mahotsav, he added. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, recently announced

The Secretary also high-

Har Ghar Tiranga will also be organised this year but as an important component of Meri Maati Mera Desh, he

the 'Meri Maati Mera ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

J&K stayed with India because of Mahatma Gandhi: Farooq

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Jammu and Kashmir stayed with India because Mahatma Gandhi said it was a country for all. National Conference president Farooq Abdullah said on Thursday as he, joined by several other opposition leaders, demanded early holding of assembly elections in the

At an event held in the national capital on the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, the veteran leader stressed that Article 370 was a temporary article because a plebiscite was supposed to happen in Jammu and Kashmir, which was never

The event was attended by Communist Party of India (Marxist) General Secretary

MLA Yusuf Tarigami, Kargil politician Sajjad Hussain Kargili, DMKKanimozhi, NCP's Supriya Sule, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor and RJD MP Manoj Jha, who endorsed the demand for polls to be held at the earliest.

Abdullah said, tragedy of Jammu and Kashmir is that from the time India got independence and two dominions were created, (Pakistan's founder M A) Jinnah thought Kashmir was in his pocket. He didn't realise it's not....'

"Many say Article 370 was a temporary thing.... You must realise it was so because a plebiscite had to decide which dominion we had to go to," the former

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SIA team carrying out search in a house at Poonch.

when everyone in J&K wants it: SC Kashmir and whether the procedure adopted for its

abrogation was valid. Sibal submitted there was an understanding between the Constitution framers and then Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir Hari Singh who, while in favour of independence of his state, signed the instrument of accession to India due to the trouble caused by Pakistani infiltrators, under which Article 370 was inserted and no process can now be followed to abrogate it.

"The Constitution is a live document and it is not static. Can you say that there is no mechanism to change it (Article 370) even when everyone wants to change it? Then you are saying that this can't be changed even if all of

Kashmir wants it," Justice Kaul told Sibal.

Supplementing the views of Justice Kaul, the CJI asked Sibal, can Parliament, having powers under Article 368 to amend the Constitution, not change or abrogate Article 370.

"You are saying that there is a provision of the Constitution which lies even beyond the amending powers of the Constitution. So, if we accept your submission, we will be creating a new category apart from the basic structure of the Constitution," Justice Chandrachud said.

Article 368 says, Power of Parliament to amend the Constitution and Procedure therefor: Notwithstanding

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Is there no mechanism to abrogate Article 370 even

Union territory.

Sitaram Yechury, former

chief minister of Jammu