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Over 13 lakh drug addicts including children reported in J&K

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Complete dismantling of terror sympathizers, secessionist network allowed society to live with freedom, without fear: LG

Discriminatory system harbouring separatism, nepotism ended on Aug 5, 2019



LG Manoj Sinha speaking after launching new initiatives of Mission Youth at Srinagar on Saturday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said the complete dismantling of terror sympathizers and secessionist network has allowed the society to live with freedom and to live without fear.

"We have laid a new foundation for the growth and prosperity of J&K besides ending

decades of tyranny and terror ecosystem", Sinha said after handing over appointment letters to Anganwadi Sanginis and Sahayikas, and specially fitted 2832 scooty's to persons with disabilities across the UT at a ceremony held at KICC Srinagar, adding that under the leadership of Prime Minister, we

have established a lasting

peace, which has brought social justice, opportunity and dignity to people.

"The unprecedented growth and peace is a testament to the dedication, hard work, meticulous planning and implementation of team J&K. I dedicate these initiatives to the people, who are working with commitment to build Corruption-free, Fear-

and Aatmanirbhar J&K," the Lt Governor said. The new initiatives of Mission Youth will empower youngsters, help them to become leaders of tomorrow and change makers, he

He shared the extraordinary journey of Jammu Kashmir over the past four

added.

"On 5th August 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had ended the discriminatory system which harboured separatism and nepotism. He ushered sustained peace, dignity, security, equal access to resources for new aspirations, new resolutions for J&K's glorious future," the Lt Governor said.

Reiterating the commit- $_{
m the}$ Administration to the service of the common man, the Lt

Supporters of terrorism, separatism are biggest

4 booked under **PSA** in Budgam

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Four people, including an overground worker of a terrorist group, have been booked under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) in Budgam district, police said on Saturday.

They were lodged at the Central Jail in Jammu's Kot-Balwal and the Central Jail in Srinagar after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authority, an official said.

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Kashmir struck by 3 earthquakes in a day

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: An earthquake of magnitude 5.8 on the Richter Scale struck Kashmir Saturday evening, officials said. There were no reports of any damage.

The earthquake that took place at 9.31 pm had its epicentre in the Hindu Kush region of Afghanistan, officials said. The quake hit at the latitude of 36.38 degrees north and longitude of

Three Army personnel martyred in Kulgam encounter

Search operations underway to nab terrorists

Additional

General

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Three Army personnel were martyred in an encounter with terrorists in Kulgam district on Friday,

Security forces launched a cordon and search operation in the higher reaches of the Halan forest area of Kulgam district in south Kashmir following inputs about the presence of terrorists there, a police official said.

He said the search operation turned into an encounter after the terrorists fired at the security forces, who

In the exchange of fire, three security forces personnel were injured, the official said, adding, they succumbed during treatment.

"Operation Halan #Kulgam. On specific inputs regarding presence of terrorists on higher reaches of Halan in Kulgam, operations launched by Security Forces on 04 Aug 23. In exchange of

Terrorist killed in encounter with SFs in Rajouri

RAJOURI: A terrorist was killed in an encounter with security forces in the Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday,

Police (ADGP), Jammu, Mukesh Singh said.

The encounter started during a cordon and search operation by the police and the Army at Gundha-Khawas village in the Budhal area following information about the presence of terrorists there, officials said.

They said a few gunshots were heard from the besieged village and reinforcements were rushed to the scene.

The ADGP said in Jammu that the encounter was going on. "According to feedback from the ground, one terrorist has been killed so far," the officer said.

firing with terrorists, three personnel sustained injuries and later succumbed. Search operations are continuing, Srinagar-based Corps of the Army said in a

The official said reinforce-

ment has been rushed to the area and the search operation has been intensified.

The security forces launched a massive search operation to trace a group of terrorists, officials said.

Namrata, Kundal, Tony resign from AAP; joining Congress at Delhi on Monday

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Three AAP leaders in Jammu, including a Development Council (DDC) member, along with many workers resigned from the party on

DDC member Taranjit Singh Tony, Yash Pal Kundal and the AAP's Jammu women wing president Namrata Sharma wrote separately to Kejriwal informing him about their decision to quit the party.

Sources told STATE TIMES that they are joining the Congress in the national capital on Monday along with several other senior

online milestone towards

corruption free J&K: CS STATE TIMES NEWS

Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, while speaking on the

occasion of 'Corruption Free

J&K Day' appreciated the

role of IT Department in

addressing the challenge and

bringing efficiency in the

functioning of the govern-

ment through 675 online

services, bringing much

needed accountability and

The event was attended on

Saturday by Commissioner

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leaders including former minister Manohar Lal Sharma, Ex MLC Naresh Gupta and Ex MLC Sham Lal Bhagat. Some of them have already left for Delhi by train this evening while the others are likely to fly to Delhi on Sunday.

"There was no policy and no leadership. So I decide to quit the AAP", said Namrata Sharma, an active woman leader in Jammu, adding "we have to do a lot for the welfare of people of J&K especially for the women."

"Eight months have passed but the party office in Jammu has not opened

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enemies of peace and progress: Sinha

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday e-inaugurated several projects of heritage conservation by Srinagar Smart City Limited in an event at Kashmir Art Emporium.

In his address, the Lt Governor appreciated the endeavours of the Srinagar Smart City Limited for conservation and restoration of heritage buildings and improving the quality of life of the residents of the city.

He said the compendium of heritage buildings for conservation, restoration of Shri Kathleshwar temple and 15



LG Manoj Sinha inaugurating various projects under Srinagar Smart City on Saturday. Ghats on river Jhelum in Shehr-e-Khaas will play a pivotal role in transforming urban landscape.

"We must embrace a holistic approach in urban rejuve-

nation. The launch of GIS based survey and Digital Door Numbering, Facade Illumination of 11 heritage

locations will bring positive change in lives of aam aadmi,

give boost to sustainable economic-activity and resilience of Srinagar," the Lt Governor said. At the inaugural ceremony, the Lt Governor

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Maintain extra vigilance, precautions for I-Day celebrations: DGP asks officers armed police force officers

STATE TIMES NEWS

Director SRINAGAR: General of Police (DGP) J&K, Dilbag Singh on Saturday called for extra vigilance and precautions to be maintained forIndependence Day 2023 celebrations at main venues besides at all other places across Jammu and Kashmir.

level meeting to review the preparation and overall security arrangements regarding celebration Independence Day functions across the J&K Union Territory $^{\rm at}$ Headquarters here.

The DGP chaired a high

Senior police and central

attended the meeting. The DGP directed officers

to ensure all the necessary arrangements are in place well in time. Emerging challenges and

their counter measures were threadbare discussed during the meeting. The DGP stressed for

updating and refreshing of different databases regarding the activities of anti national elements including OGWs.

The DGP emphasised on the officers for ensuring implementation of joint mechanisms chalked

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Divisive elements hell bent to disturb peace among communities in J&K: Azad

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Divisive elements are hell-bent on disturbing peace among communities in Jammu and Kashmir. Progressive Democratic Azad Party chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad said on Saturday.

Addressing a public meeting at the Gaglla area of Doda on the first day of his 10-day tour of Chenab valley, Azad said the Union Territory has already suffered during 33 years of militancy that led to the loss of precious lives, collapse of the local economy, and lack of



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing public meeting at the Gaglla area of Doda.

"We cannot afford instability in the region as elements are out there to exploit and vitiate the peaceful atmosphere, thereby the need of the hour is to remain vigilant

and united," the DPAP supremo said without identifying the divisive individuals or groups. The former chief minister said the

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ASI conducts scientific survey of Gyanvapi mosque complex STATE TIMES NEWS

VARANASI: Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) on Saturday examined the central hall of the Gyanvapi mosque on the second day of the scientific survey to determine if the 17th-century mosque was

temple. Five members from the Muslim side were also present during the survey, after having stayed away on

constructed over a pre-exist-

ing structure of a Hindu

Government counsel Rajesh Mishra, who was with the ASI survey team a

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BJP celebrates 4th anniversary of Article 370 abrogation

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR/JAMMU: The BJP on Saturday celebrated the fourth anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370 by holding a public meeting in Srinagar.

The Centre on this day in 2019 had revoked Article 370, which gave special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, and bifurcated it into union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Several leaders and workers of the BJP's Jammu and Kashmir unit, led by general secretary organisation, J&K, Ashok Koul, participated in



J&K BJP General Secretary Organisation, Ashok Koul and others during celebration programme at Srinagar.

the meeting at Jawahar

This programme was held to open the eyes of those leaders who are trying to "provoke" the people in the

After Article 370, PM Modi's vision brought

name of Article 370, party spokesperson Abhijeet Jasrotia told reporters in Srinagar. "These leaders are propagating

BJP has reason to celebrate reinstatement of Rahul Gandhi as MP Mohabbat Ki Dukan owner biggest investment to see through Modi to third term

During this event the Chief Secretary highlighted the role of IT tools in weeding out corruption. He maintained that technology is greatest enabler in ■ CONTD ON PAGE 5

Party has more than one reason to rejoice and celebrate the Supreme Court relief for Rahul Gandhi in one of the defama-

tion cases filed against him, paving way for his reinstatement as the Member of Lok Sabha. The verdict does makes the Gandhi scion politically dwarf for his uncalled for and contemptuous comments, inter-alia, about the attempts of the BJP to capture and control judiciary, thus sending a wrong signal from the foreign soil that Indian judiciary was in crisis. He must be realizing now how impartial and independent the Indian judiciary is. Making unsavory remarks about the judiciary has been a pastime for the Indian pseudo secularists. When decisions go in their favour, the judiciary becomes independent and when against them or their vote back, all ills are traced in the judicial system. The capital punishment to Parliament attack convict Afzal Guru is a case in point. Rahul was one among many sickulars, who took pride in joining the infamous protests in Jawaharlal Nehru University, led by Kanahiya Kumar, now his close aide as a Congress leader, which attained notoriety for raising the slogans like, 'Afzal Hum Sharmanda Hai, Tere Katil Zinda Hai'. Guru was awarded capital punishment by the Supreme Court of India after thorough judicial process. This is how the judicial system was challenged. Post the apex court relief, Rahul and his coterie may not perhaps question the wisdom and sagacity of the country's top court and that too on foreign soil. Caution must be a watch word.

The second and the more important reason for the BJP to be elated is imminent 'leadership tussle' in the rudderless 26 party conglomerate, called I.N.D.I.A. The alliance got a shock, in the midst of euphoric jubilation over what they perceived scoring a political brownie point against the arch rival saffron outfit by naming their amalgam after emotive India, from the comeback of Rahul Gandhi. His arrival means turning turtle the applecart of many aspirants of the prime ministership post, like Mamta Banerjee, Nitish Kumar, Sharad Pawar, Arvind Kejriwal etc. The Supreme Court decision has ironically divided the Congress rank and file itself with its National President Malikarjun Kharge announcing that the Congress was not in the race for prime ministership, an assertion being seen as an attempt to save that the newly formed I.N.D.I. Alliance from going haywire like pack of cards. The dissent to this announcement came from none other **CONTD ON PAGE 5**

new era of peace, prosperity in J&K: Chugh STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: BJP National General Secretary and in-

charge of Jammu and Kashmir Tarun Chugh on Saturday said that four years after the abrogation of Article 370, a new era of peace and prosperity has begun in the Union Territory. Chugh said that Jammu

and Kashmir, which was known as the epicenter of terrorism, has now become the tourism capital, where people from all parts of the country come and boost the economy of the region.

In last one year, maximum number of tourists has defeated. come to Jammu and Kashmir. The international level successful events is witness to the peace and



Kashmir.

Chugh pointed out that the most important achievement since the abrogation of Article 370 four years ago is that incidents of cross-border firing have become negligible, even as the ISI game plan has been

Chugh said that children are no longer talking about bricks and stones, but are looking for computers and

ment of education has been created for the students in schools and colleges, he added. Chugh said that a new era of development has come in

Jammu and Kashmir under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, where all sections of the society are progressing. There is no discrimination with any section of the society, whether it is Gujjar or Bakarwal, he maintained.

Chugh said the economy of the Union Territory has reached a new height and people have started looking for a better life beyond the Abdullahs and Muftis who exploited Jammu and Kashmir for decades to promote family interests.

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