

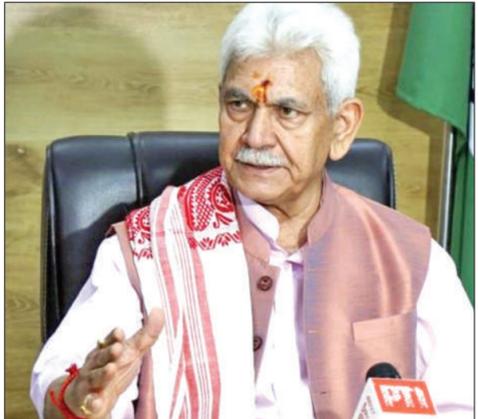
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Hope EC soon declares dates for J&K assembly polls: LG



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday reiterated that the government's stance on assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir has remained "unchanged" since the abrogation of Article 370 and expressed hope that Election Commission will soon declare the polling dates.

He emphasised that the administration is ready to hold elections in the union territory, expressing confidence that they will be "peaceful and fair".

"The full team of the Election Commission came

Pak pushing highly trained foreign terrorists into J&K to destabilize security situation: Sinha

JAMMU: Pakistan has been pushing highly trained foreign terrorists into Jammu and Kashmir to destabilize its security situation, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Sunday, adding that a strategy has been formulated and security forces being redeployed to foil the neighbouring country's nefarious designs.

In an exclusive interview with PTI here, he asserted that there would be a "big change in the situation in the next three months".

The Jammu region, previously known for its peaceful atmosphere, has seen a surge in terror incidents, particularly in the border districts. Attacks on an IAF convoy, a pilgrim bus and the killing of soldiers in Kathua during the last few months highlight the evolving threat.

Pointing to the terror incidents in the Jammu region, Sinha said, "The incidents are sad. We acknowledge them and want to assure the people of Jammu and

the assembly elections in accordance with the wishes of the honourable Supreme Court," Sinha told PTI here in an exclusive interview.

Sinha was responding to a series of questions

Amarnathji Yatra suspended on Baltal Axis following heavy rains

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: There have been heavy rains in Shri Amarnathji Yatra area from both Pahalgam and Baltal axis on Sunday. Maintenance works of urgent nature are required to be carried out on the Baltal Axis of Shri Amarnathji Yatra following this heavy rainfall. "Due to the heavy rains today,

2 criminals arrested in Jammu, country-made pistol seized

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Two alleged criminals were arrested and a country-made pistol was seized from one of them here on Sunday, police said.

Dheeraj Kumar from Jethali in Doda district was intercepted by police at Nagrota while he was en route to Jammu from Udhampur on a motorcycle, when a country-made pistol was recovered from

Anantnag encounter: Anti-terror ops intensify, civilian succumbs

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Security forces on Sunday intensified their operation to flush out terrorists from the forest area of Anantnag district on the second day of encounter that has left two soldiers martyred and a civilian dead.

Officials said additional personnel have been rushed to the Ahlan Gagarmandu forest area to eliminate terrorists -- believed to be three to four in number.

"The operation is going in the upper reaches of Gagarmandu. An intensive search operation is going on... Further details will be shared after the operation is over," Inspector General of Police Kashmir Zone V K Birdi told reporters near the encounter site in Kokernag.

He said three soldiers were injured in the initial exchange of fire on Saturday while two civilians also sustained injuries.

"Two security personnel



attained martyrdom while the third is undergoing treatment and his condition is said to be stable. Out of two civilians who were injured, one has succumbed," Birdi said.

Asked if the two civilians were involved in terrorist activities, Birdi said the presence of the two men close to the site of encounter with terrorists is a matter of investigation and it "is being investigated".

Asked if the group of terrorists involved in the ongoing

Annual Shree Machail Mata Yatra crosses 1 lakh mark on Day 16

STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: The 45 Day long Annual Shree Machail



Mata Yatra 2024 which commenced on 25th July 2024, has seen a remarkable

turnout, with over 1 lakh pilgrims participating in the revered pilgrimage, till date.

This year Yatra has been a resounding success, with devotees expressing immense satisfaction over the comprehensive arrangements.

They have commended and thanked Divisional and District Administration for the introduction of new facilities such as the

related party interest that Hindenburg first levied in its damning report against the Adani group in January 2023, have been "duly investigated by SEBI", the regulator said in a statement.

SEBI said two of the 24 investigations against Adani group were pending when the Supreme Court last passed an order on the issue in January this year. Subsequent to that, one investigation was completed and the one remaining is close to completion.

During the probe, it said, more than 100 summonses were issued and more than

Bridge partially washed away by heavy rains in Poonch; repair work underway



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A bridge connecting Mandi tehsil with the National Highway was partially washed away by heavy rains in Poonch district, forcing authorities to suspend traffic, officials said on Sunday.

The repair work on the damaged portion of the Drungali Nala bridge has begun and every effort will be

NDA eyes majority in RS after bypolls

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The BJP-led NDA is expected to achieve a clear majority in Rajya Sabha after bye-elections for 12 seats scheduled next month, which would help the party get the nod for key legislations such as the Waqf (Amendment) Bill.

In the upper house with the current effective strength of 229, the BJP has 87 MPs and with its allies the number is 105. Six nominated members, who usually cast their vote with the government, take the strength of the NDA to 111, four short of the half-way mark of 115.

The Congress has 26 mem-

Drugs worth Rs 12 lakh, pistol seized from train

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: More than 10 kg of ganja worth over Rs 12 lakh and a pistol were seized from a train here on Sunday, an official said.

The recovery was made during a surprise checking of a Jammu-bound train soon after it arrived at a railway station here, the Government Railway Police official said. He said a case FIR no 09/2024

Man crushed to death by speeding truck

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A man died after being hit by a speeding truck here on Sunday, police said.

The accused driver Gurdeep Singh, from Rajasthan, was arrested within two hours, they said.

Kali Charan died on the spot when he was hit by the truck near his house at Rajeev Chowk near Narwal bypass this morning, a police spokesperson said. He said the accused, who had fled the spot after the incident,

Gunfight in Kishtwar, search ops underway

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: An encounter took place between security forces and terrorists in a remote forest in Kishtwar early on Sunday, officials said.

The officials, however, assured the pilgrims visiting the Machail Mata shrine in the district of adequate security and said there was no need to panic.

The gunfight took place for a brief period when police assisted by the Army and paramilitary forces launched a search operation in Nownata, Naagseni Peyaas and adjoining areas following information about movement of terrorists, officials said.



Reinforcements have been rushed to the area and an operation is underway to hunt down the terrorists who have fled deep into the forest.

The latest encounter comes a day after two army person-

nel -- Havaldar Dipak Kumar Yadav and Lance Naik Praveen Sharma -- and a civilian were killed and five others injured in a fierce gunfight in the woods of Kokernag in south Kashmir's Anantnag dis-

trict. The officials said the latest encounter in Kishtwar had no impact on the annual Machail Mata yatra in the Paddar area.

"In the morning a search operation was launched at Peyaas in Naagseni. As a precautionary measure, traffic and movement of pilgrims were stopped. After a brief pause, both the pilgrimage and traffic movement resumed smoothly. There is no need for panic," an official said. He said the district administration has urged all pilgrims to continue their journey with confidence as all necessary security measures have been put in place to ensure their safety.

J&K Police, BSF focusing on co-ordination with VDGs to check infiltration along IB

STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBA/JAMMU: Village Defence Guards (VDGs) will be equipped with weapons and night vision devices, and "rewarded suitably" to shore up the anti-infiltration grid along the International Border (IB) by creating "a new level of difficulty for the enemy", Jammu and Kashmir DGP R R Swain said on Sunday.

He said that standard operating procedures will be laid for the smooth functioning of the village defence guards (VDGs) in close coordination with the BSF and the police. The DGP was speaking



after he along with senior police and BSF officers met VDGs as part of efforts to shore up the counter-infiltration mechanism.

"The aim of the meeting was to establish a close rapport with the VDGs to fur-

ther strengthen the anti-infiltration grid. Without people's support, optimum results cannot be achieved in normal policing and law enforcement and likewise, the assistance of VDG would play a key role in countering infiltration," the J-K police chief told reporters after the meeting.

He said the border residents have a history of working with security forces and police to safeguard the country from cross-border threats. "The youth of the border villages are with us and we will create a

In dynamic higher education environment, capacity building of faculty members essential: LG Sinha



LG Manoj Sinha addressing gathering after inaugurating new building of Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre at Jammu University on Sunday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said that capacity building of faculty members is essential in the dynamic

environment of higher education. "The leadership skills, continuous professional development will be the key for holistic and multidisciplinary education integrated with Indian knowledge systems," the Lt Governor said after inaugurating the new building of Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC),

11 Bangladeshi nationals held while infiltrating into India: BSF

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Eleven Bangladeshi nationals have been apprehended while trying to infiltrate into India through international border in West Bengal, Tripura and Meghalaya, the Border Security Force (BSF) said on Sunday.

They are being questioned and will be handed over to state police for further legal action, a spokesperson said.

He said the BSF was in regular touch with its counterpart BGB to sort out mutual issues, especially the prevention of atrocities on Indian nationals and

SEBI says all but one probe against Adani complete, chief calls Hindenburg allegations baseless

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: SEBI on Sunday said it has completed all but one investigation into allegations against the Adani group as it responded to US short-seller Hindenburg Research's charge of going slow on the probe, potentially because its chairperson was invested in funds at the heart of the probe - an allegation market regulator head said was "baseless" and an attempted "character assassination".

The allegations ranging from using offshore investment funds to inflate stock price and non-disclosure of

300 documents containing around 12,000 pages have been examined.

"Pursuant to the completion of investigations, SEBI initiates enforcement proceedings which are quasi-judicial in nature involving notices and hearings before orders are passed, which are made public, the regulator said without disclosing the content of its investigation against Adani.

SEBI said as a matter of policy it refrains from commenting on any investigation/ongoing enforcement matter.

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at University of Jammu. In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the Jammu University's administration, teachers and everyone associated with the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme.

He said the facility will enhance the capacity and

training of teachers and provide help in developing innovative teaching methods with an aim to realise the goals of National Education Policy.

He said the Teacher Training Centres under Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 30.2°C Min: 23.1°C

Humidity
Max: 96 Min: 71

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 26.8°C Min: 22.2°C

Humidity
Max: 84 Min: 79

Sunset : 19:20 Hours
Sunrise : 05:51 Hours