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Govt’s new initiatives will develop J&K as global film production hub: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said the new interventions taken by the government will have a strong multiplier effect and play a pivotal role in developing Jammu and Kashmir as a global film production hub.

"Single Window portal will ensure efficient handling of intricate formalities and seamless release of subsidies", the Lieutenant Governor said while inaugurating the J&K Film Conclave, organised by Department of Information & Public Relations, at Srinagar.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor unveiled J&K Film Policy 2024 and launched a slew of initiatives including Single Window portal for Film Shooting Permissions and Subsidies, J&K Film Screening Series and Frames of Transformation

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LG Manoj Sinha speaking at the inauguration of J&K Film Conclave at Srinagar on Thursday.

- ▶ **LG inaugurates J&K Film Conclave, unveils J&K Film Policy 2024, launches Single Window portal for Film Shooting Permissions and Subsidies, also launches J&K Film Screening Series as part of systemic and effective reforms to tap into vibrant and youthful movie-making culture**
- ▶ **J&K Film Policy 2024 will attract, support and facilitate regional, national, international film production in UT**
- ▶ **This film-friendly, pragmatic policy will ensure that heaven on earth is truly a heaven for filmmakers**
- ▶ **Single Window portal to ensure efficient handling of intricate formalities, seamless release of subsidies**
- ▶ **We will provide high-impact infrastructure, support in sourcing locations and a large pool of professionals, financial incentives to make filming more attractive in J&K**
- ▶ **J&K Film Screening Series to provide space for emerging creators and film enthusiasts to exchange ideas on film aesthetics and strengthen Cine-club culture**
- ▶ **J&K and Cinema is symbol of oneness and cannot be seen separately. They are a perfect match**
- ▶ **In past five years, there has been effort to reconnect J&K with culture of cinema and theatre**
- ▶ **Felicitates winners of Naya Jammu Kashmir Short Film Making Competition, launches Frames of transformation photography competition**

ACB arrests Patwari for accepting bribe of Rs 5000

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: J&K Anti Corrupting Bureau (ACB) on Thursday arrested Mohammad Ayoub Hajam, Patwari, Halqa Fatehpura in Anantnag for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 5000 for issuing certified copy of online mutation in respect of land.

According to a statement, the ACB received a complaint about Mohammad Ayoub Hajam, Patwari, Halqa Fatehpura demanding Rs 9000 as bribe for issuing certified copy of online mutation in respect of land which the wife of complainant had purchased in

February this year. However after negotiation the amount was settled as Rs 5000.

The complainant chose not to pay bribe and instead approached Anti Corruption Bureau for taking legal action against the accused Patwari, as provided under law.

On receipt of the complaint, a discreet verification was conducted which confirmed the demand by the Patwari and accordingly Case FIR No. 04/2024 u/s 7 of P/C Act 1988 was registered in PS ACB Anantnag and investigation taken up.

During the course of

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Terrorist hideout unearthed in Rajouri; arms, explosives seized


■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI/JAMMU: The security forces have seized a consignment of arms and explosives after busting a cave-type terrorist hideout in a forest area of Rajouri district, officials said on Thursday.

The hideout was unearthed during an ongoing joint cordon and search operation by the police, Rashtriya Rifles, BSF and CRPF personnel at Gulabgarh in the Dharamsal area of Kalakote, they said.

The search operation was launched late Wednesday night following information about suspicious movement.

An AK assault rifle, two magazines, a pistol with two magazines, three hand grenades, three explosive packets and nearly 100 rounds of assorted ammunition besides some eatables, a rucksack and a couple of cigarettes packets were seized from the hideout, the officials said.



WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 29.0°C Min: 24.1°C

Humidity
Max: 96 Min: 88

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 27.8°C Min: 23.2°C

Humidity
Max: 74 Min: 68

Sunset : 19:29 Hours
Sunrise : 05:44 Hours

PM’s vision has enthused BJP in J&K BJP ready for big win in coming Assembly elections: Chugh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Thursday said that there is a new wave of enthusiasm and optimism among the BJP workers in Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement, he said the BJP is geared up for the upcoming Assembly elections and would surely register an overwhelming victory.

After conducting the party meetings at more than two dozen places in J&K recently, Chugh said the development and prosperity brought about with the vision and

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) hosted a vibrant and engaging first ever Jammu and Kashmir Film Conclave at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Center (SKICC) situated at the banks of world famous Dal Lake.

During the inaugural session, the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha unveiled the J&K Film Policy 2024 and launched a slew of initiatives including Single



guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is showing up in the smiles of the people.

"The divisive and negative politics played by the Abdullahs and Muftis has completely disillusioned the people and now they are looking for a new hope in BJP", he added.



Director Information, Jatin Kishore speaking about the J&K Film Policy 2024 at Srinagar.

Window portal for Film Shooting Permissions and Subsidies, J&K Film Screening Series and Frames of Transformation

Man found dead, two houses damaged as heavy rain lashes Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The body of a 60-year-old man was pulled out from a river while two homes and a portion of a road were damaged here as heavy rain lashed large parts of the Jammu region on Thursday, officials said.

Though the rainfall provided relief from the hot and humid conditions, the downpour triggered landslides at several places on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway and disrupted traffic, besides submerging low-lying areas, the officials said.

A State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud held by a 6:1 majority that the further sub-classification of SCs and STs by states can be permitted to ensure grant of

Over 1,200 pilgrims leave from Jammu for Amarnathji Yatra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A fresh batch of over 1,200 pilgrims on Thursday early morning left from the Jammu base camp for the Amarnath cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas amid tight security, officials said.

According to the officials, this batch had the lowest number of devotees leaving Bhagwati Nagar base

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Major bridges in Srinagar being fenced to prevent suicide attempts

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In order to prevent attempts to die by suicide, authorities in Srinagar district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday started fencing work on the sides of major bridges in the city.

The move comes after several persons made attempts to die by suicide by jumping into river Jhelum from the bridges in the city.

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We support development, not expansionism: Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India and Vietnam on Thursday adopted an action plan to expand their strategic ties with Prime Minister Narendra Modi vowing to work jointly for a rules-based Indo-Pacific and asserting that New Delhi supports development and "not expansionism" in remarks that came amid concerns over China's military posturing in the region.

The two sides signed six memorandums of understanding (MoUs) and finalised three other documents to broadbase cooperation in a range of areas following wide-ranging talks between Modi and Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh.

It was also decided that India will provide USD 300 million credit line to Vietnam primarily to strengthen the Southeast Asian nation's maritime security.

An agreement was sealed



PM Modi and Vietnam PM Pham Minh Chinh during joint press statement in New Delhi on Thursday.

between the central banks of the two countries for rolling out digital payment connectivity.

Chinh arrived in Delhi on Tuesday night on a three-day visit that is aimed at further expanding the comprehensive strategic ties between the two countries.

"In our Act East policy and our Indo-Pacific vision, Vietnam is our important partner... We support development, not expansionism (Hum vistarbad nahi, vikas

vad ka samarthan karte hei)," Modi said in Hindi in his media statement.

"We will continue our cooperation for a free, open, rules-based and prosperous Indo-Pacific," he said.

Modi said that both sides decided that cooperation will be strengthened to deal with terrorism and cyber security issues.

"We believe that 'Developed India 2047' and Vietnam's 'Vision 2045' have

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CS reviews developmental works of JDA, SDA

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Thursday held a meeting of Housing & Urban Development Department (H&UDD) to take appraisal of the development works undertaken by the Development Authorities established for Srinagar and Jammu.

Besides the Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD those present in the meeting includes Vice Chairperson, SDA and JDA; VC, LCMA; MD, Housing Board; Director, Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir and Jammu besides other con-

cerned officers.

The Chief Secretary took this occasion to have a broad overview of the development projects undertaken by these authorities in the twin cities of Srinagar and Jammu.

He took note of the housing and commercial projects developed by them or those in pipeline. He also enquired about the progress achieved in different ongoing projects.

Dulloo impressed upon the concerned to create housing infrastructure that is affordable to different sections of the society. He also advised them to create revenue generating assets that

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BSF foils infiltration bid along IB in Samba, intruder shot dead

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA/JAMMU: A Pakistani intruder was gunned down by BSF troops along the International Border in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir, a senior officer said on Thursday.

The officer asserted that anyone stepping his foot on Indian soil with "heinous design" will meet the same fate.

The 45-year-old unarmed intruder was neutralised near the Khora post in Manguchek area after he sneaked into this side from Pakistan post Tugliyalpur late Wednesday night, offi-

cials said.

"At around 10.15 pm, forward duty points (of Border Security Force) observed movement of one human being crossing the International Border from Pakistan. His movement was kept under observation and was challenged when he entered into this side," Inspector General of BSF, Jammu frontier, D K Boora told reporters near the scene of the incident.

Boora along with other senior BSF and Police officers visited the area this morning despite heavy rains and reviewed the security situa-

tion.

"The intruder tried to flee and was fired upon by the alert personnel and neutralised. The search of the area is still going on," the IG BSF said.

He said it seems the intruder was deliberately sent to probe the possible gap to be utilised later to push armed terrorists.

"This operation is an achievement and a lesson that anyone trying to step his foot on Indian soil with nefarious design will meet the same fate as that of the intruder," Boora said.

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States empowered to make sub-classification in SCs, STs for quotas inside reserved category: SC



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: In a majority verdict, the Supreme Court on Thursday said that states are empowered to make sub-classifica-

tions of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for granting quotas inside the reserved category to uplift more underprivileged castes.

A seven-judge constitution bench

HIGHLIGHTS

NEW DELHI: Following are highlights of the Supreme Court's verdict on Thursday that said states were empowered to make sub-classifications of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for granting quotas inside reserved category to uplift more underprivileged castes:

- ▶ SC, by majority of 6:1, holds further sub-classification of Scheduled Castes by states can be permitted
- ▶ SC overrules 2004 judgment of five-judge bench in EV Chinnaiah case
- ▶ SC says Article 14 permits sub-classification of class which is not similarly situated
- ▶ SC says historical and empirical evidence demonstrates that Scheduled Castes are a socially heterogeneous class
- ▶ SC says states must collect data on inadequacy of representation
- ▶ SC bats for exclusion of creamy layer even from Scheduled Castes
- ▶ Dissenting judge says states cannot vary Presidential List and tinker with Article 341 to provide reservation.

headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud held by a 6:1 majority that the further sub-classification of SCs and STs by states can be permitted to ensure grant of

quota to more backward castes inside these groups.

The bench delivered six separate judgments. The majority verdict said the basis

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Backwardness within SCs roadblock to substantive equality: CJI

NEW DELHI: The backwardness within the Scheduled Castes (SC) is a roadblock to achieving "substantive equality"

and sub-classification is one of the means to realise it, the Supreme Court said on Thursday. The remarks were made by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud in his 140-page majority judgement by which the Supreme Court held that states are constitutionally empowered to make sub-classifications within the SCs for granting quota inside the quota as they form a socially heterogeneous class.

The CJI summarised the principles that underpin the objective and yardstick for identifying a beneficiary class under Articles 15(4) and 16(4) of the Constitution.

"The object of the special provisions in Articles 15(4) and 16(4) is to provide substantive equality to the beneficiary class. Inter-se backwardness within the class is a roadblock to achieving substantive equality. Sub-classification is one of the means to achieve substantive equality," Justice Chandrachud said. Sub-article 15(4) stipulates that nothing shall prevent the State from making any special

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