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Tiranga my Dharma, Tiranga my strength, Tiranga my heartbeat: LG



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha during Tiranga Yatra at Dal Lake in Srinagar on Tuesday.

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday flagged-off the Tiranga Yatra from Dal Lake in Srinagar and joined the walkathon from Dal Lake to Botanical Garden.

"Tiranga is my Dharma. Tiranga is my strength. Tiranga is my heartbeat," said the Lieutenant Governor.

He also observed that it would be a blessing to be born again to serve the country.

"For the sake of duty, may we again and again take birth on this holy land. Bharat Mata Ki Jai," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He paid tributes to the forefathers and brave hearts who laid down their lives to keep the tricolour flying high

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our successes.

We must also resolve to build the edifice of modern and prosperous J&K on the foundation of sacrifices of our soldiers of Army, CAPFs and Police," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He said under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Jammu Kashmir has entered a new era of inclusive development.

"With renewed self-confidence and faith, the people of J&K are writing their own destiny. The unfulfilled dreams of generations are finally being realized.

With love for the Maa Bharti in their hearts, the people of Jammu Kashmir are marching ahead. This patriotic spirit is our greatest strength, which is paving the way for a peaceful and pros-

perous future of J&K and the nation," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor expressed gratitude to the people of Jammu Kashmir; Youth, Nari Shakti, Public Representatives, Culture Department, Education Department, J&K Police and Security Forces, Educational institutions, NCC Cadets and all stakeholders for their historic participation and contribution to Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan.

"The skies of Jammu and Kashmir are shining with the tricolor. From the banks of the Jhelum to the Chenab and from the peaks of Pir Panjal to Harmukh, the echo of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" can be heard everywhere. A new generation is rising, dedicated to the honour and glory of the tricolor. They have one resolve- to live and die for Maa Bharti," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He said the "Weaves & Threads Activity" across schools, colleges, streets, and neighbourhoods in Jammu Kashmir, has ignited a new sense of purpose and resolve.

Events like Tiranga Mela, Tiranga Concerts, and Tiranga Bike Rallies organised across the UT in the last few days have also been a powerful medium to share the saga of our freedom fighters and spread the mes-

Omar urges citizens to uphold dignity of National Flag

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday urged the people to preserve and uphold the honour of the National Flag, calling it a living symbol of India's identity, pride and the sacrifices of countless patriots.

He was addressing a gathering at the Tiranga Rally concluded at the Nehru Memorial Botanical Garden, Chashma-i-Shahi, Srinagar.

Reflecting on the past, the Chief Minister recalled that there was a time when the national flag was only permitted to fly over government buildings, barred from being displayed in homes, workplaces, or private spaces. "This was the reality we lived in - the flag belonged to the nation, yet it was absent from our personal lives," he said.

Highlighting the role of a single determined citizen who approached the courts and secured the right for every Indian to hoist the Tiranga at their homes, the Chief Minister said this change was proof that "even one individual, driven by the right intentions, can bring about lasting change."

He paid rich tribute to those who laid down their lives for the honour of the national flag, stating, "They gave up their present for the nation's future, stood alone if necessary, and believed their single act of courage could defend the dignity of our Tiranga."

Undersecoring the need for the flag to remain a constant symbol of pride, not just during official functions, Omar Abdullah called on citizens to "raise it higher - both physically and in the respect we give it - inspired by the sacrifices of those who came before us."

Earlier in the day, the Chief Minister, along with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, led a vibrant Tiranga Rally from the picturesque lawns of the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC). Ministers Sakina Itoo, Javed Rana, and Javed Dar were also present, alongside senior civil and police officers.

The rally saw enthusiastic participation from people across all walks of life, including youth, students, and community members.

sage of peace and national unity, the Lieutenant Governor further said.

The Lieutenant Governor appealed to all the sections of the society, especially the Youth of Jammu Kashmir to participate enthusiastically in the 3rd Phase of Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan starting

from 13th August.

"Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan is a campaign of the dreams and aspirations of every youth. It is a symbol of self-reliant Jammu and Kashmir which is now charting a clear and resolute path toward the future. This campaign is a pledge to make

Jammu Kashmir the best in every field. The tricolour will fly high on the Government Buildings and all the houses across Jammu Kashmir. This is a campaign to celebrate our ideals and our unity," the Lieutenant Governor said.

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ACB registers 8 FIRs against Revenue officers, land grabbers, beneficiaries

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday unearthed one of the major land scams in Jammu and Kashmir, wherein Custodian land in Asarwan, Mishriwala and Bhalwal area of Jammu district have been found usurped by the land mafia in connivance with Form Alf Holders and the officers/officials of the Custodian/Revenue Department.

"Inputs were received that

Ex-Sr. Asst chargesheeted in trap case

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday produced a chargesheet against Fayaz-ud-din Shora, the then Naazir (Sr. Assistant), Tehsil Office Khag, Budgam in a trap case.

"ACB produced Chargesheet in case FIR No. 14/2023 registered

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Custodian land in thousands of Kanai situated at Asarwan, Mishriwala and Bhalwal Jammu, has been fraudulently grabbed by the land grabbers/gangsters in connivance with the Revenue and police officers/officials," an ACB official said adding that the revenue records have been tempered and land has been sold to various persons.

On the basis of the inputs received by ACB, the official said, a verification was

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SIA conducts raids at 8 locations across Srinagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The State Investigation Agency (SIA) has launched exhaustive searches at eight locations in District Srinagar as part of its ongoing investigation into a case FIR No. 56/1990, registered at Police Station Nigeen, Srinagar now being investigated by SIA Kashmir.

"The case pertains to the killing of a Kashmiri Pandit Sarla Bhat, a nurse at SKIMS Soura, who was brutally killed by terrorists

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Court orders FIR, SIT in Udhampur 'Narcotics Scam'

Slams police for six-month delay; Over 2,300 tablets allegedly sold illegally

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a major development, the Principal Sessions Judge (Special Judge under NDPS Act) Udhampur, Virinder Singh Bhou, has ordered the registration of an FIR and constitution of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe what he termed a "serious case" of illegal sale of narcotic and psychotropic drugs from a private neuro-psychiatric clinic in Udhampur.

The order follows a complaint by Lt. Col. (Dr.) Charanpreet Singh (Retd.),

former Head of Psychiatry at Military Hospital, Kirkee, through his counsel Advocate Aseem Kumar Sawhney, alleging that the proprietor Shiva Sharma and pharmacist Babir Hussain of M/s Jeevanjyoti Neuro Psychiatric Centre continued dispensing Schedule III drugs under the NDPS Act even after he resigned as "Person Incharge" in January 2025.

Despite the Chief Medical Officer's directive to halt operations until a new doctor joined, the accused allegedly sold over 2,300 tablets ille-

gally, misusing the complainant's name, forging records, and even removing drug stock sealed by the authorities.

A multi-department inspection team on January 23, 2025-comprising the Additional SP, District TB Officer, and Drugs Control Officer-found glaring violations, but police failed to register an FIR, opting instead for a "preliminary inquiry" that dragged on for six months.

Slamming the delay as "extraneous" and "illegal,"

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SIA action in Sarla Bhat Murder Case proof of Modi Govt's unwavering commitment to justice: Chugh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/SRINAGAR: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Tuesday said that the latest action by the State Investigation Agency (SIA) in the brutal murder case of Kashmiri Pandit Nurse Sarla Bhat is proof of the unshakable commitment of the Narendra Modi led central government to justice and accountability.

In a statement, Chugh said that in 1990 the forced exodus of over 1,60,000 Kashmiri Pandits was the direct responsibility of the then Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah and the then Union Minister Mufti



Mohammad Sayeed. It was a dark period when a climate of terror was created in the Valley and innocent lives were taken, he said, adding that today the same dynastic and family driven parties, the National Conference, PDP and Congress are leaving no stone unturned to spread dis-

comfort and chaos in Jammu and Kashmir once again.

Chugh said, "This is new India, the India of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Today there is no stone pelted, no curfew in the Valley. This action is a clear and strong message to those forces that created an atmosphere of terror and fear that no one will be spared now."

He affirmed that Prime Minister Modi is determined to ensure the safety, dignity and justice for the Kashmiri Pandit community. The guilty will be punished and the victims will get justice, this is the new India, he asserted.

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Humidity

Max: 77 Min: 40

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