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LG Manoj Sinha addressing Viksit Bharat-Yuva Connect Programme's valedictory event at University of Jammu.

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday addressed the Viksit Bharat-Yuva Connect Programme's valedictory event at University of Jammu.

Aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, Yuva Connect Programme leverages My Bharat platform to promote dialogue, empowerment and active participation of youth and bridges the gap between young citizens and policy-

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor called upon the young minds to harness the potential of knowledge and contribute towards social transformation and economic

growth of the nation.

"The 21st century is India's century. It is written in stone. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is moving forward to regain its position as a world leader and our young generation will make the greatest contribution in this jour-

Our prime objective is to empower youth to become informed and actionoriented citizens and drive J&K's growth and development. The innovative ideas of youth, their dreams, aspirations and their inclination for change will play a crucial role in societal transformation," the Lieutenant Governor said.

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of Amod Nagpure Ashok,

Lieutenant Governor has

said, "Shocked and heartbro-

ken by the tragic news of the

passing of the daughter of

My deepest condolences to

the grieving family. May the

Almighty give them courage

and strength to bear this

irreparable loss. I pray for

peace to the departed soul.

Minister for Agriculture

Production Department,

Department and Panchayati

Udhampur Amod

In a message,

SSP Udhampur.

Nagpure Ashok.

Om Shanti.

Rural

the youth to understand the needs of the society, dedicate themselves to fulfill it and be prepared to sacrifice everything for the goal of Viksit

"The human mind is the greatest miracle and the most powerful force in this universe and our youth can utilise this strength to achieve the goal of building Viksit Bharat.

To create Viksit Bharat, you will have to try to live your endeavour to its fullest. You have to chart the path of the future. Along with modern inventions, you have to keep alive the thirst to achieve new dimensions of consciousness." the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

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# Modi, Amit Shah meet President Murmu within hours



### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday called on President Droupadi Murmu separately within hours at the Rashtrapati Bhavan here.

It was not known the reasons behind the subsequent meetings of the prime minister and the home minister with the President.

There have been no words either from the Prime Minister's Office or the Home Minister's Office

about the meetings other than two posts on 'X' from the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Minister "Prime @narendramodi called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan," the Rashtrapati Bhavan said on

Hours later, Rashtrapati Bhavan again wrote on 'X', "Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan.'

This was the first meeting

of the prime minister with the President after his recent visit to the United Kingdom and the Maldives.

The meetings came against the backdrop of the logjam in Parliament over Opposition's demand for a discussion on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise in Bihar ahead of the assembly elections in the state. Except discussions in both Houses on Operation Sindoor, Parliament has seen little business ever since the Monsoon session began

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# SSP Udhampur's daughter passes away, LG conveys condolences

### STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: In a heartbreaking development, the young daughter of IPS officer Amod Ashok Nagpure, who serves as the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Udhampur, has passed away. The loss has left the family and well-wishers in deep shock.

Condolences have poured in from officials, colleagues, and the public, offering prayers for strength to the bereaved family and peace to the departed soul.

Lieutenant Governor xpressed his Manoi Sinha heartfelt condolences on the untimely demise of daughter

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retired

Administrative

ing a brief illness.

SRINAGAR: G A Peer, a

(IAS) officer and former

Commissioner Secretary to

the Government of Jammu

and Kashmir, passed away in

Srinagar on Sunday follow-

A native of Seer Hamdan

in Anantnag district, Peer's

demise has left a void in the

administrative and civil society circles of the region.

STATE TIMES condoles

the demise of G A Peer, an

officer of integrity and devo-

tion. He worked selflessly for

WEATHER

Sunset: 19:28 Hours

Sunrise: 05:46 Hours

Max: 33.9°C

Max: 31.4°C

Max : 82

Max: 74

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Min: 58

the needy and served

Service

# Anti-terror ops in Kulgam enter third day **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: The anti-terrorist operation in Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir entered the third day on Sunday as security forces tightened the noose around the ultras engaged in the gun battle with them. "The encounter has entered third day

Bharat.

as intermittent exchange of firing has been going on since Sunday morning, an official said.

He said the security forces were using all means, including drones, to track down the terrorists.

Two terrorists have been killed in the encounter which began on Friday after security forces launched a cordon and search operation in a forest area at Akhal in the south Kashmir district, following specific intelligence inputs about the presence of terrorists there.



evening, the operation was halted for the night, the officials said.

additional reinforcements were rushed to the area. Firing resumed on Saturday

were killed, the officials said. The identity and group affiliation of

tained, they added, noting that the operation is still underway.

# 10th Century Shivling unearthed, preserved in SPS Museum for public viewing

# STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Department of Archives. Archaeology & Museums is delighted to announce the discovery of an ancient Shivling, expertly carved from stone, measuring 137 cm in length and 160 cm in width.

Dating back to approximately the 10th Century AD, this remarkable artifact was recovered from the Jhelum River near the Army camp at Khanpora, Baramulla, during sand extraction by the local laborers.

significant light on the region's rich cul-

legacy. The Shivling has been carefully preserved and will be showcased for the public to appreciate its historical significance.

After its discovery, the ancient Shivling was taken into custody by the Indian Medium Army's Regiment in Baramulla.

Recognizing its historical significance, the Army handed it over to the Department of Archives, Archaeology & Museums. The Shivling was then carefully transported and housed at the SPS Museum in Srinagar, where it will be preserved and show cased for public viewing.

### **Former Com Secy GA** Bank Manager, former cop among 9 booked Peer passes away in separate cases for duping people

# STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The crime branch of Jammu and Kashmir Police has booked nine people, including a bank manager and a former policeman, in five separate cases related to duping people, an official said on Sunday.

He said these individuals have defrauded people of a cumulative amount of around Rs 3 crore, on various pretexts such as arranging MBBS seats or government jobs for them.

In one case, an FIR was registered against a State Bank of India branch manager, Javaid Ashraf Bhatti, after two people complained that he took more than Rs 1.78 crore from them by pretending to sell them a petrol pump. The petrol pump located at Kalakote area of Rajouri district was owned by someone else, the crime branch official said.

In the second case, a former selection-grade constable of Jammu and Kashmir Police, Paramieet Singh, was booked after three people complained that he duped them of Rs 72.93 lakh on the pretext of selling a residento them. In this case too, these properties, located at different places in Jammu, did not belong to him.

Fayaz Ahmad Rather alias Raja, proprietor of a consultancy and a notorious fraudster, was booked on a complaint from Anil Gupta who was promised MBBS admission for his son at a private medical college in Jammu, the official said.

In another case, Sahil Bhagat of Punjab had taken Rs 36.89 lakh from seven complainants hailing from Bishnah in Jammu

### 2 killed as SUV falls into gorge

# STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Two people lost their lives and three others sustained critical injuries when the SUV they were travelling in skidded off the road and fell into a gorge in the Kathua district early Sunday, police said.

All five passengers were members of a community kitchen service for the Amarnath Yatra from Punjab. They were en route to the campsite at Chanderkote along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway when the accident occurred near Kainta Morh on the Kathua-Basohli

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# CBI nabs Customs officer for taking Rs 10 lakh bribe in Mumbai

# **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The CBI has arrested a customs superintendent posted at Sahar airport in Mumbai, for allegedly taking a Rs 10.20 lakh bribe from an agent, an official said Sunday.

The central probe agency booked Krishan Kumar for allegedly demanding a bribe at the rate of Rs 10 per kg for facilitating clearance of imported consignments from a customs house agent, a CBI spokesperson said. It was also alleged that

al and historical identity,"

the Lieutenant Governor

threatened the agent when he refused to pay the bribe, and deliberately withheld consign-

The CBI conducted a verification of the allegations between July 25 and August 1 in the presence of independent witnesses. and corroborated the demand for a bribe from covertly recorded conversations and other evidence.

ments.

"The accused was found to have demanded Rs 6 lakhs (Rs 5,80,000 for his senior officers: Rs 20,000 as his share for himself)

against previously cleared consignments; 10,00,000 for facilitating release of a currently held consignment; and Rs 10 per kg for smooth clearance of future consignments," the spokesperson said.

The agency laid a trap and caught Kumar redhanded taking Rs 10.20 lakh bribe on Saturday, she said.

He was produced before the Special Court in Mumbai, which granted the CBI his remand till August 6.

# Senior army officer assaults 4 airline staffers at Srinagar airport; FIR filed

Police have registered a case against a senior army officer for allegedly assaulting and injuring four employees of a private airline at Srinagar International Airport last week, causing a spinal fracture to one of them, officials

A case under Section 115

of voluntarily causing hurt to another person. Lt Colonel Singh, who is

currently posted at the Army's High Altitude Warfare School (HAWS) at Gulmarg in Baramulla district, was to board a SpiceJet flight to Delhi when the incident took place.

Asked about the incident, Army officials said they are awaiting the conclusion of the pending investigation and the Army is fully committed to maintaining discipline and mutual respect in all civil spaces across the country.

camera and a video which has gone viral on

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# tial house and a plot of land NHPC inks MoU with RRC (M) Office for dev of Bhadrakali Temple Thalwal, Jammu as CHC Determined to preserve heritage; strengthen cultural, historical identity: Sinha

JAMMU: National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) through its Regional Office Jammu, and Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (M) Office, J&K on Sunday signed a Memorandum of Understanding Development of Bhadrakali Cultural Temple as Heritage Centre (CHC) at

Village Thalwal, Jammu. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha presided over the MoU signing ceremony at Raj Bhawan. He lauded the initiative of NHPC under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) pro-



Office, J&K signing MoU in Jammu in presence of LG Manoj Sinha on Sunday.

Bhadrakali Temple, nestled on the banks of the Nikki Tawi river in Thalwal, Jammu, is a revered shrine holding profound significance, particularly for the

Kashmiri Pandit community. It stands as a powerful symbol of their enduring faith and the preservation of their cultural heritage. The temple is regarded as a new home for the deity, mirror-

Bhadrakali temple in Wadipora, Handwara, Kashmir.

"We are determined to preserve our heritage and strengthen cultural, spiritu-

said. The works to be executed under the project costing Rs 6.60 er include Development of Ghats, Construction of Parking, Construction of Yagya Shala, Construction of protection wall and Compound wall, Finishing of existing building and providing of Ramesh Kumar, Divisional

Commissioner Jammu; Dr. Arvind Karwani, Relief and Rehabilitation Jammu: Commissioner. Pankaj Vashistha, General Manager (Civil) and other senior officials of NHPC were present.

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said here on Sunday.

of BNS has been registered against Lieutenant Colonel R K Singh for assaulting employees of SpiceJet airline following a disagreement over payment of extra baggage charges by the army officer on July 26, they said. Section 115 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) deals with the offence

The incident was caught on