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Hands over appointment letters to 158 NoKs of terror victims in Srinagar Terrorist elements sitting in Govt system being cleaned out: LG



LG Manoj Sinha speaking during a programme at Srinagar on Tuesday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday handed over the appointment letters to 158 Next of Kins (NoKs) of Kashmiri Civilians killed by Pakistan-backed terrorists. The families of terror victims narrated their traumatic experiences. They exposed the injustice perpetrated by Pakistan-sponsored

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► For more than three decades, the terror state Pakistan is shedding innocent blood through its proxy terrorist outfits. Time did not erase the pain of loss. Invisible scars on their soul can be felt and the mute eyes are witness to many unfulfilled dreams

► I assure family members of civilian martyrs that I will not rest until every family that has been a victim of the terrorists' atrocities gets justice

► Because of Article 370, terrorism increased and the terror ecosystem was emboldened. On 5 August 2019, dismantling of terror ecosystem had begun



A Symbol of Justice and Compassion in Srinagar

In a deeply emotional and historic moment in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha handed over appointment letters for government jobs to 158 family members of victims affected by terrorism. This gesture not only brought solace to the grieving families but also sent a powerful message of hope and healing to society at large. During the ceremony, a wave of emotions was clearly visible on the faces of the families — some had tears in their eyes, while others expressed their gratitude by embracing the Lieutenant Governor. This was more than just a job appointment; it became a symbol of respect, recognition, and justice. Lieutenant Governor Sinha stated, "This step is not only a move towards justice but also an attempt to heal the wounds that terrorism has been inflicting

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NIA Court frames charges against Jel Operatives, Trust in Fund-Raising Case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Special Judge NIA J&K Sandeep Gandotra framed charges against three individuals and one trust for allegedly raising and utilising funds to further the activities of the proscribed organisation Jamaat-e-Islami, Jammu and Kashmir (JeI, J&K), in violation of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967. The accused persons include Amir Mohammad Shamsi, son of Noor Mohammad, resident of Rehlat village, Rajouri; Abdul Hamid Ganai alias Abdul Hamid Fayaz, son of

Mohammad Yasin Ganai, resident of Nadigam, Shopian; and Mushtaq Ahmad Mir alias Mushtaq Ahmad Zargar, son of Ghulam Rasool Mir, resident of Thanamang, Darhal, Rajouri, presently residing in Pakistan. The fourth accused is Al-Huda Educational Trust, a Rajouri-based organisation allegedly used as a financial front for JeI. The charges were framed by Special Judge Sandeep Gandotra in case RC-07/2022/NIA/JMU, after finding prima facie material under Sections 120-B of

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Div Com Kashmir, 5 DCs among 10 IAS, four JKAS officers transferred

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The J&K UT administration on Tuesday transferred Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, five Deputy Commissioners (DCs) among ten IAS and four JKAS officers. According to the order issued by M. Raju, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), Naveen S L, IAS (AGMUT2012), Secretary, Transport Department, has been transferred and posted as Secretary, Civil Aviation Department along with additional charge of

Anshul Div Com Kashmir; Avny Secy Transport; Minhas Jammu DC; Rajesh DC Kathua; Ayushi DC Samba; Suse DC Kupwara; Indu DC Bandipore; Ashok DC Poonch; Kundal Chairman J&K SSB; Vaishya CEO SMVDSB

Commissioner, Civil Aviation; Avny Lavasa, IAS (AGMUT2013), awaiting orders of posting in the GAD, has been posted as Secretary, Transport Department; Anshul Garg, IAS (AGMUT2013), Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, has been transferred and posted as Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir;

Vikas Kundal, IAS (AGMUT2013), Deputy Commissioner, Poonch, has been transferred and posted as Chairman, J&K Services Selection Board; Gural Singh, IAS (AGMUT2014), Director, Social Welfare, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Managing Director, Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited; Sachin

Kumar Vaishya, IAS (AGMUT2015), Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board; Anil Banka, IAS (AGMUT2015), awaiting orders of posting in the GAD, has been posted as Special Secretary, Finance Department;

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JKAS officers promoted to Selection Grade, Special Scale

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government promoted eleven Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) officers to the Selection Grade. "Sanction is accorded to the promotion of eleven officers to the Selection Grade of Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service [Level 12 (78800-209200)], prospectively from the date of issuance of order," read an order issued by M. Raju, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD). The promoted officials include Parvaiz Rahim, Zakir Hussain, Mudassir Ahmad, Mohsin Raza, Deebah Khalid Peer, Aijaz Ahmad Shah, Mohd. Idrees, Bashir Ahmad Lone, Gulzar Ahmad Rather, Athar Amin Zargar, and Sanna Khan. Consequently, Zakir Hussain, Mohsin Raza and Aijaz Ahmad Shah, are designated as Additional Secretary to the

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NDA felicitates PM on Op Sindoor; Modi lauds alliance's journey, praises Shah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: In his first address to NDA MPs in over a year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday emphasised its collective identity as a natural and organic alliance, asserting that its journey since its foundation in 1998 is dotted with successes and has many more achievements in store. He said members of the BJP and its allies should together, as part of the ruling combine, participate vigorously in various programmes irrespective of their own strength in various regions. At an NDA parliamentary



party meeting, which was last held on July 2, 2024, Modi was on Tuesday felicitated for his "exceptional leadership" in marshalling India's response following

the Pahalgam terror attack, and a resolution showered praise on the armed forces as well for their "unmatched courage" and

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No official notification yet on Panchayat elections: RDD&PR

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Jammu and Kashmir, on Tuesday issued a strong clarification regarding a fake government order being widely circulated on various social media platforms, which falsely claims that Panchayat elections in the Union Territory will be conducted after November 2025. A purported government notification titled "Conduct of Panchayat Elections in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir -

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Former Guv Satyapal Malik passes away

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Former Jammu and Kashmir governor Satyapal Malik died on Tuesday at a hospital here after a prolonged illness, his personal staff said. He was 79. Malik, who had also held the positions of governor of Goa, Bihar, Meghalaya, and Odisha, besides being a member of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha in his long political career, died at 1.12 pm at the Ram Manohar Lohia hospital here. He was in the ICU of the hospital for a long time, get-

ting treatment for various ailments, the staff said. "It is with deep regret that we confirm the demise of



Satyapal Malik, who had been receiving intensive care at our facility," the RML authorities said in a statement.

The patient had a long-standing history of diabetic kidney disease, hypertension, and other chronic health issues, including morbid obesity and obstructive sleep apnea, the said. In his gubernatorial role at Jammu and Kashmir, Malik oversaw the abrogation of Article 370 and the bifurcation of the state into two Union Territories on August 5, 2019. Coincidentally, he took his last breath on the sixth anniversary of the Centre's move. Malik attracted a lot of controversy

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Violation of Setbacks is neither offence in Tribunal nor in JMC



JAMMU: In a glaring defiance of Supreme Court directives and statutory building norms, the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) appears to have institutionalized indifference toward serious violations of building setbacks—one of the cornerstones of planned urban development. Despite clear judicial pronouncements declaring such violations as non-compoundable and legally impermissible, JMC's enforcement mechanisms have turned a blind eye, particularly in high-profile cases such as 44 D/C Gandhi Nagar and Sector 1-A, Channi Himmat. The brazen disregard not only undermines the sanctity of law but also stokes public suspicion of collusion, favoritism, and corruption, thus putting a credibility mark on the JMC. In the brazen case of setback violation at 44-D/C Gandhi Nagar, the JMC has shut its eyes over the decision passed by Special Tribunal on June 11, 2025. The violation committed by the accused Anita Sharma, wife of Shiv Sharma during illegal

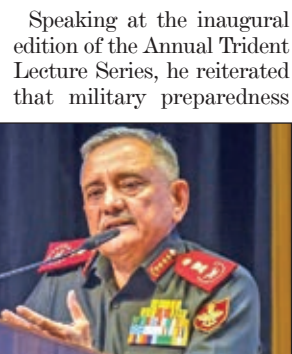
construction of house number 44 D/C Gandhi Nagar Jammu speaks volumes about accountability by not preferring appeal. In another similarly placed case, the JMC has ignored blatant violation of Unified Building Bye-laws 2021 and JMC Act 2000, by the owners of plot numbers 116 and 117, sector 1-A ward number 51, Channi Himmat Housing Colony Jammu, by diverting approved site plans of the JMC. The violators have not maintained any setbacks on their ongoing duplex constructions in their residential plots. Not only this, they have further violated the guidelines by extending their galleries over RCC slab on front side of a public road on ground floor and have raised construction on 100 percent area of their respective allotted plots. The construction goes on without any check by the enforcement staff of the JMC positioned in ward number 51 from initial stage to till date. In case of 44 DC Gandhi Nagar, the Tribunal has allowed full violation of setbacks and illegally constructed rooms. As per the orders of Supreme Court violation of setback cannot be compounded, and, so in every case of violations where the Tribunal imposes fines for violation, the concerned

civic bodies approach High Court, but surprisingly the Tribunal has not only compounded the violation of setbacks and illegally constructed rooms but termed these as minor violations. The Tribunal has passed the decision without imposing any fine on the accused Anita Sharma. "Whenever cases of setback violations come to Municipality from Tribunal, it files appeal in High Court within days. But for the past over two months the Jammu Municipal Corporation and the concerned officials have not dared to file appeal because huge money has been transferred from one end to the other. The muted attitude of Jammu Municipal Commissioner has raised many eyebrows over the credibility of the institution, as many Jammutes are facing the wrath of the court for their minor setbacks. The other day, the Shiv Sena activists in Jammu also appealed to the JMC Commissioner to take action under relevant laws so that such violators are punished by the High Court. But no action has taken place so far. In another case at Channi Himmat, an influential family has

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Need to be prepared to respond to Pakistan's acts of violence: CDS

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Indian military will have to be prepared to respond to "any acts of violence by Pakistan", both by state and non-state actors, and those in the armed forces should understand this "new norm", Chief of Defence Staff Gen Chauhan said on Tuesday. Delivering a keynote address at an event here, the CDS said there was a need to challenge the Pakistani doctrine of "full-spectrum deterrence", asserting that terrorists cannot hide in any part of Pakistan.



has to be of a very high order, round-the-clock and 365 days a year. He also underlined that there is a very little distinction between war and peace, and added that they are seemingly merging. "We need to create more space for

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 34.3°C Min: 25.5°C

Humidity

Max: 85 Min: 70

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 33.5°C Min: 20.6°C

Humidity

Max: 70 Min: 42

Sunset : 19:26 Hours

Sunrise : 05:47 Hours