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Resolute efforts underway to defeat nefarious conspiracy of neighbouring country: LG



LG Manoj Sinha addressing gathering after releasing book authored by Jawaharlal Kaul.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said resolute efforts are underway to defeat the nefarious conspiracy of the neighboring country by engaging the young population of Jammu and Kashmir in constructive activities.

"The Government has launched a slew of schemes for the sustainable livelihood of youth, the Lt Governor said while releasing eminent journalist Jawaharlal Kaul's book titled 'Jammu &

Kashmir: The Wounded Paradise".
Ram Bahadur Rai, President, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) Trust presided over the function.

"J&K is indeed a paradise on earth, but it was deprived of progress and prosperity for decades. Now, we are on the path of regaining its lost glory. It is not just a piece of land but our consciousness, our way of life, and an integral part of our existence which still believes in universality of individual beings",

said the Lt Governor.

For the first time in the history of Jammu and Kashmir, people are benefitting from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's development agenda. With the same spirit, the government is working for the socio-economic growth of Union Territory, the Lt Governor observed.

Sectors like Health infrastructure, Education, Industries, Food processing, Tourism, Power, Youth employment, development of water bodies, Science and

Technology, Agriculture, horticulture are witnessing ground-breaking transformation. Progressive laws have been implemented for the growth of businesses and farmers, he added.

Referring to the author's reflection on the long industrial holiday in Jammu and Kashmir, the Lt Governor said that the Industrial Holiday is over now and Jammu Kashmir is open for business.

Under the guidance of the Prime Minister and Home Minister, the new industrial development scheme is attracting huge investments in J&K and in the last two months, proposals for investment of Rs 25,000 crore have been received from well-known industries of the country. And, we are hopeful that by March next year, the figure will reach Rs 50,000 crore, providing employment opportunities to at least 10 lakh youth. Apart from

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J&K reports 151 new COVID cases, 1 death

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 151 fresh COVID-19 cases on Wednesday, taking the tally to 3,26,310, while the union territory registered its first death due to the virus in the past 96 hours, officials said.

Out of the fresh cases, 21 were from the Jammu Division and 130 from the Kashmir Division of the union territory, they said. The officials said

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J&K Police carries out searches at houses of 4 journalists

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Wednesday conducted searches at the houses of four journalists here, officials said.

Raids were conducted at the residences of editor-in-chief of a weekly magazine, a reporter working for a Turkish media outlet, a freelance reporter and a reporter who has been associated

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Rains lash Jammu bringing relief from humid condition

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Rains lashed large parts of the Jammu region early on Wednesday bringing relief to the people from humidity with the weather department forecasting intermittent light to moderate rainfall in the next two days.

An approach road leading to the Government Medical College in Kathua district was washed away by the heavy rains while several areas witnessed waterlogging



Vehicles passing through water-logged street of Jammu city.

due to overflowing drains

Katra town, the basecamp

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Farm laws: SC-appointed panel member says report 100 pc in favour of farmers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI/PUNE: Hopeful of an early resolution to the long-running farmers' protests on the national capital borders, a key member of the Supreme Court-appointed panel on contentious agri-laws on Wednesday said the report submitted by the committee is "cent per cent" in favour of

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Four-member panel to draw roadmap for setting up JKIDC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Friday set-up a four-member committee to draw a roadmap for establishment of Jammu and Kashmir Industrial Development Corporation (JKIDC) along with merging State Industrial Development Corporation (SIDCO) and Small Scale

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Atal Dulloo appointed inquiry officer in construction of flats for Kashmiri migrants

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Wednesday appointed Additional Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo as the enquiry officer into the change in scope of construction work of flats from 1 BHK to 2 BHK for transit accommodation of Kashmiri migrants.

"Sanction is accorded to the appointment of Atal Dulloo, IAS, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Finance Department as Inquiry Officer to enquire into the change in scope of construction work of flats from 1 BHK to 2 BHK for

transit accommodation of Kashmiri Migrants at Vessu, District Kulgam and Sheikhpora, District Budgam," reads an order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Commissioners/Secretary, General Administration Department.

"The Director Finance, Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction shall be the Presenting Officer," it stated and added that the Enquiry Officer shall complete the report at an earliest.

Govt constitutes committee for relocation of structures and rehabilitation of Dhalwas land owners

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Wednesday constituted committee for relocation of structures and rehabilitation of the owners of structures coming under land acquisition case at Dhalwas (Ramban-Nashri of NH-44).

"The committee will be headed by Divisional Commissioner, Jammu as its Chairman while Deputy Commissioner, Ramban as Member Convener and

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Two Special Scale officers promoted to Super Time Scale

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Wednesday promoted two Special Scale officers of Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service to Super Time Scale. "Sanction is accorded to the promotion of Anil Koul and

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Parliamentary panel interacts with J&K Bank management, employees; BSF personnel

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on Wednesday held several interaction and deliberation sessions with J&K Bank management and employees as well as officers and Jawans of Border Security Forces (BSF) to know about the working conditions and other issues of the committee's subject matters.

On the outset, the study group met employees of J&K Bank who briefed about the work culture of the bank and talked about reservations,



Parliamentary Standing Committee during meeting with BSF Jawans at Srinagar.

recruitment and other issues of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and welfare measures and programmes of the Bank.

Speaking during discussion, Chairman MP, Dr Kirit P Solanki enquired about the issues and grievances of the



Article 370 granted special status to the erstwhile state.

Abdullah said the NC is committed to the struggle for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood and special status.

"We don't know when elections will be held, but we are

NC hits out at section of media for 'falsely attributing' comments on Taliban to Farooq

SRINAGAR: The National Conference (NC) on Wednesday hit out at a section of media for "falsely attributing" comments regarding Taliban to its party president Farooq Abdullah who had expressed hope that the new regime in Afghanistan would respect human rights and seek friendly relations with all countries. Taking a dig at some news channels, the NC on Twitter deplored the "twisting" of words and misrepresentation of events to manufacture stories with mala fide intention. Some news channels

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clear about it. We will contest elections whenever they are held in Jammu and Kashmir," he said. On the Taliban taking control of Afghanistan, the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said he hoped that they will respect human rights and seek friendly rela-

tions with all countries. "The Taliban have taken over, and now they have to nurture the country. I hope that they (will) do justice with all," Abdullah said.

"They should seek friendly relations with all countries," he said.

Armed forces have decided to induct females in NDA, Centre tells SC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Centre informed the Supreme Court on Wednesday that the armed forces have decided to induct women into the National Defence Academy (NDA).

Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for the Centre, told a bench headed by Justice S K Kaul that a decision has been taken at the highest level of the armed forces as also the government that females will be inducted for permanent commission through the NDA.

The ASG sought

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CS asks Mission Youth to empower, enable 50,000 youth through gainful employment

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday chaired a meeting to review the progress under Mission Youth, an ambitious programme to empower unemployed 50000 youth in J&K through gainful employment.

Commissioner Secretary, Labour & Employment Department and Chief Executive Officer, Mission Youth participated in the meeting.

It was informed that under the 'Mumkin' scheme while 503 beneficiaries have been provided vehicles so far,



CS Dr Arun Kumar Mehta chairing a review meeting.

another 1100 beneficiaries will be provided vehicles in the next 10 days.

Similarly, under the Tejaswani scheme, the Mission will provide financial support to 2,000 young women entrepreneurs to take up self-employment ventures

across various sectors of the economy.

It was further informed that 4,524 youth clubs have been set up across J&K in which around 60000 youth have registered. These clubs will help channelize the

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Taliban will have to follow true Sharia: Mehbooba



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Taliban, which has taken over the reins of Afghanistan, must follow true Sharia, which guarantees rights of women, children and elderly," she told reporters after a function here.

If the Taliban follows the example of governance set by Prophet Muhammad in Madina, it will set an example for the world, the former Jammu and Kashmir

forces that began on May 1. It took over Kabul on August 15 and on Tuesday, unveiled a headline interim government led by Mullah Mohammad Hasan Akhund.

"Taliban has come to the fore as a reality. Its image in the first time in power was that of anti-human rights. If it wants to govern Afghanistan, it will have to follow the true Sharia law as laid down in the Quran which guarantees rights of women, children and elderly," she told reporters after a function here.

The Taliban swept across Afghanistan last month, seizing control of almost all key towns and cities in the backdrop of withdrawal of the US

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Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 33.0°C Min: 25.8°C

Humidity

Max : 92 Min : 42

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 27.0°C Min: 19.2°C

Humidity

Max : 132 Min: 63

Sunset : 18:46 Hours

Sunrise : 06:10 Hours