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## Sustainable farming only way forward to ensure food security, growth: LG



LG Manoj Sinha speaking after inaugurating IFFCO's farmers awareness conference on use of 'Nano Urea' at SKICC on Friday.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**SRINAGAR:** Describing farmers as ultimate entrepreneurs, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said the government is endeavouring to provide them with better infrastructure, easy access to credit, access to modern machinery and benefits of agriculture extension services.

"Sustainable farming is the only way forward to ensure food security and growth",

Sinha said while inaugurating a farmers awareness conference on the use of 'Nano Urea', here at SKICC.

The conference was organized by Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd (IFFCO) to generate awareness about benefits of 'Nano Urea'.

The Lt Governor highlighted the farmer's efforts in fulfilling the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to reduce the use of chemical

fertilizers and transition to sustainable alternatives to protect soil health, plants and environment.

He congratulated the entire team of IFFCO for developing the world's first Liquid Nano Urea.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has become the fifth largest economy in the world overtaking England. It has also sent a strong message that a sustainable and

innovative agricultural system is significant for the holistic growth of any region or nation, observed the Lt Governor.

Highlighting the reforms introduced in the agriculture sector in J&K, the Lt Governor observed that being an agriculture based economy and having more than 70% of the population dependent on agriculture, special impetus has been given to make J&K's agriculture system sustainable and profitable.

Introduction of progressive land reforms and efforts towards diversification, allied activities and high density plantation have enabled farmers with small land holdings to earn more, the Lt Governor said.

Integrated approach of farming has already been initiated and the government is promoting agro-based employment generating activities. Revival of traditional crops with market linkage support, GI

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Engagement of project implementing agency approved for RDSS works in J&K

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**SRINAGAR:** The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the engagement of project implementation agency for the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) in Jammu and Kashmir.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the

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Karan Singh endorses demand to declare holiday on Maharaja Hari Singh's birthday

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**JAMMU:** Former Rajya Sabha MP and son of Raja Hari Singh the last ruler of Jammu and Kashmir Dr Karan Singh on Friday endorsed the demand of the locals to declare September 23, his father's birth anniversary, a public holiday.

Locals here, particularly those from the Rajput community, have been protesting for the last fortnight in Jammu city with the demand to

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Idol of Lord Ganesha being taken for immersion in Jammu on Friday. (Pic by Shilpa Thakur)

## India, China to complete disengagement in Gogra-Hotsprings in next 3 days: MEA

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**NEW DELHI/BEIJING:** India and China will complete the disengagement process in the Gogra-Hotsprings area in eastern Ladakh by September 12, the External Affairs Ministry

said in New Delhi on Friday.

The ministry's comment came a day after the Indian and Chinese armies announced that they have begun to disengage from the Gogra-Hotsprings Patrolling Point 15, where the two sides

have been locked in a stand-off for over two years.

The announcement of the disengagement of troops came around a week ahead of the annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation

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## Five IAS among six officers transferred

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**JAMMU:** The government on Friday transferred five IAS among six officers.

As per GAD order issued by Dr piyush Singla, Secretary, General Administration Department, Choudhary Mohammad Yaseen (IAS), Mission Director, National Health Mission, J&K has been transferred and posted as Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation (JKTDC); Limited; Ayushi Sudan (IAS), Chief Executive Officer, Srinagar Pradhan Mantri Jan

Arogya Yojna as Mission Director, National Health Mission, J&K. She shall continue to hold the additional charge of the post of CEO, Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna till further orders.

Minga Sherpa (IAS), Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jammu has been transferred and posted as Managing Director, J&K Tourism Development Corporation (JKTDC); Fazl-ul-Haseeb (IAS), Additional Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar holding additional charge

of the post of Chief Executive Officer, Urban Development Agency, Kashmir has been transferred and posted as Director, Tourism Kashmir; and Harvinder Singh (IAS), Sub Divisional Magistrate, Uri, holding additional charge of Sub-Registrar Uri, has been transferred and posted as Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jammu.

Dr Ghulam Nabi Itoo (JKAS), Director Tourism, Kashmir, has been transferred and posted as Special Secretary, Jal Shakti Department.

## Govt Ayurvedic Medical College Akhnoor gets permission for Academic Session 2022-23

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**JAMMU:** National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM), Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India on Friday granted permission to Government Ayurvedic Medical College Akhnoor for Academic Session 2022-23.

As per the management of the College, the Secretary Health and Medical Education Department and higher authorities have given utmost importance to this newly inaugurated institution, hence current year

Permission (LoP) has been granted without demand of any type of Undertakings/Indemnity Bond/Affidavit from UT of J&K.

The Management further said that the Government Ayurvedic Medical College was commissioned in the year 2017 and the first batch of BAMS was started in a makeshift arrangement from Government Ayurvedic Hospital Indira Chowk Jammu after a lapse of 44 years. Later, the institution was shifted to the newly

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Govt to launch 15-day campaign on Sept 17 to mark 8 years of Swachh Bharat Mission

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**NEW DELHI:** The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry will launch a 15-day campaign on September 17 to mark the completion of eight years of the Swachh Bharat Mission, a statement said on Friday.

The campaign, 'Swachh Amrit Mahotsav', will focus on mobilising citizen action and commitment towards the vision of building garbage-free cities. Its launch will coincide with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday. "To mark completion of 8

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Anti-tank mine found in Samba, destroyed

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**JAMMU:** An anti-tank mine was detected and destroyed by security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district on Friday, officials said.

It was noticed by some people in the border area of the Basantar belt on Friday, they said. Security forces were informed and a bomb disposal squad destroyed the anti-tank mine safely, thereby preventing a tragedy, they added.

India becoming 5th largest economy no mean achievement: Sitharaman

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**NEW DELHI:** India becoming the fifth largest economy from 11th in a decade is not a "mean achievement" and the people of India should take credit for it, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said here on Friday.

India has overtaken the UK to become the world's fifth-largest economy and is now behind only the

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## JK BJP to launch Sewa Pakhwada from September 17

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**SRINAGAR:** National General Secretary and J&K incharge Tarun Chugh along with J&K BJP General Secretary Sunil Sharma chaired a meeting of "Sewa Pakhwada" (a fortnight of service) with party state office bearers and senior leaders at Srinagar, to take stock of preparations for "Sewa Pakhwada" starting from September 17, which will be Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 72nd birthday, to hold several events till October 2, Gandhi Jayanti.

Chugh said that the



BJP National General Secretary and J&K Incharge Tarun Chugh addressing party workers at Srinagar.

Campaign will also be run to promote tree plantation and cleanliness, as well as make people aware of the need to conserve water and Blood

donation camps and health check-up camps will also be organised. BJP leaders have been asked to propagate

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Barbeque seller's son in Baramulla cracks NEET

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**SRINAGAR:** In a commendable feat, son of a barbeque seller from Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir has cracked the prestigious NEET-UG 2022 examination.

Mehraj-ud-din Khan, who secured 591 points in the examination, credited hard work and support of his family and friends for his success.

"My family has been a pillar of support for me. They used to tell me to just focus on my studies. But, sometimes, I used to help my father at the shop where he sells barbeque," Khan, a resident of the Guivara area of Pattan in Baramulla in north Kashmir, said in videos that appeared on social media.

## Will fight for statehood, jobs, land rights: Azad

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**KISHTWAR:** Former Chief Minister and veteran leader, Ghulam Nabi Azad on Friday said that he will fight for the restoration of statehood of Jammu and Kashmir, land rights and job guarantee for the youth.

Addressing a public meeting in Drabshalla area of Kishtwar during his tour to the Chenab Valley post Congress exit, Azad said he will strive for upholding the rights of the people.

Azad was accompanied by former Ministers G M Saroori, Abdul Majeed Wani, former MLC Naresh Gupta, former Spokesperson Salman Nizami, Mohd Aslam Goni, BDC Chairpersons Kahara and



Former Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing a public gathering at Drabshalla area of Kishtwar.

others.

While advocating for land rights and stressing for it continuously during tour of Jammu and Kashmir, Azad again said that no one can deprive us from our fundamental and constitutional rights. He said that the first

right on the land of Jammu and Kashmir and jobs is that of our people and it's my foremost priority to fight for the rights of the people.

He added that the new party will be formed soon in consultation with people

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Humidity  
Max: 78 Min: 42

Sunset : 18:47 Hours  
Sunrise : 06:12 Hours