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‘Committee on daily-wagers in J&K to submit report this month’

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday hailed the strides taken by India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying the country which was once under the shackles of the British rule has now overtaken the United Kingdom to become the fifth largest economy of the world.

Addressing a media conclave in Jammu this morning, the Lieutenant Governor dwelt upon a volley of subjects including the security situation and the economic scenario of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sinha said that the law and order situation has improved to a great extent in Kashmir and now the shutdown calls of the Hurriyat have no effect anywhere in Kashmir.

He said efforts are under-way to establish peace in J&K while strict legal action will be taken against terror-



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha addressing a media conclave in Jammu on Saturday.

ists, their sympathisers and whosoever tries to disturb the atmosphere will not be spared at all. He said that successes have been registered in counter terror operations with no collateral damages by the security forces.

"About 182 terrorists have been killed this year, 44 of whom were foreigners besides 89 terror modules

have been busted," he said, adding that some people always bargained to buy peace, but this will not happen now, peace will be established.

On regularisation of daily wagers, the Lieutenant Governor said the Government will soon take a decision on them after getting a report from the com-

mittee constituted for the purpose during the current month.

Sinha said Jammu and Kashmir is changing fast with the system working for the people. He said the system earlier used to work for a few people but today the scenario has altogether changed. Talking about

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Hirdesh Kumar appointed Dy Election Commissioner, ECI

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Central Government on Saturday appointed Jammu & Kashmir's Chief Electoral Officer Hirdesh Kumar as Deputy Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India.

According to an order, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the proposal of the Election Commission of India

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J&K job fraud: One more arrested, police constitute SIT

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday arrested another person in connection with a job fraud and constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the case.

The accused was identified as Ashiq Hussain Baba, an orderly in the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC), police said. With this,

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Army Chief begins 2-day visit to Ladakh amid disengagement of troops

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande on Saturday carried out a comprehensive review of the overall security situation in eastern Ladakh, two days after Indian and Chinese militaries began disengaging from Patrolling Point 15 in the Gogra-Hotsprings area in the region.

The Army said Gen Pande witnessed Exercise Pravat Prahar besides interacting with officers and troops deployed in the region. The exercise featured a display of operational capabilities by artillery guns and other key weapon systems.

"Gen Manoj Pande #COAS visited #LadakhSector and witnessed Exercise PARVAT PRAHAR. #COAS was briefed on operational preparedness by commanders on ground. He interacted with the officers & troops & complimented them for their steadfastness and professional standards," it tweeted.

People familiar with Gen Pande's visit said he has been briefed about the fresh disengagement process besides the overall combat readiness of the Indian Army in the region.



Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande interacting with soldiers.

Commander of the Leh-based Fire and Fury Corps Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta and other senior officials apprised Gen Pande about the overall security situation including the ongoing disengagement process in Patrolling Point 15, they said.

Gen Pande is scheduled to visit Siachen on Sunday. The Indian and Chinese armies on Thursday

announced that they have begun to disengage from the Patrolling Point 15 in the Gogra-Hotsprings area of eastern Ladakh, marking a significant forward movement in the stalled process to pull-out troops from the remaining friction points in the region where the two sides have been locked in a stand-off for over two years.

There has been no progress yet to resolve the standoff in Demchok and Depsang regions.

The beginning of the disengagement process in the Gogra-Hotsprings area is

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Gulam Ali from J&K nominated to Rajya Sabha

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Gulam Ali, a native of Jammu and Kashmir, has been nominated to Rajya Sabha by President Droupadi Murmu on the recommendation of the Central government, read a Home Ministry notification on Saturday.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clause (a) of clause (I) of article 80 of the Constitution of India,

read with clause (3) of that article, the President is pleased to nominate Shri Gulam Ali to the Council of States to fill the vacancy caused due to the retirement of one of the nominated members, a notification issued by Home Ministry said.

The move is considered to be significant as before the abrogation of Article 370, the Gujjar community had little representation.



Restrictions lifted, life returns to normalcy in Rajouri town

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Normal activities resumed in Rajouri town on Saturday as restrictions imposed under CrPC section 144 were lifted by the authorities, officials said.

The border town witnessed a curfew-like situation on Friday as District Magistrate Vikas Kunal issued prohibitory orders to maintain law and order

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King Charles III proclaimed as Britain's monarch

■ AGENCY

LONDON: King Charles III pledged to follow the "inspiring example" of his mother, late Queen Elizabeth II, as he was proclaimed Britain's new monarch on Saturday in a ceremony, steeped in ancient tradition and political symbolism, televised for the first time in history.

"God save the King"

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 33.3°C Min: 21.5°C

Humidity
Max: 91 Min: 72

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 30.2°C Min: 17.7°C

Humidity
Max: 75 Min: 45

Sunset : 18:45 Hours
Sunrise : 06:13 Hours

Modi calls for concerted efforts to make India global centre of research, innovation

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AHMEDABAD: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday called for concerted efforts to make India a global centre of research and innovation, and urged state governments to frame modern policies in the fields of science and technology.

Addressing via video link the inaugural session of the Centre-State Science Conclave organised here, Modi said India is going ahead with the mantra of 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan and Jai Anusandhan'.

"We have to work together on various fronts to make



India a global centre of research and innovation in this 'amrit kaal'. We have to take our research in the fields of science and technology to the local level. It is the need of the hour for all the states to

give emphasis on innovation to find local solutions to local problems," he said.

Urging the state governments to frame modern policies related to science, innovation and technology to find

solutions to local problems, he stressed the need for more cooperation and collaboration with scientists.

"In order to encourage innovation, the state governments should give emphasis on creation of more and more scientific institutions and on simplification of processes. The number of innovation labs should also be increased in the institutions of higher education in the states," he said.

The prime minister noted that India's Global Innovation Index ranking improved from 81 in 2015 to 46 due to the efforts of the central government.

J&K Govt announces mourning today for Queen Elizabeth

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government has announced an official mourning on the death of queen of England Elizabeth.

As per a notification of J&K government, "As a mark of respect to her majesty Queen Elizabeth, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland who has passed away on 8th September 2022, the government of India has decided that there shall be one day state mourning on 11 September throughout the country" the notification read.

NIA files charge-sheet against 6 HM terrorists for killing Sarpanch in Kulgam

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The National Investigation Agency has filed a charge sheet against six Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists for alleged targeted killings of a Sarpanch of Adora village in Kulgam in March this year, officials said.

In its charge sheet filed in Jammu Special Court, the NIA has alleged that handlers of the proscribed terrorist outfit, operating from Pakistan, hatched a criminal conspiracy in collusion with terrorist associates, overground workers and terrorists of Hizbul active in Kashmir Valley to carry out

the targeted killing of Sarpanch Shabir Ahmad Mir. "The case was initially registered as FIR no. 32/2022 dated 11.03.2022 at PS Kulgam, J&K and re-registered by NIA as RC 01/2022/NIA/JMU on 08.04.2022," NIA said in a statement.

The NIA has named Danish Ayaz Dar, Faisal Hameed Wagay, Nisar Rashid Bhat, Zubair Ahmad Sofi (now dead) and two absconding terrorists Mushtaq Ahmad Itoo and Farooq Ahmad Bhat alias Farooq Nalli in its charge sheet.

They have been charged under IPC sections related to criminal conspiracy and murder among others besides provisions of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act.

The charges against Sofi will be abated as he is not alive anymore, the agency said.

The agency said Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists had hatched a larger conspiracy to disturb the peace and the democratic process established by the Panchayati Raj System in Kashmir Valley and also to create terror among the politically elected representatives.

Yuvraj Singh Sandhu wins J&K Open Golf

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Yuvraj Singh Sandhu of Chandigarh stamped his authority with a resounding seven-shot win at the Rs 40 lakh J&K Open golf tournament here on Saturday.

Sandhu (69-70-65-71), the overnight leader by four shots, shot a steady one-under 71 in the last round to total 13-under 275 for the tournament and claim his fourth career win and third title this season.

Sandhu, who bagged the winner's cheque worth Rs 6 lakh, consolidated himself in second position on the PGTI Order of Merit.

Bengaluru's Khalin Joshi (70-68-70-74) secured the runner-up spot at six-under 282 after firing a 74 in round four at the tournament presented by J&K Tourism.

Gurgaon's Manu Gandas (67) took the third place at three-under 285.



Advisor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar presenting cheque to a winner.

Chandimandir's Ravi Kumar shot the day's best score of 66 to clinch 11th place at two-over 290. Among the prominent names, Rashid Khan was tied 21st at six-over 294, the 2021 champion

Honey Baisoya was tied 25th at seven-over 295 and Olympian Udayan Mane was tied 28th at eight-over 296.

Sandhu, who had shot the

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Sinha attends finals of PGTI's J&K Open 2022 Golf Tournament

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday attended the finals of the second edition of "J&K Open 2022" Golf Tournament at Jammu Tawi Golf Course, Sidhra.

Organized by Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) and presented by J&K Tourism, the tournament, with a prize purse of Rs. 40 lakh, has brought together the National and International Golfers for the first time in region, marking their debut in Jammu's Golfing circle.

The tournament is part of J&K Tourism's unique initiative of promoting golf tourism in the region.

Pertinently, the UT Government is making dedicated efforts to pop-



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha receiving memento.

ularize Golf among youth and make the game more inclusive and accessible to common masses to bring Jammu and Kashmir on the

international Golfing map with an opportunity for local talent to showcase their skills. J&K is emerging

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