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Terror-free, corruption-free, transparent system has replaced uncertainty, nepotism in J&K: LG

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LG Manoi Sinha addressing at an event 'Nikhrata Kashmir' organised in memory of one of the outstanding writers Dushyant Kumar at Meerut on Sunday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

MEERUT Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said that terror-free, corruption-free, transparent system has replaced uncertainty, nepotism and corruption in Jammu and Kashmir.

"In the last three years, we have overcome many difficulties and there has been a significant improvement in the

Lieutenant Governor said while addressing an event 'Badlte Bharat Nikhrata Kashmir' organized in memory of one of the outstanding writers Dushvant Kumar at Meerut, Uttar

Pradesh. Sinha added that the rule of social justice and equality has been established and this process of transformation is individual growth, said the Lt Governor.

People of J&K were deprived of development. Vested interests kept J&K away from progress and prosperity for seven decades. In August 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi fulfilled the dreams of Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee and connected the people of observed the Lt Governor.

The industrial scene in J&K has changed dramatically in the last two years and investments continue to flow for economic activities that guarantee social welfare and stability, added the Lt

Jammu Kashmir has taken a giant leap in infrastructure development and sharply socio-economic parameters. embarked on several major initiatives in developing our social infrastructure to provide world-class amenities to people living in the far-flung areas of UT, the Lt Governor observed.

Highlighting the major strides made in all the priority sectors, the Lt Governor said that the UT of J&K has registered massive improvements in various development parameters and is now emerging as one of the leading states/UTs.

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Azad slams parties for promising restoration of Article 370

STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA (J-K): As he prepares to launch his political party, former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad on Sunday slammed those promising the restoration of Article 370 even though it was not in their hands and said he would not mislead the people over the issue.

In his maiden rally in Kashmir Valley after quitting the Congress last month, he said only a government with a two-thirds majority in Parliament can ensure the restoration of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Azad knows what can and cannot be done. I or the Congress party or the regional parties cannot give you back Article 370, neither can chief) Mamata Banerjee, or DMK or (NCP chief) Sharad Pawar," the former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir said.

The former Union minister said he would not raise issues



Former CM Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing a public rally at Baramulla on Sunday.

'Will announce new party within 10 days'

BARAMULLA: Ghulam Nabi Azad on Sunday said he will announce the formation of his new political party within 10 days and asserted that its ideology will be "independent".

The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said the agenda of the new political outfit would be to struggle for the restoration of J&K's statehood and to fight for the job and land rights of people.

"I thank my colleagues who stand with me and are the base of my new party which, God willing, will be announced within the next 10 days," Azad said addressing his maiden public rally in the Kashmir Valley after resigning from the Congress on August 26.

Speaking at a public meeting at Dak Bunglow in Baramulla ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

saying that I don't talk about Article 370. I want to tell them that Azad does not befool people for electoral gains," he said at the public meeting at Dak Bungalow

Baramulla in north Kashmir. "I swear before God that I will not mislead you. I will not raise such slogans or issues over which I have no control," he said.

Azad said only a party with a two-thirds majority in Parliament can restore the special status of the erstwhile state which was revoked by the Centre in August 2019.

"Congress party hasn't been able to achieve more than 50 Lok Sabha seats in the last ten years. Let God help them. But, I have been in politics and I don't think the Congress party can get over 350 seats in my lifetime. Its strength is decreasing in Rajya Sabha with every state loss," he said. "Where from can I get it? Where can I

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Over-speeding truck crushes traffic cop to death, injures other

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JAMMU: An over-speeding truck crushed a Selection

Grade Constable deputed with the Traffic Police to death in Jammu Bus General Stand area on Sunday evening.

details, an over speeding Cement Mixer Truck hit son Kumar,

Late Shambu Nath Bhat, resident ofPatoli Brahmana Peer Baba Jammu posted with SO Traffic Bus Stand Jammu

ASI GC Thapa as a result he died on the spot. He was shifted to GMC

> Hospital Jammu where doctors declared him brought The dead. mortuary for postmortem. Police has reg-

Deceased Sgct istered a case Ramesh Kumar and started

investigation. The driver of the truck has been arrested. Police has registered FIR for further investiga-

Army Chief flies in IAF's Apache attack helicopter in Ladakh

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Army chief General Manoj Pande flew in an Apache attack helicopter of the Indian Air Force in the Ladakh sector on Sunday and was also briefed about its capabilities and roles, the IAF said

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

The Army on Sunday



attack helicopter in the Ladakh sector on Sunday

Teenager names Qasim Nagar lady for pushing her to flesh trade police station for question-

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A teenager residing in Qasim Nagar area near Narwal Chowk in outskirts of Jammu City has lodged a complaint with the Bagh-e- Bahu Police Station against a woman for pushing her to flesh trade.

According to sources, the teenager narrated her ordeal to police, citing the instances when the ladv also the resident of Qasim Nagar coerced her to enter into the sex trade and on her refusal kept threaten-

When the alleged accused was summoned to the

ing she made hue and cry in a bid to cover up her shady activities.

Sources added that the police is looking for more victims who might have enticed by the lady to oblige her clientele, as the locals of the area have been expressing their worries about the acts of debauchery being promoted in the area thus bringing it a bad name. Meanwhile, the police is compiling the evidences being provided by the teenager victim to sub-

stantiate her claim.

Two held over rape charges in Poonch

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two persons were arrested on Sunday for allegedly raping a 16-yearold girl in Poonch district, police said.

The victim was allegedly abducted and raped by the accused on August 15 while she was returning from her school in the Mendhar

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52 new COVID-19 cases in J&K

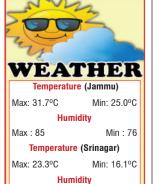
STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 52 fresh COVID-19 cases on Sunday, rasing the tally to 4,78,737, officials said.

While 11 cases were reported from Jammu, 41 were recorded from Kashmir, they

The death toll in the Union territory stands at 4,784, the officials said

There are 436 active coronavirus cases, while the recoverv count has reached 4,73,517, they said



Sunset: 18:45 Hours

Sunrise: 06:13 Hours

Min: 65

Max: 94

Rise of last person, victory for neglected sections: Gulam Ali

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Ecstatic over his nomination to the Rajya Sabha, Jammu and Kashmir BJP leader from Gujjar community Gulam Ali Khatana on Sunday said the decision reflects the rise of the last person and is a victory for the poor sections of the society.

Khatana thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the decision and said he is working for the upliftment of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Prime Minister Modi has kept his promise to uplift the neglected sections of the society by nominating an ordinary worker from a community which has witnessed neglect over the past 70 years," he said.

Khatana, who was one of the spokespersons of the J-K unit of BJP, was nominated as member of the Rajya Sabha on Saturday evening.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clause (a) of clause (1) of Article 80 of the Constitution of India, read with clause 93 of that Article, the President is pleased to nominate Gulam Ali to the Council of States to fill the vacancy caused due to retirement of one of the nom-

inated members," an order issued by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs said.

Khatana, an engineer, will be the lone member from Jammu and Kashmir in the Rajya Sabha. All four Rajya Sabha members from J-K had completed their tenure in February 2021. Elections to vacancies from J-K in the Upper House of Parliament could not be held due to delay in the assembly polls.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a felicitation function at the BJP headquarters here, he said, "Modi is having a laser eye

Results of IIT entrance exam IEE-Advanced

announced **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The results of HT entrance exam JEE Advanced were announced on Sunday with Bombay Zone's R K Shishir bagging the top rank, officials said.

According to IIT Bombay, which conducted the exam. Shishir secured 314 out of 360 marks. Tanishka Kabra from the Delhi zone is the topper among females with 277 marks. Her all-India rank is 16.

Over 1.5 lakh candidates appeared for the exam and over 40,000 have qualified. "As many as 1,55,538 candidates appeared in

Paras Healthcare ties up with Fujifilm for providing medical equipment at its J&K hospitals

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tweeted about his visit to the

headquarters of the Leh-

"General Manoj Pande

Headquarters@fire-

furycorps and reviewed the

operational preparedness.

#COAS also interacted with

the officers and staff at

@firefurycorps and compli-

mented them for their pro-

fessionalism and dedication

Commander of the Fire and

Fury Corps Lieutenant

General Anindya Sengupta

and other senior officials

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apprised Gen. Pande

to duty," it said in a tweet.

visited

based Fire and Fury Corps.

SRINAGAR: Multispecialty hospital chain Paras Healthcare on Sunday said it has signed an agreement with Fujifilm India for bringing the latest diagnostic technologies in Jammu and Kashmir.

"As part of the partnership, Fujifilm India will provide innovative medical and screening devices by installing its cutting-edge machines at the hospitals of Paras Healthcare in Jammu and Kashmir," a spokesperson of Paras Healthcare said.

Paras Healthcare is set-

ting up a 200-bed hospital in Dalgate area of the city and the tie up will be the first foray of Fujifilm India into the healthcare sector of Jammu and Kashmir, the spokesperson said.

Under the long-term pact, Fujifilm will supply a wide range of high-end and sophisticated medical devices, including artifiintelligence-based machines, to the network of hospitals run by Paras Healthcare. absolutely "We are

delighted to bring about this partnership agreement with Fujifilm India. They come with an outstanding track record in terms of making top-notch medical devices. Dharminder Managing Director of Paras Healthcare, said.

Koji Wada, managing director, Fujifilm India, said through this association, the company aims to "provide superior technological medical facilities that can help save lives and encourage patients to become more engaged in their personal care".

it, banking, education and

He said that India has

made powerful efforts to

grow its economy and move

towards becoming a higher-

"A lot of this required a

vision, prudent manage-

ment of our fiscal

"Many big reforms have

taken place and we can see

the result of that in two very

labour policy."

income country.

resources," he said.

People of J&K against terrorism: Sinha

STATE TIMES NEWS

MEERUT (UP): People of Jammu and Kashmir are against terrorism and helping police now to deal with it, Lieutenant Governor Manoi Sinha said on Sunday.

"The situation in Jammu and Kashmir changed after revocation of Article 370 in 2019. Recently the way people of Jammu and Kashmir participated in 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' shows the change the UT is witnessing," he told reporters here. Sinha was here to attend a programme

at Chowdhury Charan Singh University. "Our aim is to develop Jammu and Kashmir as the best part of the country with the help of people," he said. "The people of the J&K are against terrorism and helping police to deal with it. After revocation of Article of 370, the

backbone of terrorism is broken. There

was a time when a flight to Centre used

to carrying terrorists for peace talks,

but this is not so now," the Lt Governor



"Earlier, peace was purchased, now it is established." he added.

Sinha said in the past seven months, 147 terrorists, including 42 of foreign origin, were killed.

He said the UT is filled with "self con-

fidence" and everyone is waiting for the 'social justice". "Everyone is being given better life. There was time when files were brought from Srinagar...but now there is e-office system which saved Rs

400 crore," Sinha said.

Jaishankar optimistic about India achieving 7 pc growth despite challenges posed by Ukraine crisis which it can change its cred-

RIYADH: India has made

powerful efforts to grow its economy and emerge as a higher-income country, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said, expressing hope that it will be the fastest growing major economy in the world this year with at least 7 per cent growth despite the

Ukraine crisis. Jaishankar arrived here on Saturday on a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia to disways to further strengthen relations between the two countries. It is his first visit to Saudi Arabia as External Affairs Minister.

challenges posed by the

"Began my visit to Saudi Arabia with interaction with

our community. Appreciated the contribution of our Diaspora in facing national challenges. Spoke to them our country's resilience, especially during



the time of the Covid and national transformation that is underway in India,"

Jaishankar said: "India

thinks about the ways in

Jaishankar tweeted. Addressing the Indian community here on Saturday,

interesting developments. In the year ending March 31, 2021 we have posted the highest export that we have ever done. Our total exports were USD 670 billion.

Trade in goods stood at USD 400 billion, he said.

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