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Govt aims at achieving 100 pc saturation of schemes for Divyangjan, women, senior citizens this fiscal: LG



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at an event at SKUAST-J to mark birth centenary celebrations of Late Dr. Uttam Chand Shastri on Friday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said that the government is aiming at achieving 100 per cent saturation of schemes for Divyangjan, women, senior citizens in the current financial year.

Inaugurating free artificial limbs and calipers distribu-

tion camp at SKUAST, Jammu to mark birth centenary celebrations of Late Dr Uttam Chand Shastri Ji, Sinha exhorted enlightened citizens of the society and voluntary organizations to come forward and complement the government's efforts to provide succour to the sufferings of the people

and contribute to accessible India campaign.

The Lt Governor appreciated Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan, Basohli, Shri Kailash Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, Mahavir Seva Sadan and Abha Bagrodia Charitable Trust, Kolkata; SKUAST-Jammu and Central Sanskrit

University, Ranbir Campus, Jammu for the remarkable, self-less and noble initiative.

Aids and assistive devices for empowerment of Divyangjan and bringing them in the mainstream of society have always been one of the topmost priorities of the Government. Such initiatives are fitting tribute to the ideals and values that our society stands for, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor felicitated Dr Sanjay Sharma of GMC Jammu and Dr Vikas Padha of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Super speciality Hospital for their exemplary service and endeavour towards the noble cause of serving the people.

Selfless efforts to help others in need are the true service of mankind. It is our primary responsibility to mobilize resources for the Divyangjan, create infrastructure and facilities to make them equal partners

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Security at Mata Vaishno Devi shrine reviewed ahead of Navratri

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Ahead of Navratri, authorities on Friday reviewed the security situation at Mata Vaishno Devi cave shrine located in Trikuta hills in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, officials said.

In view of the forthcoming Navratri festival and expected rush of pilgrims at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine, DIG, Udhampur-Reasi range, Mohd Suleman Choudhary conducted a security review meeting at Katra, the base camp of the cave shrine, they said.

During the meeting, special



emphasis was given to ensure fool proof security of the yatri, the officials said.

Strict directions were passed to carry out a thorough checking of suspected

people so that no unwanted element is allowed to indulge in any kind of criminal activities or any action which may prove prejudicial to the

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SC trashes 13,147 old cases in one stroke to unclog justice delivery system

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: In a big step towards unclogging the top judiciary burdened with humongous pendency of cases, the Supreme Court has, in one massive sweep, binned 13,147 old "diarized but unregistered" cases, including one filed more than three decades ago.

An order issued by Registrar Judicial-1 Chirag Bhanu Singh on Thursday said all these cases were filed more than eight years ago but the defects pointed out by the Registry to the respective counsel or petitioners

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GCAB approves adoption of 'e-RUPP' to meet pocket expenditure by patients

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Governing Council of Ayushman Bharat (GCAB) on Friday gave approval to State Health Agency (SHA) for introducing 'e-RUPI Concept' as a pilot project in selected Tertiary Care hospitals in Jammu and Kashmir

The primary objective of using e-RUPI is reducing out-of-pocket expenditures (OOPE) borne by the beneficiaries on diagnostic tests not performed in these government run health facilities.

The approval was accorded at the 5th Governing Council Meeting of State Health

Agency (SHA), chaired by Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta. The meeting also reviewed its performance regarding the implementation of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)/AB-PMJAY Sehat here in the UT.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Finance; Commissioner Secretary, Labour and Employment; Secretary, Health; Secretary, IT; Principals of Medical Colleges, Srinagar/Jammu; Directors of Health Kashmir/Jammu, Nodal

Officer, SHA; SGNO, SHA; and other officers of the concerned Departments.

Jammu based officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

Dr Mehta impressed upon the officers to ensure that each person is facilitated to obtain the available benefits. He asked them to work for registering each person under the scheme so that the end person receives free medical care as envisaged under the scheme.

The Chief Secretary also emphasized upon the health authorities to work

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Low-intensity blast outside DDC member's house in Poonch

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A low-intensity blast occurred outside the house of a District Development Council member in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, officials said on Friday.

No one was injured in the blast that occurred late on Thursday night, they said.

A mysterious blast occurred outside the house of DDC member Sohail Malik in Fazlabad village of Surankote tehsil. Malik's SUV, which was parked on the road, was damaged in the blast, the officials said.

Police and Army personnel rushed to the spot soon after the blast and an investigation into the incident is underway, they said.

SCO members should give each other transit rights: Modi

■ AGENCY

SAMARKAND: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday called on the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation to create trusted and resilient supply chains to offset the disruptions caused by the Ukraine crisis and the Covid-19 pandemic and said the members of the grouping should give each other full transit rights to expand connectivity.

With Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif listening, Modi, addressing the annual summit of the eight-member bloc, said India supports "greater cooperation and mutual trust" among

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaking during 22nd Meeting of Council of Heads of State of the SCO in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.

Single list of terrorists, separatists, extremists groups banned on territories of member states on anvil

SAMARKAND: The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) plans to prepare a single list of terrorist, separatist and extremist groups whose activities are banned on the territories of the member states, with an aim to counter the threat posed by them to the region. In a joint declaration issued at the end of the annual Summit of the eight-member bloc in the historic Uzbek city of Samarkand, the leaders

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India takes over SCO rotating presidency

■ AGENCY

SAMARKAND: Uzbekistan on Friday handed over the rotating presidency of the eight-member Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) to India in this historic city of Samarkand.

Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev chaired the 22nd SCO summit in Samarkand which was attended

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Sajjad Lone wanted to be J&K CM with only 6 MLAs: Governor Malik

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Peoples Conference leader Sajjad Lone wanted to be Jammu and Kashmir chief minister just before the dissolution of the Assembly in 2018 although he had only six MLAs, the erstwhile state's last governor Satya Pal Malik has said.

Throwing light on behind-

the-scenes political manoeuvring that preceded the dissolution of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly by him in 2018, Malik, now the Governor of Meghalaya, described Lone as the "blue-eyed boy" of the Centre.

He said he had asked Lone to write to him about the support he enjoyed in the 87-member House. Lone said he

had six MLAs but "told me if you administer me the oath, I will prove my majority in a week".

Malik spoke of the circumstances in which he dissolved the Assembly in November 2018 although PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti had staked claim to form a government with the support of

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Political opponents aren't enemies: Omar responds to Twitter video featuring J&K BJP Chief

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Political opponents are not enemies and politics is not about division and hatred, National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah said on Friday.

His remarks were in response to a video posted on Twitter wherein a netizen hinted at some backdoor understanding between the National Conference (NC) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

In the video, Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief Ravinder Raina describes Abdullah as a "gen"

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Merrymaking in Jammu on declaration of Maharaja Hari Singh's birthday as public holiday



Youth celebrating holiday announcement on Maharaja Hari Singh's birthday near his statue at Tawi bridge on Friday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Celebrations broke out at various places in Jammu on Friday as peo-

ple danced to tunes of drumbeats and distributed sweets following the declaration of Maharaja Hari Singh's birth

anniversary on September 23 as a public holiday.

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said the decision has been taken in view of the aspirations and feelings of the people and the great contribution of the Maharaja.

People assembled at different places, particularly at Tawi bridge, and danced to tunes of drumbeats and distributed sweets as they hailed the government's move as "historic" and "monumental".

Besides, Karni Sena, Team Jammu, and various Rajput associations also celebrated the announcement with great pomp and show, and chanted pro-Maharaja slogans.

The Lieutenant Governor said Maharaja Hari Singh was a great educationist, progressive thinker, social reformer and a towering man of ideas and ideals.

"The public holiday will be a fitting tribute

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