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Educational institutions celebrate Teachers' Day with enthusiasm

53rd Foundation Day of JU

LG terms NEP as beacon of light to guide, motivate overall learning outcomes

JAMMU: Saving that the National Education Policy (NEP) stresses upon nurturing creativity, curiosity, collaboration, involvement of students in activities inside and beyond the classroom, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday termed the policy as a beacon of light to guide and motivate teachers as well as students and overall learning outcomes.

While attending the 53rd Foundation Day function of University of Jammu, Sinha observed that the world is changing rapidly and education along with it, adding that to cater ever growing demand for better standard and quality of education, University has gone through many changes in the last 53 yrs and has evolved as a centre of

On the occasion, the Lt Governor congratulated the faculty, and all those associated with the functioning of the University for achieving great milestones, shaping young minds and increased collaboration between academia and industry.



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at 53rd Foundation Day function of University of Jammu.

Minister Narendra Modi, the Lt Governor asserted that NEP will redefine education in Universities and expressed his whole hearted support to the initiatives of the University.

The Lt Governor emphasized that the real function of education is to nurture talents. National Education Policy provides us an opportunity to

develop our Universities, education institutions as centres of future oriented, value based quality education centres where students get an independent environment to innovate and invent.

Education is the key to open the mind of students. Individual growth and independent thinking is possible environment not confined to the classroom and gets an opportunity to nurture creativity and wisdom, the Lt Governor said.

Under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister, we have received an opportunity to make sure that universities are not known as centres of providing degrees but the education and

BJP, opposition leaders spar over 'non-local' voters at EC's All-Party Meet

JAMMU: Heated arguments between the BJP and opposition leaders over the inclusion of "non-locals" in the voter list were witnessed during an all-party meeting chaired by Jammu and Kashmir chief electoral officer Hirdesh Kumar here over the special summary revision (SSR) of electoral rolls.

While some leaders said they are satisfied over the clarification given by Kumar to dispel their concerns about inclusion of 25 lakh voters, including outsiders, in the voter list, the AAP boycotted the meet and staged a sit-in the Election against Commission, alleging that it has become a "mouthpiece" of the saffron party.

Kumar had in August said Jammu and Kashmir is likely to get around 25 lakh additional voters, including outsiders, after the special summary revision of electoral rolls being held for the first

Vikram Singh (22), Lekh

Raj (63) and his wife Satisha

Devi (60), all residents of

Shiva village, who were on

their way to Bhaderwah as

part of a marriage proces-

sion, he said. Earlier, another

private car fell into the

stream from a height of

about 300 feet at Mughal

Market, two km from the site

The accident occurred

of the second accident.

Following an outcry, the Union territory administration later clarified that "this revision of electoral rolls will cover existing residents of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the increase in numbers will be of the voters who have attained the age of 18 years as of October 1, 2022, or ear-

Monday's meeting assumes significance as it came just days ahead of the scheduled "all-party meeting" convened by the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) here against the issue of giving voting rights to "outsiders" in the assembly elec-

In an apparent attempt to put an end to the raging controversy surrounding the inclusion of about 25 lakh voters including non-locals, Kumar chaired an hour-long meeting with leaders of almost all political parties, PDP, Apni Party, BSP, National Panthers party and

CPI(M). Officials said the meeting was a routine exercise to brief the parties about the ongoing SSR of electoral rolls, the final report of which will be made public on

November 25. "We are satisfied with the clarification given by the chief electoral officer with regard to our main concern over inclusion of 25 lakh voters including non-locals, General secretary of Pradesh Congress Committee and former minister Yogesh

Sawhney told reporters. He said Kumar made it clear that there was some misunderstanding regard to the figure and assured that only eligible local voters who have attained or crossed the age of 18 years but could not be added over the past four years would be enlisted

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ONDC, JKTPO join hands to boost e-commerce in J&K

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SRINAGAR: A workshop for familiarising Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) was organised by Jammu & Kashmir Trade Promotion Organisation (JKTPO) at Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), Pampore on Monday. The workshop was attended by MD JKTPO, Industries & Commerce Kashmir and Director Handloom & Handicraft Kashmir.

Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) is an initiative aimed at promoting open networks for all aspects

Migrant KP bodies to make

representation before

Centre, J&K Admn over 'genocide' claim

migrant Kashmiri Pandit

organisations have decided

to unitedly make a repre-

sentation before the central

and Jammu and Kashmir

governments over the "genocide"

Hindus and Sikhs in the

valley during 1989-2003.

The KP bodies -- Panun

Pakistan army accepts

body of LeT terrorist

JAMMU: For the first time

in more than two decades.

Pakistan on Monday accepted the body of a trained

agent and guide of Lashkare-Taiba (LeT) terror group

who had infiltrated into Jammu and Kashmir to

The body of Tabarak

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attack an army post.

Hussain (32) was

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Sunset: 18:52 Hours

Sunrise: 06:09 Hours

Max: 77

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alleged

Kashmir, Roots

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of exchange of goods and services over digital or electronic networks. ONDC is based on open-sourced methodology, using open specifications and open network protocols independent of any specific platform. The working of the ONDC

network was explained in detail and the working of the network was demonstrated. The participants were given the opportunity to interact with the ONDC team and their partners. The workshop was attended by women entrepreneurs, small entrepreneurs, E-Commerce Companies, Logistic

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BHADARWAH/JAMMU: Seven people were killed after two cars veered off a mountain road and plunged into a stream in separate incidents in Doda district on Monday, police said.

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One more person was injured in the two accidents that occurred on the Doda-Bhaderwah road within a span of six hours. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Doda, Abdul Qayoom said, adding that the victims included two married cou-

Around 6.30 am, a car plunged into the Neeru



7 die as 2 cars plunge into stream in Doda

LG, Dr Jitendra express grief

stream, near Galgandhar, after rolling down about 400 feet, resulting in the death of four people on the spot and critical injuries to another who died later, the officer said.

The deceased were identified as Naseeb Singh (62), his wife Satya Devi (58), son

around 12.30 am and the bodies of Sajad Ahmad (38) of Tangorna-Bhaderwah and Ravinder Kumar (33) of Himote-Bhaderwah

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as voters to defeat 'vested powers' ■ STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: National

Farooq asks J&K natives to register

Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah on Monday urged the natives of Jammu and Kashmir to register themselves in the electoral rolls so the "powers" that intend to "import temporary voters to win seats" are defeated.

He said the first assembly elections in the Union territory will not just be about electing a government or forming a ministry but pro-Jammu and tecting Kashmir's identity and digni-

"Allowing non-locals to vote in Jammu and Kashmir will

Hijab ban: Can right to practice religion be taken

be disastrous. The powers that are pitted against NC are so insecure about the support from genuine voters that they have to import temporary voters to win seats, Abdullah said at a workers convention in Shopian.

The Lok Sabha MP from Srinagar said such "nefarious designs" will not help if the people of the now Union territory get to exercise their franchise

"It is for you to stop them No one else can. If you come out and register as voters and subsequently vote in huge numbers, there is nothing that can touch

you have to wear? That will

be the question," said a bench

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Honours finest J&K teachers with UT Awards

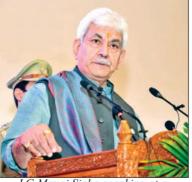
Holistic education will provide equal opportunities to teachers, students for using knowledge to transform: Sinha

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Observing that a teacher is a bright lamp which has the capability of lighting hundreds of unlit lamps and imparting courage to innovate and invent. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said that holistic education as suggested by National Education Policy will provide equal opportunities to teachers and students to use knowledge to transform.

Sinha was speaking at a function held to honour the finest teachers from across Jammu and Kashmir with Union Territory Awards at SKICC to mark the Teachers' day celebrations.

Extending his greetings on the occasion of Teachers' Day, the Lt Governor



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at a function held to honour finest teachers from across J&K with Union Territory Awards at SKICC

urged the teachers to allow independent thinking, creativity, inquisitiveness, knowledge for quality education by involving students and ensuring individual growth for appropriate learning

Achieving wealth of values in life should be the new aim of the younger generation rather than the race for marks. Innovation, flexibility, creativity, value-based education, developing scientific temper, skill sets and independent ideas should be given priority in the education system, the Lt Governor added.

Great educationist and former President of India, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan always believed that ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

a right to practise religion but the question is whether it can be taken to a school which has a prescribed uniform, the Supreme Court observed on Monday while hearing the Karnataka Hijab ban row.

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NEW DELHI: A person has

a batch of pleas challenging the Karnataka High Court verdict refusing to lift the ban on hijab in educational institutions of the state, the apex court asked whether a student can wear hijab to a

Hearing arguments on

to school having prescribed uniform, asks SC school where uniform has been prescribed.

"You may have a religious

right to practise whatever

of Justices Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia. posed the question to advocate senior Sanjay Hegde, who

Bullet-riddled body found in

was arguing for some of the petitioners. On the argument that the hijab ban may deny education to women, the bench noted the state is not

saving it is denving any right. "What the state is saying is that you come in a uniform which is

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Meets various delegations in Jammu

Azad begins process for finalizing name of his new party



Former Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad meeting various delegations at his residence in Jammu on Monday.

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JAMMU: Several delegations on Monday visited former chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad at his residence, a day after he returned from Delhi to a warm welcome by his supporters after quitting Congress last month to launch his own party.

The delegations comprising large number of people from the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch and Chenab valley including Doda, Bhalessa, Khara, Batyas, Chilly and Gandoh, Kishtwar and Banial visited Azad at his Gandhi Nagar residence, Azad's close aide said.

Addressing his first public meeting after returning from Delhi on Sunday, Azad had said that he is staying for four days in Jammu to meet delegations from different parts of the region before visiting Doda, Kishtwar and

The process of interactions started

this morning with various delegations visiting Azad and extending their support to him. The process of interactions will continue till Wednesday, the

Azad, 73, ended his five-decade-long association with the Congress on August 26, terming the party "comprehensively destroyed". He also lashed out at Rahul Gandhi for "demolishing" the party's entire consultative mechanism. During the public meeting, the veteran leader said he would announce the name of his new party after consulting people and leaders of Jammu and Kashmir, but added "it will be in neither Maulana's Urdu nor Pandit's Sanskrit". He, however, spelled out the agenda of his yet-to-be-named party -the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood, protection of land and job rights of its residents, and the return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits

Shopian, police begin probe STATE TIMES NEWS

you want to practise. But can

you practise and take that

right to a school which has

uniform as a part of dress

SRINAGAR: Police on Monday recovered a bulletriddled body from an orchard in Shopian district, officials

The deceased has been identified as 30-year-old Manzoor Ahmad Nengroo, son of Ghulam Ahmad Nengroo, resident of Hanjin Bala Rajpora in nearby Pulwama district, a police spokesperson said.

His body was found from Narapora village, he said.

According to preliminary reports, the deceased, who was Waza by profession along with two more associates including an elderly man, were returning from their work in an Auto after conclusion of a function at Chraripora area of Budgam.

baker by profession, also boarded in the Auto. The terrorists waiting in a Tata Mobile at Aglar intercepted the Auto and forcibly abducted all the four persons. The elderly man was released after travelling a distance of about two kilometers, followed by release of other two near Kellar. However, deceased Manzoor Ahmad was taken along by the abductors and his bullet riddled body was recovered in the orchards of village Narpora Shopian this morn-It was further revealed dur-

ing the course of investigation that the killing is handiwork of terrorists due to group rivalry between

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