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Five theft cases cracked in Jammu division, 7 notorious thieves arrested

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Baramulla District Volleyball Championship begins

Ecosystem of conflict profiteers, terrorists, secessionists dismantled: LG



LG Manoj Sinha speaking during an event at Sopore on Thursday.

STATE TIMES NEWS BARAMULLA: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said that the ecosystem of conflict profiteers, terrorists and secessionists has been dismantled and there is a strong yearning among all sections for peace, prosperity and accelerated development.

"We appeal to the people to remain vigilant against the

divisive elements in the societv. It is also the duty of every citizen to protect the public property and the tangible cultural heritage, the Lt Governor said while inaugurating various development

He added: "We need to work together with the spirit of Jan-Bhagidari to change the destiny of our aspira-

MoS PMO Dr Jitendra

Singh, shared the news on X

projects during his visit to

tional towns and villages."

The Lieutenant Governor also shared the efforts of the government for rapid development activities across UT to build a peaceful and prosperous society.

"Many cities and towns of J&K UT today exhibit impressive manifestations of all-round development. We have dismantled the ecosystem of conflict profiteers, terrorists, secessionists and there is a strong yearning among all sections for peace, prosperity and accelerated development," Governor said

The Lt Governor said the projects dedicated to the people and the new works initiated today will improve the overall quality of life, and remove the socio-economic and regional imbalances in development.

"Development is our commitment; it is our religion. The administration is determined to attend to developmental needs of people without any discrimination. We have successfully implemented a vast spectrum of economic activities and historic transformations are taking place in all areas," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor reiterated the UT Administration's resolve to fulfill the aspirations of the people of

Joint efforts needed to strengthen sovereignty,

territorial integrity of all countries: Modi

'Hybrid' terrorist arrested in Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A 'hybrid' terrorist of The Resistance Front was arrested and a hand grenade recovered from him, police here said on Thursday.

"A hybrid terrorist of TRF (The Resistance Front) Mohd Rangrez, s/o Abdul Rashid Rangeez, r/o Firdousabad, Batmaloo, arrested by Srinagar Police with one hand grenade," the Srinagar Police said in a tweet.

Pakistani flag attached with balloons found

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: A Pakistani flag attached with scores of balloons were found in Udhampur district, police said on Thursday. It was found hanging from a tree in Sunetar village of Ramnagar tehsil earlier in the day, they said. The flag was attached with posters and scores of red and green balloons. SSP Udhampur Vinood Kumar told PTI that it might have flown to this side

BRO to construct airfield at strategic Nyoma belt of eastern Ladakh

JAMMU: The Border Roads Organisation will construct an airfield at an estimated cost of Rs 218 crore at the strategic Nyoma belt of eastern Ladakh.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is scheduled to lay the foundation stone for the airfield on September 12 through videoconferencing.

The Nyoma Advanced Landing Ground has been used for the transportation of men and materials during the ongoing stand-off with China since 2020 and witnessed operations of Chinook heavy-lift choppers and the C-130J special operations

aircraft. "The defence minister will carry out e-shilanyash of the Nyoma airfield in Ladakh on September 12." a Defence PRO said.

The airfield will be developed at an estimated cost of Rs 218 crore for wide-ranging strategic air assets, he

Singh will also inaugurate "The construction of this reconstructed and airfield will tremendously revamped Bagdogra and boost the air infrastructure Barrackpore airfields in West in Ladakh and augment the Bengal on September 12, the IAF's (Indian Air Force) PRO said.

These airfields have been capability along our northern successfully reconstructed by Singh will also inaugurate the BRO at a cost of Rs 529 and dedicate to the nation 90 crore, he added. infrastructure projects constructed by the Border

These airfields will not only improve the defensive and offensive architecture of the Indian Air Force along the northern borders but also facilitate commercial flight operations in the region," he

Udhampur station renamed as 'Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan' railway station

of duty.

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JAMMU: In a solemn tribute to the indomitable spirit and sacrifice of Army Martyr Captain

Tushar Mahajan, the Government of India on Thursdayofficially Udhampur

Railway Station after him. In 2016, Captain Tushar Mahajan (Shaurya Chakra), extraordinary courage and unwavering dedication to their duty and laid down his lives at Pampore

defending the country during

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: India will get

its first Airbus C-295 tacti-

cal military transport air-

craft this month, an official

of the European aircraft

manufacturer said on

"The first C-295 aircraft

will be delivered to the

Indian Air Force this month

only," Remi Maillard, Airbus

President

Managing Director, told a

Maillard was interacting

with reporters after Airbus

inked a memorandum of

understanding with the Gati

Shakti Vishwavidyalaya to

train engineers for the avia-

An Airbus functionary said

that Indian Air Force chief Air Marshal V R Chaudhari will travel to Seville in Spain

to take the delivery of the

India had inked an agree-

ment with Airbus for supply of 56 C-295 military trans-

port aircraft in September

As per the agreement, 40

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aircraft will be built at

first C-295 aircraft.

press conference here.

Thursday.

and posted," #Janmashtmi Gesture for #UDHAMPUR Thanks $_{\rm PM}$ @NarendraModi response to our request, the Government of India has approved the naming

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an act of heroism in the line AGENCY

JAKARTA: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday called for joint efforts to strengthen sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations even as he said India believes a code of conduct for South China Sea should be effective and compliant with the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

In an address at the East Asia Summit, Modi, referring to geopolitical conflicts, reiterated that "today's era is not of war" and dialogue and diplomacy is the only path to resolution of conflicts.

The prime minister said



Jakarta, in Indonesia on Thursday.

terrorism, extremism, and geopolitical conflicts are "big challenges" for "all of us" and that the present global landscape is surrounded by chal-

lenging circumstances and uncertainties.

"It is imperative to adhere fully to international laws; and joint efforts are also necessary to strengthen the sovand territorial ereignty integrity of all countries,"

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Illegal mining continues unabated in Jammu The reports add that the

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borders," he added.

Roads Organisation (BRO)

Located at a height of

13,400 feet, Nyoma is about

46 kilometres from the Line

of Actual Control with China.

worth Rs 2,941 crore.

JAMMU: Despite total ban on mining in violation of rules and norms, illegal mining continues unabated near Fly Over Bridge at Lalyal in Marh area of Jammu District on the Ring Road within the distance of 50 meters from the piers, notwithstanding strict restriction on extraction of sand, Shingle and boulders from the river beds within a distance of 500 meters.

As per reports, the illegal mining starts at 7:30 AM onwards and dozens of tractors and dumpers can be seen extracting the sand, boulders etc and transporting these for sale on exorbitant rates.

mining mafia has created a strong network, which keeps track on the clandestine menace with mafia persons conveving messages on mobile phones about any police movement in the vulnerable areas so that they disperse from the spots to avert any

In spite of best efforts by the police and the Department of Mining, the 'sand mafia', as they are called in common parlance, continues with the illegal mining in the river beds, which even causes severe threat to the foundation of bridges.

After 34 years Janmashtami Shoba IAF to get first Airbus C-295 transport aircraft this month Yatra taken out at Nunner Ganderbal

STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: Janmashtami was Thursday celebrated with religious fervor and gaiety in Ganderbal.

occasion, an On this impressive Shoba Yatra, as part of the traditional celebrations was taken out after a gap of 34 years by the local Pandit devotees from historic Bedeshwar Mahadev Temple Nunnar which culminated at Devraj Temple Chapergund Wayil peacefully.

The devotees including men and women besides children were part of the procession who were chanting religious



People participating in Shoba Yatra at Ganderbal.

prayers throughout the procession journey. Both the temples wore a festive look as they were beautifully decorated with flowers and lights.

(DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir also participated in the Shoba Yatra and paid obeisance at the temple. He

J&K Bank shares hit highest level in 8 years

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Shares of Jammu and Kashmir Bank on Thursday hit the highest level in the last eight years, gaining over 12 per cent from Wednesday's closing

During the intraday trade, the bank's stock touched a high of Rs 103.50 before settling at Rs 100.80 apiece on the NSE.

It is the highest level the J&K Bank shares have attained since August 2015. Baldev Prakash, Managing Director of J&K Bank, said that the bank is achieving new milestones. With the hard work of employees,

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Sinha calls for promoting start-ups, facilitating spirit of enterprise

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday directed the Department of Industries & Commerce and Mission Youth to work together to promote start-ups and facilitate the spirit of enterprise

among the youth to grow. Chairing Governing Body Meeting of Mission Youth, at Raj Bhawan, Sinha said: "We can achieve our target through convergent functioning of departments, banks, financial institutions and higher educational institutions and



Manoj Sinha chairing Governing Body meeting of Mission Youth at Srinagar on Thursday.

guidance. It is our prime objective to fulfill the dreams and aspirations of our

that all the requirements for

Young Entrepreneurs should

be taken care of so they can

achieve self-growth. "All our institutions, The Lt Governor observed

departments, financial support system and technological mechanism should focus on serving their needs

contribute to society and

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'Court Can Turn the Clock Back': SC's Sharp Words on Ladakh Admin Denying NC Use of Party Symbol

DINESH SINGH CHAUHAN

Asserting its power to "turn the clock back", the Supreme Court came down heavily on the Ladakh Union Territory administration run by the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Union Government for denying the J&K National Conference its "Plough" Symbol for the upcoming local body elections in Ladakh

"This Court can...turn the clock back...even restore status quo ante...if the situation warrants such dire measures," the Supreme Court Bench of Justices Ahsanuddin Amanullah & Vikram Nath observed in a 51 - Page Judgment on Wednesday. September 06, 2023.

"No litigant should have even an iota of doubt...that just because of systemic delay...and passage of time...(a) cause would be defeated and the court would be rendered helpless to ensure justice," the court said, terming the Ladakh administration's non-compliance of a Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh (J&K) High Court Order on the issue as "unprecedented."

The Ladakh administration's decision to deny the 'Plough' Symbol to the National Conference is being dubbed as "a move to keep Kashmir-based

mainstream parties out of any electoral process in Ladakh" after it was downgraded into a Union territory without a Legislative Assembly in 2019.

Noting that the Plough Symbol was reserved for JKNC by the Election Commission of India because of its status as a recognized State Party of the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir, the Court held that its demand for the symbol was "legitimate and just".

The controversy involved in this lis is the nonallocation of the Plough symbol to the Writ Petitioner, the Jammu & Kashmir National Conference for its candidates to contest the thenupcoming General Elections of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Kargil. In view of the urgency in the matter, the Learned Single Judge passed an interim Order on 09.08.2023, the operative portion whereof at Paragraph 11 read as under:

"11. Keeping in view that the upcoming General Election of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) stands announced, the Petitioner-Party is directed to approach the Office of the Respondents 1 to 3 & 5, for notifying the reserved symbol (Plough) already allotted to it and

allotted to Petitioner-Party in terms of Paragraphs 10 and 10 (A) of Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968, and allow the candidates set up by the Petitioner-Party to contest on the reserved election symbol (Plough) already allotted to the party.'

Appellants - Ladakh Aggrieved. the Administration, led by Lieutenant Governor B. D. Mishra moved the Learned Division Bench of the High Court by preferring an appeal, which after hearing was dismissed Vide Impugned Judgment on $14.\overline{0}8.2023$.

Instead of implementing the High Court Order, the Ladakh administration filed the Special Leave Petition challenging the Judgment and Order dated 14.08.2023 passed by Learned Division Bench dismissing Letters Patent Appeal No.151 of 2023 upholding the interim Order of a Learned Single Judge dated 09.08.2023 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.1933 of 2023.

The Supreme Court came down heavily on the Ladakh Administration for notifying the LAHDC elections while sitting over the representation made by JKNC seeking the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Courts must be on guard, test evidence meticulously when FIR is delayed: SC

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Courts must be on guard and test evidence meticulously to rule out possibility of embellishments in the prosecution's story when an FIR is delayed and there is absence of proper explanation, the Supreme Court has said.

The apex court acquitted two people whose conviction and life sentence for the offence of murder in a case lodged in 1989 was affirmed by the Chhattisgarh High Court.

A bench of justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra noted that the accused were tried for allegedly murdering a man on August 25, 1989. while the FIR in the case was lodged the next day in Bilaspur district.

"When an FIR is delayed,

in absence of proper explanation, the courts must be on guard and test the evidence meticulously to rule out possibility of embellishments in the prosecution story, inasmuch as delay gives opportunity for deliberation and guess work," the bench said in its verdict delivered on September 5.

"More so, in a case where probability of no one witnessing the incident is high, such as in a case of night occurrence in an open place or a public street," it said.

The bench delivered its verdict on the appeals filed by appellants -- Harilal and Parasram -- challenging the February 2010 judgment of the high court which had affirmed the July 1991 order of a trial court

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Sunset: 18:44 Hours

Sunrise: 06:03 Hours