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J&K LG Manoj Sinha pays tributes to Kargil war martyrs

Jammu : Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday paid tributes to the martyrs of the 1999 Kargil war. "On the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas, I pay my humble tributes to brave armed forces personnel, who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of the motherland during India's victory in 'Operation Vijay'." Sinha posted on X. On July 26, 1999, the Indian Army announced the successful culmination of "Operation Vijay", declaring victory after a nearly three-month-long battle on the icy heights of Kargil in Ladakh. The day is observed as 'Kargil Vijay Diwas' to commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in the war.

Opposition party leaders to meet in Jammu on August 7

Jammu : The leaders of the Opposition parties are scheduled to meet on August 07 at Hotel Raddison in Narwal area of Jammu to discuss several issues.

Senior CPI (M) leader M Y Tarigami said that the meeting will discuss the issue of amendments to Transaction of Business of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Rules 2019 among others. He said that all the leaders of the Opposition parties have been requested to attend this meeting.

Pistol, ammunition recovered after troops open fire at Quadcopter along LoC

Jammu : Security forces opened fire after movement of an Quadcopter was noticed on intervening Thursday and Friday night along Line of Control at Nowshera sector in Jahangir area of Rajouri district. The official told that movement of the enemy Quadcopter was noticed in Sair along Line of Control in the Bhawani sector.

"The troops deployed at the post fired some rounds on the flying object and it disappeared but didn't return towards the enemy side," said the official. "A cordon and search operation by the security forces was started this morning during which one pistol, two loaded magazines and 37 rounds of pistol were recovered," the official said, adding, "the operation in the area is still on."

From June 01 to July 24, JK 10 stations record large deficient Rainfall

Jammu : With no forecast of any major wet spell in Jammu and Kashmir, the twin places of Kashmir have continued to remain under the tight grip of heat wave while some other parts breathed a sigh of relief today with a dip in the mercury by some degrees on Friday.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, has continued to witness heat wave as the mercury settled at 35.2 degree Celsius today, which was 5.3 degree Celsius above normal temperature. (Cont. on Page-11)

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PM Modi warns Pakistan on Kargil Vijay Diwas, Says :

Our soldiers will crush Terrorism

Kargil (Ladakh), July 26 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday warned Pakistan that its nefarious plans would not materialise, as our soldiers will crush terrorism with full force and the enemy will be given a befitting reply.

Speaking during Kargil Vijay Diwas Shradhanjali Samaroh in Drass, Ladakh, PM Modi said that Kargil Vijay Diwas tells us that the sacrifices made for the nation are immortal. "Today, the majestic land of Ladakh marks a significant milestone - 25 years since the triumphant victory of Kargil. Kargil Vijay Diwas reminds us that the sacrifices made for our nation are eternal and forever remembered. As time passes, days turn into months, months into years, and years into centuries - the

names of those who laid down their lives for the sake of national security remain etched in our collective



memory, forever immortalised!" PM Modi said that he feels fortunate to have been among our soldiers during the Kargil War as a common citizen. "Now, as I stand again on the sacred soil of Kargil, it's natural for those memories to resurface. I remember how our

forces successfully executed the operation despite the extreme and challenging battle conditions," he

is trying to keep itself relevant with the help of terrorism and proxy war. Today I am speaking from a place where the masters of terror can hear my voice directly. I want to tell these patrons of terrorism that their nefarious intentions will never succeed. Our soldiers will crush terrorism with full force and the enemy will be given a befitting reply."

The Prime Minister said that falsehood and terror were defeated in the face of truth. "I bow down with respect to all the brave warriors who brought victory to the country. I pay homage to the soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in Kargil to protect the motherland. In Kargil, we not only won the war, we also gave a wonderful example of 'truth, restraint and strength'." (Cont. on Page-11)

Defence Minister Rajnath pays tributes to soldiers who ensured victory in Kargil war

New Delhi : Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday paid rich tributes to the armed forces personnel who fought valiantly in the 1999 war. "Their unwavering commitment, valour and patriotism ensured that our country remained safe and secure. Their service and sacrifice will continue to inspire every Indian and our coming generations," he said. Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan and all ranks of the armed forces also recalled the supreme sacrifice of the "Bravehearts". "We draw inspiration from the heroes of Kargil, and we will continue to honour their legacy by defending our nation with

courage, honour, and sacrifice," the headquarters of the Integrated Defence Staff said. Various events were organised across the country, including at the Kargil War Memorial in Dras, to mark the occasion. More than 500 soldiers made supreme sacrifice in the conflict. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also paid tributes to the brave soldiers who defended the nation's territory during the conflict. "On Kargil Vijay Diwas, salute the valour and dedication of our brave soldiers. The legacy of their courage and patriotism acts as a guiding light for all Indians," he said.

The indomitable spirit and courage of the brave soldiers who fought valiantly in the 1999 war," Singh said in a post on X. "Their unwavering commitment, valour and patriotism ensured that our country remained safe and secure. Their service and sacrifice will continue to inspire every Indian and our coming generations," he said. Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan and all ranks of the armed forces also recalled the supreme sacrifice of the "Bravehearts". "We draw inspiration from the heroes of Kargil, and we will continue to honour their legacy by defending our nation with

NHM releases ranking of Public Health facilities on JK e Sahaj for June

Jammu : Jammu and Kashmir National Health Mission today released ranking of Public Health facilities on Hospital Management Information System (JK e Sahaj) for the month of June 2024. In the category of New GMCs of Associated Hospitals of Government Medical Colleges, the first rank has been clinched by Government Medical College, Kathua followed by Government Medical College, Udhampur, GMC Rajouri, Government Medical College Baramulla and GMC Doda. In the category of District Hospitals, DH Kishtwar has secured the first place followed by ASYM DH Budgam, DH Samba, DH Shopian and DH Reasi. Similarly, in the category of Community

Health Centres (CHCs), the first rank has been bagged by CHC Nagam, Budgam, followed by CHC Pakherpora Budgam, CHC Dooru, Anantnag, CHC Basholi Kathua and CHC Billawar Kathua. JK e Sahaj has been integrated with Rapid Assessment System (RAS), 104 Centralised Health Helpline for outbound calling and RCH portal of MoHFW, Government of India.

The ranking has been done on the basis of registration, conversion of EMR (Electronic Medical Record), registration of IPD patients and Patient feedback uploaded on the portal of JK e Sahaj for the month of June 2024, on real time basis. The detailed list of facilities has been shared on NHM website.

SIA Attaches Property of Absconding Narco-Terrorist in Poonch

JAMMU, July 26 : In a significant crackdown on narco-terrorism, the State Investigative Agency (SIA) has attached the property of Mohd Liyaqat, a prominent narco-terrorist currently evading arrest. The attached

property, spanning 01 kanal and 9 Marlas, is situated in Khari Karmara, Poonch district. This action follows FIR No. 69/2023 filed at P/S Poonch / SIA Jammu, under Section 83 of the Criminal

Kargil war reaffirmed India's constant preparedness to defeat enemy designs : Union Mins

New Delhi, July 26 : "Kargil war reaffirmed India's constant preparedness to defeat enemy designs" said Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh. Addressing the 'Kargil Vijay Diwas' programme at Dr Ambedkar International Centre here today, the Minister said that it sent out a powerful message: whenever the integrity and boundaries of India are challenged, the entire nation rises unitedly to face and defeat its adversaries, regardless of the circumstances. "This conflict highlighted India's capacity to confront surprises and outsmart even the most cunning enemies", he said.

According to Dr. Jitendra Singh the Kargil War also symbolised the highest values of secularism enshrined in the Indian ethos, as soldiers on the front lines transcended considerations of caste, creed, religion, or region to fight with singular commitment to Mother India. Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology,

Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space and MoS Personnel, Public Grievances and

its political and military strategies."

Singh pointed out that Post-Kargil, significant shifts occurred in India's approach, particularly after Prime Minister Narendra



Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh said "One of the key points underscored by the Kargil War is Pakistan's continuous reluctance to accept the status of Pakistan-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) as part of India since 1947.

Singh said, despite large conventional wars in 1948 and 1965, followed by infiltration bids and a proxy war of "a thousand cuts," Pakistan never reconciled with this reality. The Kargil conflict reinforced the necessity for India to adapt

Modi took office in 2014. Under his leadership, the political dispensation granted the army the autonomy to strike back based on their professional discretion and wisdom. This change in strategy was evident in the surgical strikes and the response to the Pulwama attack, where Indian forces proactively penetrated enemy territory to dismantle sources of aggression. The defence budget was also substantially increased, with a notable allocation of (Cont. on Page-11)

President Murmu offers tribute to soldiers on 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas

New Delhi July 26 : President Droupadi Murmu offered tribute to soldiers as she hailed the "courage and extraordinary valour" of the country's armed forces on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas on Friday. In a post on X, President Murmu urged all the countrymen to "draw inspiration from the sacrifice and valour" of the soldiers. "Kargil Vijay Diwas is an occasion for a grateful nation to pay tribute to the indomitable courage and extraordinary valour of our armed forces. I pay tribute to each soldier who made the supreme sacrifice while protecting Mother India on the peaks of Kargil in the year 1999 and bow in reverence to their sacred memory," the President mentioned in her post. "I am confident that all countrymen will draw inspiration from their sacrifice and valour. Jai Hind! Jai Bharat!," she added. Minister of External

Affairs (EAM) S Jaishankar also took the opportunity to "salute the valour and dedication of soldiers" on the occasion. "On Kargil Vijay



Diwas, salute the valour and dedication of our brave soldiers. The legacy of their courage and patriotism acts as a guiding light for all Indians," Jaishankar said in a post on X.

Earlier, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also offered tribute to the soldiers to commemorate the occasion. In a post on X, Singh heaped praise on the "unwavering commitment, valour and patriotism" of the soldiers ensuring the safety and security of the country. "Today, on the 25th

anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas, we remember the indomitable spirit and courage of the brave soldiers who fought valiantly in the 1999 war. Their unwavering commitment, valour and patriotism ensured that our country remained safe and secure. Their service and sacrifice will continue to inspire every Indian and our coming generations," Singh mentioned in the post. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Kargil today to commemorate the Kargil Diwas.

Security has been heightened in Kargil ahead of the Prime Minister's visit. PM Modi will visit the Kargil War Memorial and pay homage to the bravehearts who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty. The Prime Minister will also carry out the first blast of the Shinkun La Tunnel Project, virtually. Kargil Vijay Diwas, (Cont. on Page-11)

J&K govt amends Industrial Land Allotment Policy 2021-30

TT Correspondent Srinagar, July 26 : Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Council (AC) on Friday approved amendments in the Jammu and Kashmir Industrial Land Allotment Policy 2021-30.

An official said that the Industries and Commerce Department has included views and comments from stakeholders for effectiveness in updation of existing policy. He said that amendments have been incorporated to elucidate different clauses of the existing policy with a view to provide simplification of processes



and efficiency in land allotments. "Periodic revision of lease premium, wide publicity for inviting applications, allotment of land on competitive merit basis, analysis of applicant/promoter/companies background including qualification and experience, sector-

specific evaluation criteria for sector-specific allotments, functions and jurisdiction of land allotment committees, timelines for restoration of cancelled allotments etc have been provided in the amendments to the policy." To encourage large invest-

ments having strategic importance to the economy of J&K, the government may allot land on a preferential basis to mega projects viz. industrial/service sector units with minimum capital investment (excluding land and working capital) of at (Cont. on Page-11)

'Unprecedented Fiscal Mismanagement': Congress Slams Government Over J&K Budget

New Delhi, July 26 : Days after the Budget for Jammu and Kashmir was presented in Parliament, the Congress on Friday accused the government of "unprecedented fiscal mismanagement" and asked why Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was "benevolent" to Andhra Pradesh and Bihar but not to the Union territory.

Congress general secretary in-charge of communications Jairam Ramesh said that on July 23, Sitharaman presented the Budget for Jammu and Kashmir in Parliament.

"The present Finance Minister has the dubious distinction of being the only Finance Minister of India who has presented six state budgets, since the Union government has refused to hold Assembly Elections since the dissolution of the J&K Legislative Assembly in November 2018," Ramesh said in a statement.

"It is our sincere hope that the next J&K budget is presented in the J&K legislature, by an elected Finance Minister, and discussed by legislators elected by the people of J&K," he said.

The tragedy of the Union finance minister's presentation of the Budget aside, the

Budget documents also reveal some astonishing details, Ramesh claimed.

"The FM got approval from Parliament to borrow Rs 12,000 crore last year. This year, Budget documents reveal that the actual borrowings were twice the amount, at Rs 24,000 crore. Borrowings have risen five-fold in the last two years. This is unprecedented fiscal mismanagement," he said.

Last year, the finance minister promised to raise Rs 7,800 crore in Additional Resource Mobilisation (ARM) and managed to raise only Rs 1,000 crore, he said.

"The fiscal deficit which was pegged at 1.6 per cent was turned out to be 5.36 per cent in FY24 - more than three times the original estimate. Capex has been slashed by 10. Meanwhile, under the Union Government's tutelage, the share of J&K in national GDP has declined from 0.9 per cent in 2015-16 to 0.8 per cent in 22/23," Ramesh said.

Posing questions to the finance minister, the Congress leader asked how does the grim reality of the state's finances square up with the tax/GDP ratio of the state increasing from 5 per cent to 8 per cent in three years.

Lt Governor inaugurates 2nd edition of 'J&K Sambhaav Utsav' in New Delhi

New Delhi, July 26 : Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today inaugurated the second edition of 'J&K Sambhaav Utsav', organized by Resident Commission Jammu Kashmir at New Delhi.

In his address, the Lt Governor commended the unique initiative of the J&K's Resident Commission office, Delhi and all the associated departments to connect people of the national capital and other parts of the country with UT's ageless cultural and artistic heritage, creative tradition and transformation, taking place in diverse sectors.

"Sambhaav Utsav 2.0, includes 'Sambhaav Manthan Satra' - a series of thematic sessions especially designed

to highlight immense potential of J&K in key areas such as tourism, cultural heritage, craftsmanship, entrepreneurship, and the startup ecosystem," the Lt Governor observed.

He said the exchange of ideas and knowledge will also provide a viable roadmap to address the challenges and explore the emerging opportunities in different sectors.

The series of sessions on Jammu Kashmir will also foster a close collaboration between J&K government and industry leaders, youth, media, J&K diaspora, and other key stakeholders, he added.

The Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration to provide

opportunity to artisans and entrepreneurs to connect with global buyers and exporters, through endeavours like

ry, under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

He said the fast-paced



Sambhaav Utsav.

At the inaugural ceremony, the Lt Governor highlighted J&K's transformation and historic growth trajectory,

holistic development of the Union Territory.

We are also witnessing the revival of J&K's cultural identity, artistic traditions and the emergence of Jammu Kashmir as a most preferred destination for tourists, film-makers and investors across the globe, the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor also shared the efforts of the UT Administration towards the empowerment of the people of J&K, especially the youth, women, farmers, artisans and craftspeople.

The Lt Governor invited the people, industry leaders and all the stakeholders to explore the immense possibilities present in Jammu Kashmir and contribute to

J&K's growth journey.

The Lt Governor visited the Exhibition gallery and also felicitated the winners of different competitions organized on diverse themes highlighting the rich cultural heritage and development of J&K.

Sambhaav Utsav, through a series of activities, provides a unique opportunity to the people to experience the vibrant culture, cuisine, and craftsmanship of Jammu Kashmir.

The 5-day long celebration will showcase the distinct tradition of Handicraft & Handloom of J&K famous for intricate designs, marvellous embroidery, magical motifs, subtle shades etc. The initiative is also providing an integrated platform

for artists, authors, craftspeople, Women Self Help Groups, entrepreneurs to present the different facets of J&K to the larger audience.

Dr. Karan Singh, former Union Minister & former Member of Parliament; Sh Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Dr Rashmi Singh, Principal Resident Commissioner; Sh Suresh Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary, Culture Department and senior officials of J&K Government were present.

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