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LeT militant arrested

SRINAGAR, Oct 30: Security forces arrested a Lashkar-e-Toiba militant in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said. A police officer in Shopian said an active militant Adil Gani Dar of Trenz and affiliated with LeT was arrested at Mohandpora village Shopian. He said that arms and ammunition were also recovered from his possession. (UNI)

EC to announce Gujarat poll schedule this week

NEW DELHI, Oct 30: The Election Commission is likely to announce schedule for the Gujarat Assembly polls this week.

Citing convention followed in 2017, the poll panel had not announced the Gujarat poll schedule when it came out with Himachal Pradesh election dates earlier this month. While election in HP will be held in a single phase on November 12, the counting will take place on December 8. By keeping the counting date for Himachal Pradesh nearly a month after polling, the

KPs leaving Kashmir when BJP is in power: Mehbooba

SRINAGAR, Oct 30: Former Chief Minister and People's Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti today accused Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) of failing to stop exodus of Kashmiri Pandits after target killings. "Which Government is currently in power as Kashmiri Pandits leave the Valley? Pandits who had lived in these

SC to hear 232 pleas on CAA today

NEW DELHI, Oct 30: The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear 232 PILs, including a large batch of petitions challenging the Constitutional validity of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), tomorrow, when it would reopen after a nine-day Diwali vacation.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Uday Umesh Lalit and Justices S Ravindra Bhat and Bela M Trivedi has listed for hearing as many as 232 petitions, mostly PILs, on October 31 on the issue of CAA alone. Earlier, the bench headed by

Searches in Samba over drone movement

JAMMU, Oct 30: Police and security forces launched a search operation in areas along the International Border in Samba district after some villagers informed them about a suspected drone movement, officials said. The search operation by the Central Reserve Police Force and Special Operations Group along with the police was launched in Pullian, Nursery and Checkdayala belt on Saturday night, they said. A fresh search was held

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WEATHER
JAMMU:
Mainly dry
TEMPERATURE
Max: 29.6 Degree C
Min: 16.1 Degree C
RELATIVE HUMIDITY
RH-I (Morning): 67.0 per cent
RH-II (Evening): 71.0 per cent
Sunset on Monday: 05:42 p.m.
Sunrise on Tuesday: 06:50 a.m.
SRINAGAR:
Mainly dry
TEMPERATURE
Max: 21.2 Degree C
Min: 4.2 Degree C
RELATIVE HUMIDITY
RH-I (Morning): 85.0 per cent
RH-II (Evening): 65.0 per cent
LEH:
TEMPERATURE
Max: 12.6 Degree C
Min: -3.0 Degree C

'Time to leave old challenges, take advantage of new possibilities' J&K youth will write new story of development, this decade important in UT's history: Modi

Sanjeev Pargal
JAMMU, Oct 30: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said today that youth will write a new story of development in Jammu and Kashmir and maintained that time has come to leave old challenges behind and take full advantage of new possibilities.

Addressing the Jammu and Kashmir Rozgar Mela this morning through video conferencing from New Delhi, Modi said he feels happy that youth of Jammu and Kashmir are coming forward in large numbers for development of their Union Territory and the people.

In his nearly 12 minutes address, the Prime Minister said whenever he used to meet the people of Jammu and Kashmir earlier, he always felt their pain. "It was the pain of corruption in the system. People of Jammu and Kashmir hate corruption," he said and praised Lieutenant

Govt of new possibilities". He added that there is a need to work with new approach and new thinking for fast-paced development. He said that this decade of the 21st century is the most important decade in the history of Jammu and Kashmir. "Jammu and Kashmir is the pride of every Indian. Together we have to take Jammu and Kashmir to new heights," he

Congratulating 3000 young people who received appointment letters to work in the Government in 20 different

places in Jammu and Kashmir, Modi said these youngsters will get opportunities to serve in various departments like the PWD, Health department, Food and Civil Supplies department, Animal Husbandry, Jal Shakti, and Education-Culture. "Preparations are in full swing to hand out more than 700 appointment letters in other departments in the coming days," he said, adding the Government is committed to take benefits of development equally to all sections and citizens.

Referring to a record increase in the number of tourists visiting Jammu and Kashmir, the Prime Minister said the tourism sector in Jammu and Kashmir received a boost due to the infrastructural developments and increased connectivity. "It is our endeavour that the benefits of Government schemes reach every section of society

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*J&K pride of every Indian, we have to take it to new heights

Governor Manoj Sinha and his team for remarkable work done to uproot the evils of corruption. Describing Jammu and Kashmir as the pride of every Indian, the Prime Minister said: "It is time to leave behind the old challenges and take full benefit of new possibilities". He added that there is a need to work with new approach and new thinking for fast-paced development.

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*PM praises LG, team for work done to uproot evils of corruption

Government in establishing peace. Security forces can't do it alone," he said. Sinha said some people try to disrupt the peace by killing innocent people to give the impression that whatever was footfall in J&K, and it is why it's pawns are leaving no stone unturned to destabilise the pace of development in the region. The LG said the Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed major changes from past few years that led to the massive development in the UT, but few subversive elements and their handlers are yet to digest the changes. "The neighbouring country Pakistan and their pawns are yet to digest changes happening in J&K. Pakistan is absolute disconsolate over huge influx of tourists that led economical boost in the UT", he said. He said the militants and their handlers are at "deathbed" after police and security forces dismantled their ecosystem. "They are still trying to snatch lives of innocents including laborers. They want to sabotage the pace of development the UT is witnessing from past few

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'India doing wonders in solar, space sectors' PM mentions Srinagar man in 'Mann Ki Baat' address

parts of the country including Kashmir are installing rooftop solar plants to overcome power crisis and reduce power bills. Modi said that India is doing wonders in the solar as well as space sectors and the whole world is "surprised" to see its achievements. He noted the ISRO's recent success in placing 36 satellites in space simultaneously and described it as a "special Diwali gift" from our youth to the country.

With this launch, Modi said, digital connectivity will be further strengthened across the country and even the remotest areas will be more easily connected with the rest of India. The Prime Minister cited it as a successful example for his government's push for self-reliance. "When the country is self-

reliant, how, it reaches new heights of success, this is also an example of this," he said, noting that India was once denied the Cryogenic Rocket Technology but its scientists developed an indigenous technology. With the help of it now, dozens of satellites are being sent to space simultaneously, he said, asserting that the country has emerged as a strong player in the global commercial market and new opportunities have opened up.

The opening of space sector to private sector has led to many young start-ups joining it, and revolutionary changes have come in, he said. India is working with the resolve to become a developed nation by 2047 and can achieve its goals only with the efforts of everyone, he said. He added, "Indian industries

and start-ups are engaged in bringing new innovations and new technologies in this field. In particular, the collaboration of IN-SPACE is going to make a big difference in this area." In this context, the Prime Minister also lauded the power of students and said it should not be merely thought in terms of student union politics. He said student power is the basis of making India powerful. "The way our youth solve problems in hackathons, and stay awake all night and work for hours, is very inspiring. A hackathon held in recent years with lakhs of youth of the country coming together, has solved many challenges and given new solutions to the country," Modi said. On October 14-15, all 23 IITs came on one platform for

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'B2V4 to realise vision of Gram Swaraj' Identify, isolate people working on behest of Pak to create fear in J&K: Sinha

while addressing an event in connection with the ongoing Back to Village programme at Sheikhpura area of Budgam district. The LG said that Back to Village is the Government's endeavour to realize the vision of Gram Swaraj, and facilitate communication, cooperation and coordination between

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Cancelled SSB exams to be held afresh in Nov Action to be taken against those making anti-peace statements: LG

Fayaz Bukhari
SRINAGAR, Oct 30: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today said that strict action will be taken against those making statements that vitiate the peaceful atmosphere.

Sinha said anti-peace elements always try to destabilise peace by killing innocents and some try to do it by making unjustified statements which leads to disruption of the peaceful atmosphere. "Law will take strict action against those making statements that vitiate the peaceful atmosphere," he said while addressing a function at SKICC here.

The LG said that J&K is witnessing a change and every individual has to play a part. He added that some people who ruined the lives of thousands of people in J&K in the past 30 years never saw their own children suffer in any way. "Peace is a must for development. People have to support the

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'Fresh directives issued' NHRC takes serious note of failure in granting justice to martyrs' kin

Avtar Bhat
JAMMU, Oct 30: The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) while taking serious exception to the failure on the part of J&K Government in granting justice to family of martyr Sarwanand Koul Premi and his son Virender Koul who were gunned down by militants in May 1990 in Anantnag district of South Kashmir has issued fresh directives to the UT Government through its Chief Secretary to submit the comprehensive Action Taken Report (ATR) to the Commission regarding the case within a period of three

weeks. The NHRC issued the fresh directives to the J&K Government after the case came up for hearing before it on October 26. Premi, a well known educationist, writer, poet and a social activist was kidnapped along with his son from village Soaf Shali in Anantnag district in May 1990 as he had raised his voice against militancy and separatists accusing them of ruining the centuries old composite culture of Kashmir where Hindus and Muslims lived in complete harmony. The bodies of both father and son duo were thrown in Anantnag town bearing marks of torture. Since then, the family of

Premi were running from pillar to post for justice demanding action against the militants responsible for the heinous crime and those who looted their property and torched their house etc. The NHRC, in a fresh notice to J&K Government, through its Chief Secretary, has directed him that a comprehensive Action Taken Report (ATR) be submitted by it within a period of eight weeks. The Commission also took serious exception that the Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag has failed to implement the directives of erstwhile State Human Rights Commission (SHRC) of J&K to ensure the safe custody of the

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States/UTs asked to act against Chinese lending Apps Serious impact on security, economy, citizen safety: MHA

NEW DELHI, Oct 30: The Union Home Ministry has sought urgent strict action by law enforcement agencies against predatory lending apps as harassment, blackmail and harsh recovery practices by such Chinese-controlled entities have led to multiple incidents of suicides.

In a communication to all States and Union Territories, the Home Ministry said the issue has caused a serious impact on national security, economy and citizen safety. It said a large number of complaints have been reported across India related to illegal digital lending apps that provide short-term loans or micro-cred-

its at exorbitant interest rates with processing or hidden charges, especially to vulnerable and low-income group people. The lenders use the borrowers' confidential personal data like contacts, location, photos and videos for blackmail and harassment. "Harsh recovery practices followed by these illegal lending apps have claimed many lives across India. "This issue has caused a serious impact on national security, economy and citizen safety," the communication said. The Home Ministry said these illegal lending apps that may not be Regulated Entities (RE) by the Reserve Bank of

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60 dead as bridge collapses in Gujarat

MORBI, Oct 30: At least 60 people, many of them women and children, died after a century-old suspension bridge on the Machchhu river in Gujarat's Morbi city collapsed this evening, officials said. The bridge, which reopened four days ago after extensive repairs and renovation, was crammed with people when it collapsed around 6.30 pm, officials said. "At least 60 persons have died in the tragedy," Gujarat Minister Brijesh Merja told reporters. Eyewitnesses said there were several women and children on the British era "hanging bridge" when it snapped, plunging them into the water below. Some people were seen jumping on the bridge and pulling its big wires, an eyewit-

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LG Manoj Sinha during B2V4 programme at Sheikhpura in Budgam on Sunday.



Recoveries made by police in Jammu on Sunday.