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'PM established importance of Startups'

## J&K has potential to emerge powerhouse of prosperity: LG

Excelsior Correspondent

CALIFORNIA, Sept 25: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha addressed the IIT BHU Global Alumni Meet at Santa Clara, California.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor lauded the efforts of the young IITians for their accomplishment and advancements in emerging technologies and strengthening dynamic technology ecosystem for societal transformation.

He conveyed the motto of shared effort, progress for all and urged the innovators, entrepreneurs to contribute to India's growing knowledge economy. "Development is powered by technology and innovation. India has created vibrant and fastest growing innovation ecosystems in the world and has helped create several thousands of startups and over 100 unicorns attracting huge investment. I urge entrepreneurs to



LG Manoj Sinha addressing IIT BHU Global Alumni Meet at California.

invest in India, the cradle of civilization and the most attractive investment destination of the world," Sinha said.

He also discussed the progressive industrial policy of J&K UT made under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and highlighted the immense potential and opportunities in different sectors

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## 'These two words increase enthusiasm manifold' Celebrate Sept 28 as Surgical Strike Day along with birth anniversary of Bhagat Singh: PM

Let us take inspiration from freedom fighters

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Sept 25: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said today that along with birth anniversary of Bhagat Singh Ji on September 28, the countrymen have another reason to celebrate the day for surgical strike.

He said this in his monthly Mann Ki Baat Radio Address aired on last Sunday of the month.

"My dear countrymen, all of you have another reason to celebrate the 28th of September. Do you know what it is? I will say only two words and I know your enthusiasm will increase four-fold. These two words are-- Surgical Strike," Modi said. "Hasn't the Josh risen?" he asked.

Modi said: "Let us celebrate the campaign of ongoing Amrit Mahotsav in our country with full enthusiasm, sharing our

happiness with everyone". Indian Army had on September 28, 2016 conducted surgical strikes at four places inside Pakistan across Jammu



and Kashmir in retaliation to terror attack by the Pakistan-sponsored militants at an Army camp in Uri in Baramulla district of Kashmir.

Militants had targeted Army camp in Uri on September 18, 2016 and surgical strikes were conducted inside Pakistan right after 10 days.

A number of militants including their commanders, trainers and Pakistan army personnel were killed in the surgical strikes which were conducted for the first time since Pakistan-sponsored militancy

erupted in Jammu and Kashmir. On February 26, 2019, the Indian Air Force (IAF) had conducted airstrikes in Balakote deep inside Pakistan

in response to Pulwama terror attack on February 14. A training camp of Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) militant outfit was destroyed in the air raids in which nearly 200 militants were believed to have been killed.

Modi announced that the Chandigarh airport will be renamed after Shaheed Bhagat

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Navratri Greetings To All Our Readers.

## J&K registers decline in U-5 mortality rate

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 25: In a significant milestone, the Union Territory of J&K has been able to achieve 'remarkable improvement' in multiple indicators related to maternal and child health in the recent years.

In a single year, the Under

Five Mortality Rate (U5MR) in the UT has decreased from 21 to 17 points per 1000 live births, Neo Natal Mortality rate from 15 to 12, Early Neo Natal Mortality Rate from 10 to 08 and Sex Ratio at birth increased from 918 to 921 as per the Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report 2020 released

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## Kumar posted in WCD Ministry

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 25: The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) today posted Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, as Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser in Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India.

Kumar is a 1996 batch officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre and was on inter-cadre deputation to Jammu and Kashmir.

Kumar will hold a vacant post of Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser in the Ministry which has been temporarily upgraded.

## Lalu, Nitish meet Sonia; Oppn rally in Haryana

NEW DELHI, Sept 25:

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and RJD supreme Lulu Prasad Yadav met Congress president Sonia Gandhi here today and pitched for bringing all opposition parties together to defeat the BJP in 2024.

The meeting at Gandhi's 10 Janpath residence is being considered very crucial in forging an opposition unity as efforts are on to reconcile differences

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### NOTICE

Today's issue consists of 20 pages including 4-page supplement.

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## 'Facts of each case have to be taken into consideration' Exoneration in departmental proceedings won't always lead to quashing of criminal charges: HC

Says it is ACB prerogative to choose method of verification

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, Sept 25: The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has categorically stated that exoneration in departmental proceedings would not always lead to quashing of criminal charges relating to same allegations and the facts and circumstances of each case have to be taken into consideration. Moreover, it has held that it is the discretion of Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) to choose the mode and method

of verification of the complaint relating to corruption.

The High Court was dealing with writ petition challenging FIR No 5 of 2010 for offences under Sections 120-B, 167-A, 420-IPC read with Section 5(1)(d) and 5(2) of Jammu and Kashmir Prevention of Corruption Act registered with Police Station Vigilance Organization Jammu against the engineers of Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department.

As per the contents of the impugned FIR, a Joint Surprise Check (JSC) was conducted by

the Vigilance Organization (now Anti-Corruption Bureau) into the allegations of construction of substandard overhead tank at Dok Paloura, Jammu during the period 2006 to 2009 which is stated to have collapsed in the month of June 2009.

It is mentioned in the FIR that the then Executive Engineer in league with the then Assistant Executive Engineer, the then Junior Engineer PHE Sub Division No.1 and contractor Janak Raj Gupta by abusing their official positions, had

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## 'Sizeable number of people got real freedom after annulling 370' Modi Govt scripts new chapter of development in J&K: Chug

Avtar Bhat

JAMMU, Sept 25: Maintaining that Narendra Modi Government scripted new chapter of development in J&K, BJP national general secretary and in charge J&K and Ladakh UTs, Tarun Chug today accused the dynastic parties including National Conference (NC) and People's Democratic Party (PDP) of deliberately depriving a big section of society during their rule with the result the poor

became much poorer in J&K.

Talking to reporters here today along with BJP J&K president Ravinder Raina and other senior leaders, he said the Modi

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Government has scripted a new history of development in J&K. He said thought there was an impediment in our march to development during last two years due to COVID pandemic but now the UT is treading fast on the path of development and progress.

Justifying the annulling of Articles 370 and 35 A from Indian Constitution, he said "We brought those people in the main political stream who were deprived of their rights by dynastic parties for decades together". They included SCs, STs, women etc, he added.

He said "Modi Government gave opportunities of progress and development to this sizeable number of people and now HM is visiting J&K to address the public rallies in the backward

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## Crisis in R'sthan Cong, MLAs threaten to quit

JAIPUR, Sept 25:

High drama unfolded in Rajasthan this evening as a group of Congress MLAs loyal to Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot reached the Assembly Speaker's residence to submit their resignation ahead of a legislature party meeting which was called to decide on his successor.

The development suggested a worsening power struggle between the Chief Minister and Sachin Pilot who was tipped to be Gehlot's replacement after he declared his candidature for the Congress president's post.

One of the Gehlot-loyalist MLAs claimed more than 80 legislators, including

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## Flash flood in Surankote, water enters shops

Excelsior Correspondent

POONCH, Sept 25: After heavy rain and flash flood in a local Nallah, water entered several shops at Surankote town market this evening.

Official sources said that there was heavy rain in the area

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this evening. It caused flash flood in the local Nallah and drains were also overflowed in the town. Near Sub District Hospital Surankote and Grameen bank and few other

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## House attached for militant harbouring Infiltration bid foiled in Kupwara, 2 infiltrators shot dead

Fayaz Bukhari

SRINAGAR, Sept 25: Security forces today foiled an infiltration bid by militants killing two infiltrators along the Line of Control (LoC) in Macchal sector of Kupwara.

A defence spokesman said that based on specific intelligence inputs received from Jammu and Kashmir Police and other intelligence agencies of likely infiltration attempt in Macchal sector, troops were put on high alert and joint ambushes were laid by police and Army on likely routes of infiltration.

He said that this morning in prevailing poor weather conditions, alert troops observed two armed infiltrators crossing the

LoC near Tekri Nar in Macchal. The spokesman said that the infiltrating militants were engaged by troops leading to a gun battle in which both the infiltrators were neutralised. He said that two AK-47 rifles, six magazines, 53 AK-47 rounds, four hand grenades, two pistols, two

\*Watch video on www.excelsionews.com

pistol magazines, 35 pistol rounds, three Rs 1000 notes, two Rs 500 notes and seven Rs 50 notes of Pakistan currency and food items were recovered from them.

This is the second infiltration bid that was foiled along the LoC in Kupwara sector of Kashmir in last one month.

Earlier on August 25, security forces foiled a major infiltration bid along the LoC in Uri sector by killing three militants.

In both the cases, security forces had prior input about the possible infiltration of militants in the area.

An official said that militants are desperate to infiltrate ahead of winter and troops are on high alert to foil any such attempts.

A senior Army officer said that they are receiving multiple inputs along the LoC of possible infiltration attempts in Kashmir and the troops have been put on maximum alert to foil any such designs. He said that regular patrols are being conducted along the fence and in the nearby

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