

Modi Govt took various steps to promote growth: LG Separatism, terrorism came from outside, not linked to people of India: Meghwal

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 JAMMU, Apr 23: Maintaining that development and good governance are key elements of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's leadership which will help in bringing



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and Union Minister of State for Culture & Parliamentary Affairs Arjun Ram Meghwal addressing North Zone MSME conclave at Jammu on Sunday.

peace in Jammu and Kashmir, Union Minister of State for Culture and Parliamentary Affairs, Arjun Ram Meghwal today said separatism and terrorism came from outside and are not linked to people living in India while Lt Governor Manoj Sinha said that Narendra Modi Government

has taken a number of steps to promote growth and development in the country. The Union Minister who was here to take part in a Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) conclave along with Lt

Of 9765, over 23% J&K water bodies dried up beyond repair: Census

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 SRINAGAR, Apr 23: The first-ever census of water bodies in India was released today, outlining over 24 lakh water bodies across the country, and over 9,700 water bodies in the Union Territory of J&K, of which over 76 per cent are 'in use' while over 23 per cent have been categorized as 'not in use', defining them as 'dried up beyond repair'.

owned water bodies across J&K, whereas the remaining 51.4% (5,016) are under public ownership. By location, 27 water bodies are located in flood-prone areas and 1,144 water bodies are located in tribal areas. Out of all water bodies, the census noted, 76.7% (7,493) water bodies are 'in use' whereas the rest 23.3% (2,272) are not 'in use,' "on account of drying up, destroyed beyond repair and other reasons." Out of 'in use' water bodies, the census highlighted, a major proportion of water bodies are used for domestic/ drinking purposes followed by irrigation purposes. Further, in J&K, the report stated, there are 36% (3,519) natural and 64% (6,246) man-made water bodies and out of

GOC Leh leads Indian delegation India, China hold talks on Eastern Ladakh

NEW DELHI, Apr 23: Days ahead of Chinese Defence Minister Li Shangfu's planned visit to India, the militaries of the two countries today held a fresh round of high-level talks to resolve issues at the remaining friction points in Eastern Ladakh as the border row spills over to the fourth year. The 18th round of military talks between India and China took place at the Chushul-Moldo border meeting point on the Chinese side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh, people familiar with the dialogue said. It was not immediately known whether there was any forward movement at the talks

Two couples detained on suspicion of shelter Militants decamped with weapons, ammunition of Army soldiers

Sanjeev Pargal
 JAMMU, Apr 23: Militants had taken away weapons and ammunition of the Army soldiers who were martyred in Thursday's terror attack at Bhatta Durrian in Mendhar tehsil of Poonch district while two couples from village Degwar were picked up by police today on the suspicion of helping the ultras even as all major security and intelligence agencies have launched joint and coordinated searches in the forests to track down the assailants. Additional DGP Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh told the Excelsior that a well coordinated operation has been launched

jointly by all security agencies including Army, paramilitary forces and police; backed by the Intelligence agencies, to track down the militants involved in terror attack. "Massive search operations are on in Bhatta Durrian forests. The operations have been launched jointly by security forces and are being coordinated regularly by top officials," the Jammu Police chief, who camped at the spot for two days, said. Mukesh Singh said number of the militants who carried out the attack was expected to be 2-3 and all of them are believed to be Pakistanis. "We can't say about local involvement at this stage," he said. On use of Chinese-made steel core bullets in the attack by the militants, the ADGP Jammu said: "this is part of investigations". Meanwhile, reliable

'Will boost tourist footfalls in J&K' 100 Intl delegates to attend G20 meeting in Srinagar: Secy

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAIPUR, Apr 23: The third G20 Tourism Working Group Meeting will be held in Srinagar from May 22 to 24, a move which will help in boosting tourist footfalls in Jammu and Kashmir, Union Tourism Secretary Arvind Singh said today. "A team from the Tourism Ministry and the G20 Secretariat is currently in J-K to assess the preparedness that will be needed to host the event in May," he said on the sidelines of the expo. This will be the first major international event to be held in Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019. About 100 international delegates and 50-100 Indian mem-

Arun Gupta re-elected CCI President, Munish Secy Gen

Gopal Sharma
 JAMMU, Apr 23: Arun Gupta has been re-elected as President for the second consecutive term while Munish Gupta as Secretary General of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Jammu, the election for which was held here today. The polling for the six posts of office bearers of CCI Jammu started at 10 am today and continued till 5.30 pm. Out of the total 2816 votes, 2687 were polled. Arun Gupta was declared elected as President for the second consecutive term. He secured 1522 votes and defeated

bagged 1697 votes and defeated Surinder Mahajan, who secured 262 votes and Rajinder Gupta (116 vote). Rajeev Gupta senior Vice President. He





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