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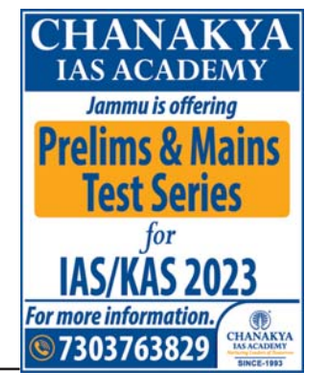



## Action against 2 ex MLAs of NC for encroachments

*Excelsior Correspondent*

SRINAGAR, Jan 30: The district administration Anantnag today took over an illegal commercial structure belonging to a former MLA of National Conference and initiated action against another former legislator and his close

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## Half-day bandh, massive rally in Leh today

*Excelsior Correspondent*

JAMMU, Jan 30: Various religious bodies will tomorrow hold grand rally at Polo Ground and have called for half days bandh to support education reformist Sonam Wangchuk on final day of his five-day hunger strike in Leh in sup-

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## JPDCL to disconnect power connections of defaulters

*Excelsior Correspondent*

JAMMU, Jan 30: Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDCL) will start disconnecting the power connections of those consumers who are eligible under the Amnesty Scheme but have not paid any installment till

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## 4 LeT associates arrested

*Excelsior Correspondent*

SRINAGAR, Jan 30: Security forces today destroyed a militant hideout and arrested four militant associates of Lashkar-e-Toiba in Awantipora area of South Kashmir.

A police official said that police along with 42 RR of Army and CRPF busted and destroyed a militant hideout in Hafoo

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## 61 killed, 150 injured in Pak terror attack

PESHAWAR, Jan 30:

A Taliban suicide bomber blew himself up in a mosque packed with wor-

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shippers during afternoon prayers today in the high-security zone in Pakistan's

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*'I understand pain of Kashmiris, armed forces'*

# Undertook BJY to save liberal, secular ethos of country: Rahul

**Fayaz Bukhari**

*Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka joined by former Chief Ministers Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti during closing ceremony of Bharat Jodo Yatra in Srinagar on Monday, amid heavy snowfall (UNI). Another pic on page 4.*

**SRINAGAR, Jan 30: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi today said that he undertook the Bharat Jodo Yatra (BJY) to save the liberal and secular ethos of the country which was facing an assault. He said that he understands the pain of Kashmiris and the armed forces as he has himself gone through it.**

Gandhi who swapped the T-shirt that he had worn for the majority of the march for a woollen Kashmiri gown to ward off the cold, while

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addressing the rally at SK Stadium Srinagar amid heavy snowfall said the aim of his BJY was to save the liberal and secular ethos of the country which, he claimed, was facing an assault from the BJP and the RSS.

"I have not done this [Yatra] for myself or for the Congress but for the people of the country. Our aim is to stand against the ideology that wants to destroy the foundation of this country," he said.

The Congress leader accused the BJP of "instigating violence" and said that they can't understand the meaning of pain the way it is understood by Kashmiris, the families of armed forces killed on the line of duty, or him.

**"The people of Kashmir will understand it. The CRPF men, the Army men and their families will understand it. I mean to say those who instigate violence like Modi ji, Amit Shah ji, Ajit Doval, and people of RSS, they cannot understand this. They will not under-**

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## Govt notifies new policy for manpower

*Excelsior Correspondent*

JAMMU, Jan 30: The Government today notified

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a policy for effective utilization of manpower in Jammu and Kashmir through inter-departmental

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## SED to scrutinize all appointments made in 2009

*Excelsior Correspondent*

SRINAGAR, Jan 30: The School Education Department (SED) has decided to verify all the appointments made in 2009 and prior years in order to ensure the legitimacy of the appointments.

The action was taken a

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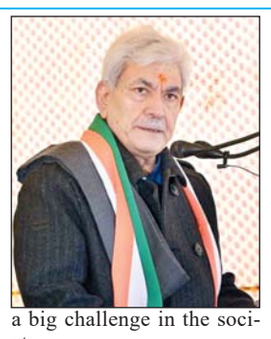
■ Calls for fear, corruption and drug-free J&K

# Narco-terror has become second form of terrorism, says LG

*'Jan Andolan' by Admn, police, people will end menace*

**Sanjeev Pargal**



**JAMMU, Jan 30: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said today that narco-terrorism has become second form of terrorism and called for "fear-free, corruption-free and drug-free" Jammu and Kashmir. He said drug addiction is being spread under well-thought conspiracy to destroy young generations of the country.**

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Addressing a function here after paying tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of his death anniversary, Sinha said drug addiction has become a big challenge in the society.

"It has become a major problem which perhaps we can't imagine. Under a well thought conspiracy, an attempt is being made to destroy young generations in the country. A big section of population in Jammu and Kashmir has also become a victim of it," he said.

Asserting that it is not only drug addiction, the Lieutenant Governor said the narco-terrorism has become second form of terrorism.

**"Only a 'Jan Andolan' (mass campaign) by the administration, police and elected representatives will lead to end of the menace (of narco-terrorism)," he said.**

Sinha said whole of society approach is need of the hour to fulfil resolve of 'Amrit Kaal Khand' to create fear-free, corruption-free and drug-free Jammu and Kashmir.

Earlier, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today paid tribute to the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi on his 'punyatithi'.

## 6 SEs placed as Incharge CEs

*Excelsior Correspondent*

JAMMU, Jan 30: The Government today promoted/placed six Incharge Superintending Engineers (Civil) as I/C Chief Engineers

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## H&ME directive to MC heads

**Irfan Tramboo**

SRINAGAR, Jan 30: Noting the overstay of the Medical Officers (MOs), the Government has directed the heads of all the Medical Colleges (MCs) across J&K to immediately identify and relieve such doctors who have completed the prescribed term of 3-year tenure posting

In this regard, the directives have been issued by the Health & Medical Education Department (H&ME) which has also issued a list of 8 overstaying doctors at the Government Medical

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## Project positive things about J&K: Dwivedi

*Excelsior Correspondent*

UDHAMPUR, Jan 30: Northern Command chief

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*Video on www.excelsiornews.com*

Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi today called upon the students to project positive things about Jammu and Kashmir when they visit outside.

"It is important that the

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*Heavy rain, snowfall across J&K; air, train services hit*

# NH, many roads closed after landslides; one dead

**Gopal Sharma**

*Avalanche warning issued, exams postponed*

*Fresh snowfall in Srinagar. More pics on page 4.*
*-Excelsior/Shakeel*

**SRINAGAR/ JAMMU, Jan 30: Entire Jammu and Kashmir experienced heavy rain since last night while higher reaches and most parts of Kashmir valley experienced fresh snowfall, affecting flight operation and surface transport while Jammu-Srinagar National Highway and several other roads have been blocked due to landslides in the region.**

All flights at Srinagar Airport were cancelled today due to snowfall while train service also remained

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suspended in the Valley. Director Airport Authority at Srinagar, Kuldip Singh said that 68 flights scheduled to operate today, were cancelled.

Jammu-Srinagar National Highway was blocked at several places between Nashri Tunnel and Banihal in Ramban area due to landslides/mudslides and shooting of stones since early hours today. At Panthyal the highway turned dangerous where frequent falling of boulders and shooting of stones continued throughout the day.

**Apart from Panthyal, Mehar, Cafeteria Morh, Seri, Maggarkote, Maroog and Nachlana were other problematic areas today where land and mudslides created havoc. At Cowbagh near Ramban, an oil tanker No.JK02BE/6628 skidded off the road during heavy rain and fell into a Nallah at around 2.30 am today. The driver of the vehicle namely Imtiaz Wani, hailing from Wagan in Banihal died in the mishap.**

No fresh movement of vehicles from Udhampur and Jammu side and also from Qazigund in Kashmir side was allowed today while some stranded vehicles were cleared towards Valley last night. Over 2000 vehicles were reported to have been stranded at various places along the highway between Jammu and Srinagar besides Dhar Road

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*Gap in revenue realization, A&TC losses to be reflected*

# Union Power Ministry asks JERC for UTs of J&K, Ladakh to submit Annual Report

*Compliance level of Renewable Purchase Obligation too sought*

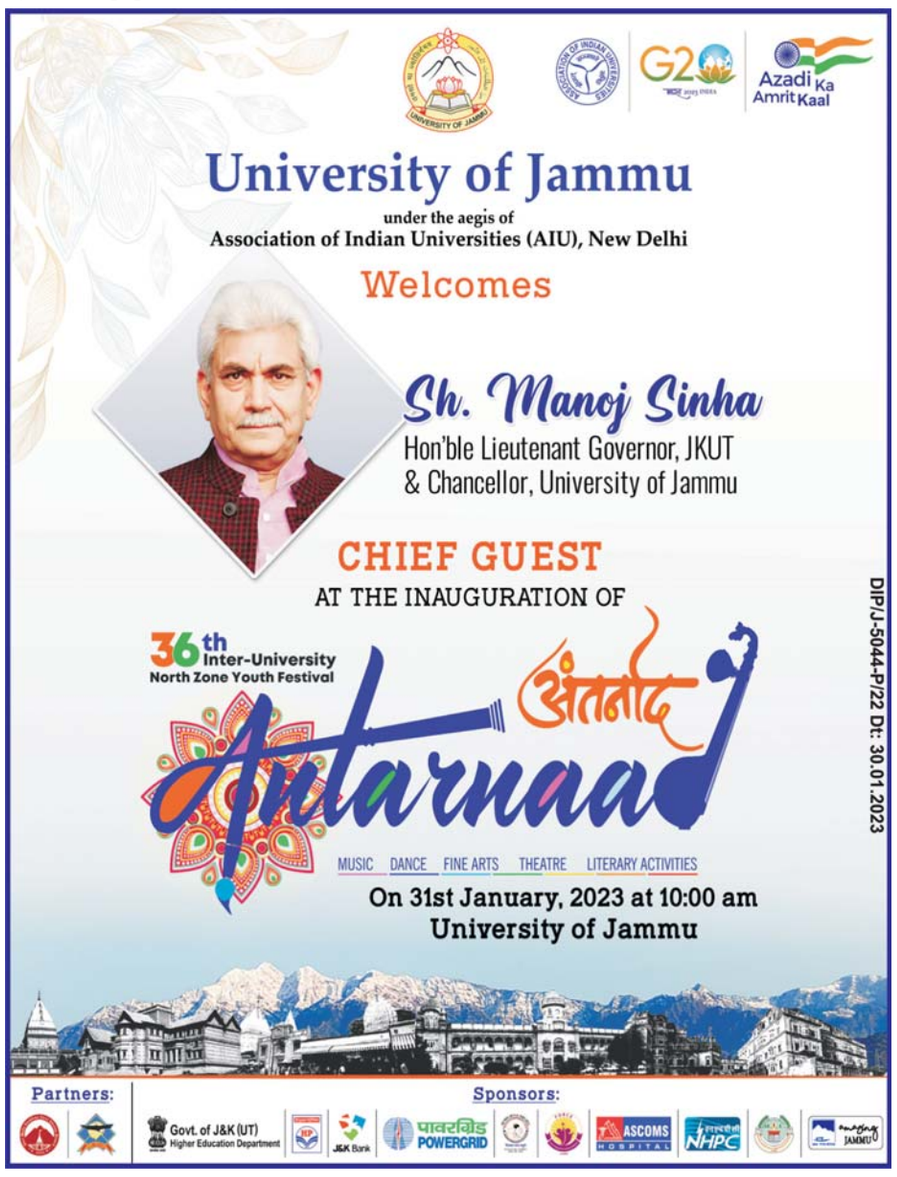
**Mohinder Verma**

**JAMMU, Jan 30: Union Power Ministry has directed the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and Union Territory of Ladakh to submit Annual Report giving summary of its activities during the previous year and highlighting the gap in the revenue realization, level of Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses and compliance level of Renewable Energy Purchase Obligation.**

In order to ensure that Annual Report is received after every year the Union Power Ministry, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 176 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and in pursuance of Section 83 of the Act, has made the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and Union Territory of Ladakh (Preparation of Annual Report) Rules, 2023, which have come into force with immediate effect.

The Section 176 of the Electricity Act empowers the Central Government to make Rules for carrying out provisions of the Act by issuing formal notification while as Section 83 states that a Joint Commission may be constituted by the Central Government in respect of one or more Union Territories.

As per the Rules, the copy of which is available with EXCELSIOR, every year the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission will prepare an Annual Report, giving a summary of its activities during the previous year commencing from the 1st day of April to the 31st day of March of the following year in the prescribed format.

**The Annual Report will give an account of the activities during the previous financial year containing a statement of goals and objectives of the Joint Commission and annual targets set for various activities in view of the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 together with a brief review of actual performance with reference to those targets and including in particular a report on the number of cases filed before the Joint Commission during the year, number of cases disposed of, time taken to dis-**

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