



QUICK Take

LG meets family of SSF cop killed in road accident



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JAMMU, OCTOBER 23: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today visited Jagti, Nagrota, and met the family of Special Security Force (SSF) SGCT Lokesh Singh who lost his life in a road accident.

Extending his condolences to the family, the Lt Governor paid homage to the SGCT Lokesh Singh and recalled his selfless service to the nation. He assured the family of all possible support from the government.

CS extends Dussehra greetings to people



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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 23: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today extended greetings to the people on the occasion of the Dussehra festival. He said the Dussehra festival is celebrated across the country as a symbol of victory of Dharma over Adharma and triumph of good over evil. He said that Vijaya Dasami marks the victory over vices.

He highlighted that **P-04**

ICC men's World Cup: Afghanistan beat Pakistan by 8 wickets

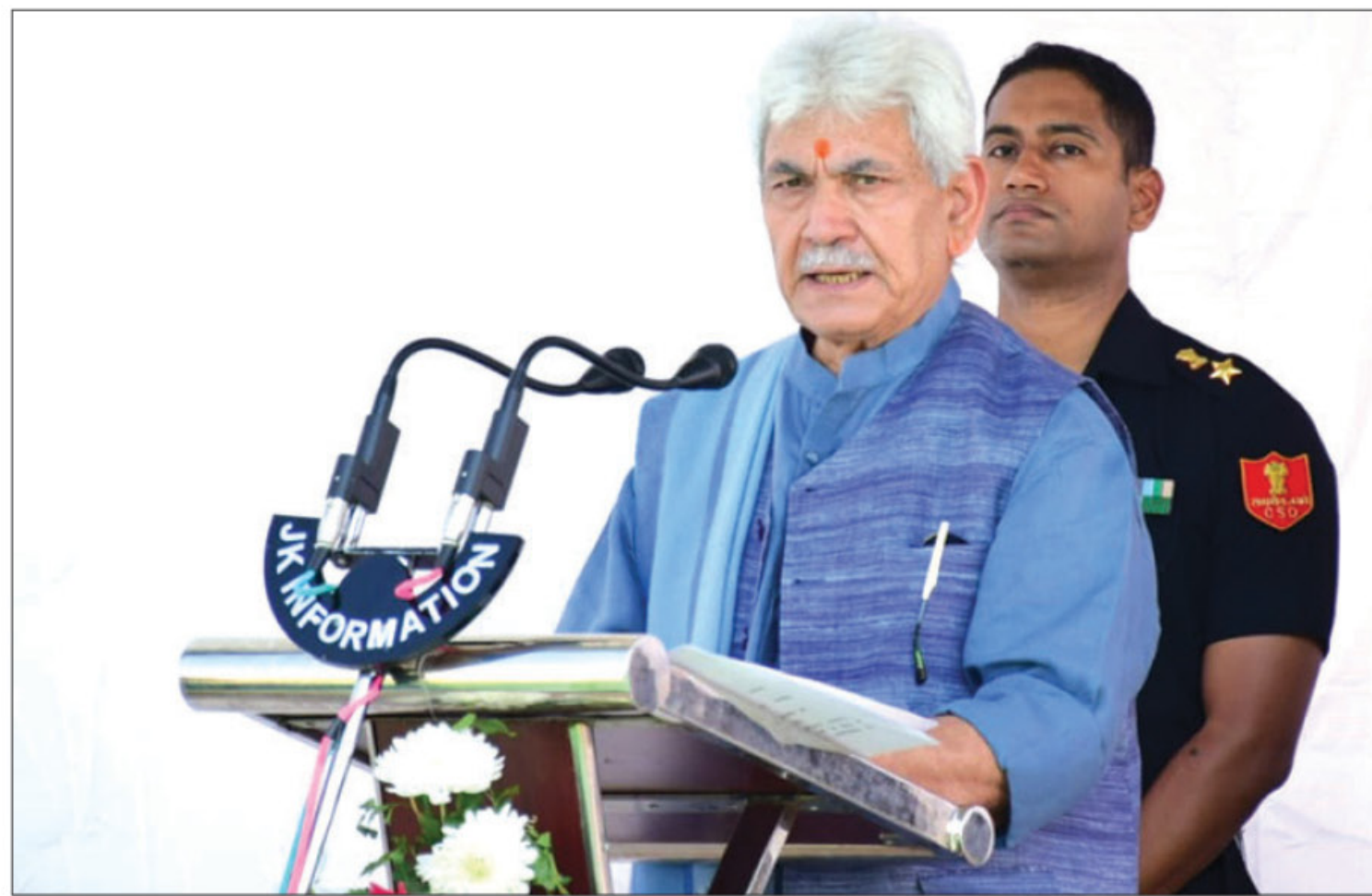


AGENCIES

CHENNAI: Afghanistan beat Pakistan by eight wickets in yet another World Cup upset here on Monday.

Afghanistan chased down the target of 283 with six balls to spare with openers Ibrahim Zadran (87 off 113 balls) and Rahmanullah Gurbaz (65 off 53 balls) setting up the win. **P-04**

Terrorism taking last breath in J&K: LG Sinha



AGENCIES

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said the security situation in the union territory has improved significantly terrorism is taking its last breath.

The security situation is better than it was in the past. With confidence, I can say that terrorism is taking its last breath, Sinha said while addressing Kashmiri Pandits at

Mata Bhadrakali shrine on the outskirts of Jammu city.

Sinha said that in the past, terrorists have targeted soft spots to instill fear within the community. "The neighboring country is deliberately attempting to keep the pot of terrorism boiling in J&K. We are making every effort to ensure the security of vulnerable groups, including Kashmiri Pandits and minorities. The police and security forces are

working tirelessly towards this goal," he said.

"Despite desperate attempts to disrupt peace by the neighboring country and terror outfits, our Police and Security forces are working round the clock to ensure a safe and secure environment for the people," he said. Jammu-based Mata Bhadrakali temple, a replica of a temple located in the Kupwara district of **PAGE 04**

'Will provide land at low rates to govt employees for housing'



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JAMMU, OCTOBER 23: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today said the government will provide land at a low price to government employees in Srinagar to build their houses.

"The government will make necessary arrangements to provide land at low price to government employees in Srinagar to build their own houses," Sinha said.

Sinha was interacting with people after performing Puja at the under-construction temple of Goddess Bhadrakali at Devi Angan Thalwal. **P-04**

Life-saving medicines, sleeping bags: Gift from India to Palestine



AGENCIES

NEW DELHI: India today sent medical aid and disaster relief material to Palestinians in Gaza amid a war with Israel that has claimed thousands of lives on both sides.

"The material includes essential life-saving medicines, surgical items, tents, sleeping bags, tarpaulins, sanitary utilities, and water purification tablets among other necessary items," foreign ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said on X- formerly known as Twitter.

An IAF C-17 flight carrying nearly 6.5 tonnes of medical aid and 32 tonnes of disaster relief material for the people of Palestine departs for El-Arish airport in Egypt.

The Israeli military has pounded Gaza with relentless strikes in response to Hamas' October 7 attack, in which operatives killed at least 1,400 people who were shot, mutilated, or burnt to death. The counterstrikes have killed

more than 4,300 Palestinians, mainly civilians, according to the Hamas-run health ministry, and reduced swathes of the densely populated territory to smoldering ruins.

Inside Gaza, residents said they were unsure where to go or how to protect their families.

At a peace summit in Egypt, UN chief Antonio Guterres urged a humanitarian ceasefire "to end this godawful nightmare."

After negotiations, food, water, and medicine, but no fuel, crossed from Egypt into Gaza on Saturday.

The crossing closed afterward, and UN officials said much more was needed. "Gaza was a desperate humanitarian situation before the most recent hostilities," five UN agencies said in a statement.

"It is now catastrophic. The world must do more," the statement said.

Earlier, in their attempt to completely seize the enclave, Israel cut off fuel, water, and food, thereby leaving Palestinians **PAGE 04**

Centre issues mandatory quality norms for copper products, tin containers



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NEW DELHI: The government has issued mandatory quality norms for copper products, drums, and tin containers to curb the import of sub-standard goods and boost domestic manufacturing of these goods, an official statement said on Monday.

Two separate notifications - Drums and Tins (Quality Control) Order, 2023; and Copper Products (Quality Control) Order, 2023 - in

this regard were issued by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) on October 20.

Items under these two orders cannot be produced, sold, traded, imported, or stocked unless they bear the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) mark.

These orders will come into force with effect from six months from the date of publication of this notification, the DPIIT said. **PAGE 04**

Mahanavami celebrated with religious fervor across Kashmir

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SRINAGAR: Mahanavami was celebrated with religious fervor across Jammu and Kashmir.

Special prayers were held at Durganath Mandir in Dalgate. A large number of devotees thronged the temple on Monday.

Mahanavami Puja, dedicated to the Goddess Durga, is a significant festival in the Hindu calendar and holds deep cultural and religious significance.

Devotees lit lamps, offered flowers, and chanted hymns, creating an aura of spirituality and harmony.

The temple premises were adorned with colorful decorations, and the fragrance of incense filled the air.

One of the devotees said the people of Kashmir are very loving and open-hearted, and everyone must know how much brotherhood and communal harmony can be witnessed in the valley.



Another devotee Arun Kumar, from Maharashtra, said, "After celebrating Mahanavami Puja in the heart of Kashmir, I have experienced the true essence of unity and diversity."

"It's heartwarming to witness how people from all walks of life come together in devotion and harmony. This is a testament to the rich tapestry of our country's cultural heritage," he said.

Swati Sinha, a female visitor from Mumbai, said her visit to Durganath Mandir in Srinagar for Mahanavami Puja has been a deeply enriching experience.

"It's inspiring to witness the seamless blend of faith and diversity. This gathering serves as a reminder of the unity that transcends boundaries and brings people together in a spirit of devotion and peace," he added.

Bemina blind murder case cracked; 4 held: Police



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SRINAGAR, OCT 23: Jammu and Kashmir Police have cracked a blind murder case of a Bemina woman, within five days after the incident.

"On October 17, 2023, Police Station Bemina received information from reliable sources that an unidentified woman had been murdered and her dead body was found on the roadside at Durbal, Bemina. Immediately, a police team of Police Station Bemina rushed to the spot to secure the dead body and preserve the crime scene," said a police **P-04**

How Srinagar has become a real estate investment paradise

FIRDOUS HASSAN

SRINAGAR: Farhaan and Rukaya got married earlier this year. Employed in the private sector, the couple decided to invest their savings into something productive.

After deliberating for nearly a month, the couple came up with an idea to invest the money in real estate.

"We had some savings and even sold our jewelry to buy a plot in Srinagar outskirts. We know that the cost of land keeps on increasing in Srinagar, it will prove beneficial for us in the future," Farhaan said.

Like Farhan and Rukaya, many couples have invested in real estate to secure their future with this investment.

As per the real estate agents, Kashmir is witnessing a surge in property investments with young couples leading the way in real estate purchases.



The real estate business suffered a heavy jolt during COVID-19 in 2020 and 2021, which as per the agents has recovered in one - and - a half years.

Agents claimed that with COVID-19, investment in real

estate has grown with newly married couples emerging as key investors.

"Real estate investment wasn't much popular earlier in Kashmir. Now people have started investing in this sector.

Many colonies and societies are coming up in Srinagar outskirts, which have a very high market value," said Zuhair Ahmad Bhat, owner of Valley Real Estate.

"The couples sell their jew-

elry and buy a plot, which has a huge market value. The investment goes from a minimum amount of Rs 30 lakhs to more than Rs 70 lakh," Bhat said.

He said Srinagar's Parraypora area, has seen a growth of real estate during the recent past.

"It is because the area has commercialized. Many investors buy a plot, build a house, and give it on rent," Bhat said.

Post Covid, he said the investments are not mostly coming in bigger amounts.

Irfan Ahmad another real estate agent said Kashmir's real estate market has been steadily gaining momentum, drawing the attention of both local and out-of-town investors.

"Several factors have contributed to this newfound interest, including improved infrastructure and growth in the value of land. Srinagar, which has got a makeover for the last few years, has become **PAGE 04**

ICC men's World Cup: Kashmiri pacer joins England squad as net bowler



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SRINAGAR: Kashmiri fast bowler Samiullah Dar has made an impressive entry into the cricketing world by accompanying the England team as a net bowler during the ongoing World Cup, according to Kashmir Sports Watch. Hailing from Srinagar, Dar initially honed his skills with the English team in Delhi before embarking on their journey to Mumbai. His next stop will be Bangalore, where the team is gearing up for

their upcoming match.

Samiullah also took on the role of a net bowler for the Kolkata Knight Riders during the 2023 IPL season. Despite showcasing his proficiency as a right-arm fast bowler, he continues to await the opportunity to represent Jammu and Kashmir's state team.

Last year, the English Cricket Board named Sopore's Mateen Teli as the net bowler for the New Zealand series.

Mateen was impressive **PAGE 04**