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National flags flutter at Lal Chowk, Srinagar, to celebrate Kargil Vijay Diwas on 25 July 2022. - The Federal

THE INDIA SECTION

NATIONAL COLOURS FLY AT LAL CHOWK RALLY IN SRINAGAR

TOP STORY

TIRANGA YATRA ON KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS

On 25 July 2022, the Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) conducted the first ever Tiranga Bikers Rally in Srinagar, flagged off from the iconic Clock Tower area in Lal Chowk. Bikers from across the country travelled to the Kargil War Memorial to celebrate Kargil Vijay Diwas. BJP's National Secretary, Mr. Tarun Chug, and Yuva Morcha National President, Mr. Tejasvi Surya flagged off the event. The flag was hoisted, and patriotic songs were sung far and wide.

This rally is deeply significant, besides the event it commemorated, due to the place it was flagged off from by party leaders. Before August 2019's constitutional reforms, the area surrounding the Clock Tower served as the breeding ground for separatists and militant activities and also experienced several attacks.

This event marked a new and prosperous phase in the union territory's existence with a precedent for similar initiatives to follow suit. It was an important step in the direction of "complete, social, political, and economic re-integration of Jammu and Kashmir... an important civilizational task..."

Mohammad Ashraf Hajam, a participant, fondly recalled this event was the second time he had participated in a flag hoisting ceremony since 1992. - The Hindu, NDTV, The New Indian Express



Tiranga Rally started from Ghanta Ghar Lal Chowk in Srinagar to Kargil on Monday, 25 July, in which 300 bikers participated. — Rediff.com



An elderly citizen dances to the drumbeat during the celebrations at Lal Chowk in Srinagar. — Indiabuzz.online



Girl students assemble for morning prayers at a school in Kashmir. — File picture

EDUCATION SECTION

LG LAUNCHES
MAJOR PROJECTS,
COVERING SCHOOL
AND SPORTS
INFRASTRUCTURE

EDUCATION FOR INNOVATION

Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha has launched several key initiatives in the education sector of the Union Territory.

He has initiated 119 civil projects, which includes 84 school buildings and has unveiled projects for sports infrastructure in about 100 schools, which covers two residential schools for tribal students in Rajouri and Shopian. He has further rolled out NIELIT courses for six to 12 grade.

In addition, the LG has launched a mentorship programme and introduced TALAASH App for bringing 93,508 out-of-school children into the mainstream.

He has also laid foundation stones for 500 Atal Tinkering Labs (250 each in Jammu and Kashmir regions) and 188 model kindergartens and 1,935 pre-primary sections.

The Mentorship Programme, known as Student Teacher Engagement for Educational Reinforcement (STEER) is meant to revolutionise school education by identifying learning gaps and constraints of the children, thereby allowing teachers to improve teaching methods.

Similarly, the NEP-2020 takes special care of providing students an opportunity to study the subjects according to their own choice and ability. — [Financial Express](#), PTI



LT.-GOV. MANOJ SINHA

SCHOOLS WILL IGNITE
ENGINES OF GROWTH

In his comments on these initiatives, the LG said, “Schools will ignite the engine of J&K’s overall development and growth. Our effort is to ensure all the schools are maintaining academic standards, empowering young students to develop experimental skills, exposing them to exciting innovations.” — [KL News](#)



Prof. Nilofar Khan and her team are working towards launching several programmes, necessary for enhancing all the students' diverse personalities and channelising their immense potential.
— The Logical Indian

WOMEN'S SECTION

UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR GETS FIRST WOMAN V.C. IN PROF. NILOFAR KHAN

'BETTER HALF' OF POPULATION

SIBLING SYNERGY



SHANAAZ & MEHWISH SHAFI

A siblings duo – Shanaaz and Mehwish Shafi – are working towards transforming the grooming industry in J&K. They have acquired the franchise of a renowned company, Geetanjali Salon, in 2022. They are among the first to own a salon, bearing the hallmark of a well-known company.

Currently, they employ 30 women. Furthermore, they launched their debut from their first store in Jawahar Nagar. — Greater Kashmir

Women have begun to make significant advances in leadership positions in academic institutions. For example, Professor Nilofar Khan, formerly associated with the University of Kashmir's Department of Home Science, was appointed as the new Vice-Chancellor (VC) by LG Sinha. Her 37-year association with the institution culminated into her assuming the role of the first woman VC of a Kashmiri University. She and her team are working towards launching several programmes, necessary for enhancing all the students' diverse personalities and channelising their immense potential.

According to her, "Kashmiri youth are skilled and talented. No matter where they are, they have been performing exceedingly well and there is huge potential for the youth in the valley and we believe that we are going in the right direction. The excellence should not remain limited to academics only but the youth should be excelling at extra-curricular activities too. Not just boys, but girls should be excelling in these activities." She has attributed her success to her parents, particularly her father, a staunch advocate of gender equality and quality education for female education, who even ensured that she along with her sisters studied in a convent school. — ANI News