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LG announces panel of 25 eminent sportspersons each in Jammu, Kashmir

"People must come together to remove encroachments"

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday announced setting up a panel of 25 eminent sportspersons, each for Jammu and Kashmir divisions, who will hold interactions with the young sports talents in educational institutions and sports academies.

The announcement was made by Sinha while addressing the people of the Union Territory through the 19th edition of the 'Awaaz Ki Awaaz' radio programme.

He was responding to the valuable suggestion of Pratibha Sharma from Jammu for setting up of an institutional mechanism to involve sportspersons of national or international repute for direct regular interaction with aspiring and young sports talents in the educational institutions. The school and higher education department will together prepare a calendar of interac-



tions with the children which will motivate the future generation to perform better, he added.

The Lt Governor said that the administration has prepared an Integrated Action Plan for Ecological Conservation and about Rs 47 crore is being spent to save this priceless natural heritage. He exhorted the people to come together to remove encroachments and restore the wetlands for a bright future and clean habi-

tat.

Sinha emphasized that people's involvement with a collective spirit can lead to realising their aspirations.

After 30 years, traditional navigation route of Khushal Sar was cleared and arrangements were made for the movement of Shikaras to Gilikadal and Zadibal, he informed.

Noting the unmatched progress being recorded in the tourism sector of J&K, the Lt Governor emphasized

the necessity of collective role of all citizens to protect the ecology in view of the ever-increasing influx of tourists in the coming years.

He highlighted the success stories of many hardworking entrepreneurs and voiced several suggestions and ideas received from citizens from across the UT. He also issued directions to the concerned departments to assess and take actionable steps on the basis of the invaluable suggestions received from the masses.

Sharing the story of Jamshida Bano of Budgam, the Lt Governor said she is truly an inspiration. She is empowering the local women by providing them training in Sozni craft and helping them with livelihood development options related to the market, value chain to ensure they are financially independent. The Lt Governor underscored that the

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Modi dedicates 75 DBUs to nation, 2 in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday dedicated to the nation 75 Digital Banking Units, including two of Jammu and Kashmir Bank, via video-conferencing.

Of the two Digital Banking Units (DBUs) of Jammu and Kashmir Bank, one is the SSI branch at Lal Chowk in Srinagar and the other is the Channi Rama branch in Jammu.

The function at Lal Chowk here was attended by Union Minister of State for Education Subhas Sarkar, who was in the Valley as part of the third phase of the central government's public outreach programme, officials said.

Member of Parliament from Srinagar and National Conference (NC) President Farooq Abdullah was also present on the occasion, they added.

As part of the Union Budget 2022-23, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced the setting up of the 75



PM Narendra Modi dedicating Digital Banking Units across 75 districts to the Nation including J&K via video conferencing in New Delhi on Sunday.

DBUs in as many districts of the country to commemorate 75 years of India's independence.

The DBUs are being set up to ensure that the benefits of digital banking reach every nook and corner of the country. Eleven banks in the public sector; 12 in the private sector and one Small Finance Bank are participating in the endeavour.

DBUs will provide a variety of digital banking facilities to people such as opening a savings account, account balance check, printing passbook, funds transfer, fixed deposit investments, loan

applications, application for credit or debit cards, and bill and tax payments, among others.

Out of 12 public sector lenders, 11 opened nearly two-thirds of the total 75 DBUs, while 12 private sector lenders and one small finance bank together opened only one-third.

While public sector lenders opened 48 DBUs, the private sector managed to open 27 across various states, as per the data provided by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).Only the Central Bank of India, which is still under the Prompt Corrective

Action framework of RBI could not participate in the endeavor.

The country's biggest lender State Bank of India opened a maximum of 12 DBUs followed by the third biggest Bank of Baroda with 8.

However, the second biggest state-owned lender Punjab National Bank opened only 4 DBUs.

In the private sector space, leading lenders HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank opened four each, followed by Axis Bank with 3 and Kotak Mahindra Bank 2 in two districts.

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India taking action against spamming, says Sitharaman

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
WASHINGTON: The Indian government is taking action against activities like spamming and intrusion into privacy data, especially in the banking sector, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said.

Addressing a group of Indian reporters at a news conference here on Saturday, Sitharaman said the government has withdrawn the old data protection bill and the new one is likely to come sooner.

In the meanwhile, action is being taken on spamming and unsolicited calls and messages. The government is

working intensely to contain these kinds of activities which are not right, she said.

But of course, they keep coming. It's not as if it is all extinguished till yesterday and today nothing has happened. They keep coming up like mushrooms, but the government is very seized of this matter and efforts are on, the finance minister said in response to a question.

Even in the newer data or digital based kind of services, which are being extended to people like the account aggregator, there is a conscious attempt to make sure that consent of the

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Hindi MBBS textbooks launch: Medical education in Hindi will help students overcome inferiority complex of not knowing English: Amit Shah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BHOPAL: Union Home Minister and BJP leader Amit Shah on Sunday termed the beginning of imparting medical education in Hindi in Madhya Pradesh as "historic", which will enhance the abilities of students and also allow them to overcome the "inferiority complex" of not knowing English.

Shah released textbooks in Hindi of three subjects for the first year students of MBBS course as part of the ambitious project of the Madhya Pradesh government to impart medical edu-



cation in the Hindi language, a first in the country.

Shah also said the work is underway to start technical and medical education in eight other languages in the

country.

Studying in one's own language will enhance the abilities of students. Students across the country

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Medical education in Hindi will bring big positive change: PM
New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said that the beginning of medical education in Hindi will bring a big positive change in the country.

Lakhs of students will be able to study in their language and doors for many new opportunities will also open for them, he said.

He was reacting to the launch of such a course by Home Minister Amit Shah in Bhopal.

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KP killing in Shopian: Candle march held in several Kashmir towns

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KUPWARA: A peace rally cum candle march was held at Kupwara Town this evening to condemn the innocent killings and to sensitize the people about the benefits of peace. The rally started from Fountain Point Derzipora Kupwara, went through bye pass road and culminated at DC Office Kupwara.

The Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray, Vice Chairman, District Development Council, Kupwara, Haji Farooq Ahmad Mir, Chairman Municipal Council Kupwara, Riyaz Ahmad Mir; president Traders Federation Kupwara, Showkat Masoodi, District President BJP, Abdul Rehman, president Bus Stand Kupwara Mohammad Shafi Mir, MC councilors, PRIs and people in large number participated in the rally. On the occasion,

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Rajinder, Billawaria to be BJP candidates for Mayor, Dy Mayor posts



J&K BJP in-charge Tarun Chugh along with Rajinder Sharma and Baldev Billawaria after announcement.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) on Sunday finalised the names of Rajinder Sharma and Baldev

Billawaria as candidates for the posts of Mayor and Deputy Mayor in the Jammu Municipal Corporation.

A decision in this regard

was taken in a high-level meeting chaired by J&K BJP in-charge Tarun Chugh here at the party office, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The meeting was also attended by Member Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma, former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta, J&K BJP General Secretary (Organisation) Ashok Koul, former Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, former Deputy Mayor Purnima Sharma, senior party leader Vivodh Gupta among others.

The posts of Mayor and Deputy Mayor would be

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India will give befitting reply to anyone who tries to cast evil eye on it: Rajnath

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: India has never tried to hurt any country, but a befitting reply will be given if anyone tries to cast an evil eye on it, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Sunday, amid a lingering border row with China in eastern Ladakh.

In his address at a virtual event, the defence minister emphasised that strict vigil is being maintained at the borders and that the country is ready to deal with all challenges.

"India is a peace-loving nation which has never tried to hurt any country, but

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Azad calls for restoration of statehood to J&K ahead of assembly polls

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA/JAMMU: Stressing the need for restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir before the holding of assembly elections, Democratic Azad Party (DAP) chairperson Ghulam Nabi Azad on Sunday urged his party activists to launch a mass contact programme to mobilise public support for the party.

The former chief minister said his party is committed to strengthening communal harmony and social fabric.

"Restoration of statehood, protection of land and jobs for natives and the return



and rehabilitation of migrant Kashmiri Pandits is the core agenda of our party," he said addressing DAP workers in Kathua.

He said people across Jammu are worried over the delay in restoration of state-

hood to Jammu and Kashmir.

"The BJP government must not procrastinate on the matter (of restoration of statehood). We need it back before the holding of assembly elections so that our own people can run the administration," Azad said.

He said the DAP is committed to assuage the urges and aspirations of every segment of the society in all the regions and sub-regions.

"The cadre must reach out to the people and help them get solutions to their

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Bahu Fort set to host two daily light-and-sound shows from today

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The historic Bahu Fort on the banks of the Tawi river here is going to have an added attraction for the visitors, thanks to the Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) that has executed an innovative "light-and-sound" project showcasing the Dogra cultural heritage.

JSCL Chief Executive Officer Rahul Yadav on Sunday said the 35-minute long light-and-sound show would be a regular feature at the fort in the evening.

"Two shows will be organised at 7 pm and 7:45 pm daily from Monday," he said.


The project was e-inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah during his recent visit to Jammu.

The JSCL hosted the light-

and-sound show at the fort on Saturday evening, fascinating the audience who had turned up in large numbers.

Jammu Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar, Deputy Commissioner Avni Lavasa and senior JSCL officials also witnessed the show, which highlighted the journey of the fort. The show also narrates the history of Jammu along with an enthralling display of graphics, an official said.

"The lieutenant governor-led administration is making all-out efforts to make Jammu one of the most developed cities in the country," Kumar said, adding that such projects will boost tourism foothall. He expressed confidence that the project would take tourism in Jammu to new heights.



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Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 31.4°C Min: 18.0°C

Humidity

Max : 80 Min : 55

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 27.3°C Min: 7.2°C

Humidity

Max : 75 Min: 49

Sunset : 17:59 Hours

Sunrise : 06:36 Hours