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Beach Cleaning campaign's success vindicates 'Whole of Government' approach: Dr Jitendra

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Hizbul terrorist arrested in Awantipora; arms & ammunition recovered

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Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh JKPS Panjtirthi wins 42 medals in Open J&K UT Qwan Ki Do C'ship

Don't kill or get killed, instead contribute to Kashmir's development: Athawale to terrorists

SRINAGAR: Union minister Ramdas Athawale Thursday appealed to terrorists not to kill and get killed, but contribute to the development of Kashmir.

He also said Kashmir had no relation with Pakistan and that Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK) will be part of India, "one day".

"Kashmir is a beautiful place and Srinagar is a beautiful city. The government is trying to boost tourism so that it creates more employment opportunities and benefits the people.

"But to turn this vision into reality, peace is necessary. Terror activities are taking place here I appeal to the terrorists not to kill others and get killed themselves, but take part in the development of Kashmir, Athawale told reporters here.

He said the people in Kashmir were waving the tricolour and that the Valley had no relation with Pakistan

Union Minister Athawale calls on J&K LG



LG Manoj Sinha presenting bouquet to Union Minister Ramdas Athawale at Srinagar.

SRINAGAR: Union Minister Ramdas Athawale on Thursday called on Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and discussed a range of issues, an official spokesper-

Athawale, the Union minister of state for social justice and empowerment, met Sinha at Raj Bhawan here.

They discussed a range of issues related to backward classes, senior citizens, drug-abuse and other special schemes aimed at social and economic empowerment of people, the spokesperson said.

Athawale also shared his views on the present developmental scenario in Jammu and Kashmir, he said.

Meanwhile, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Gulam Ali ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Pakistan has encroached PoK. One day, the PoK will come to us. The people there want so, they are fed up with Pakistan. We want a united Kashmir and we want its development. Pakistan has to stop attacking us, training terrorists, and misguiding our youth. If Pakistan wants to prosper, it should have good relations with India, he

Asked about Congress leader Udit Raj's remarks about President Droupadi Murmu, he said the statement was inappropriate.

Udit Raj is my friend, but it is not appropriate to make such statements against the President. It is for the first time in the country that (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi gave an opportunity to an Adivasi and a woman to become the President," he said. At a function recently, Murmu noted that Gujarat manufactures 76 per

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Modernization of J&K Police: 6-member panel constituted

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The government on Thursday formed a sixmember panel for deliberating upon the modernization plan of Jammu and Kashmir Police.

"Sanction is accorded to the constitution of Union Territory Level Empowered Committee for deliberating upon Modernization Plan of Jammu and Kashmir Police under the scheme Assistance to States/UTs and approving it for submission to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India," reads an order issued by Dr Piyush Singla, Secretary, General Administration Department.

The committee will be headed by the Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary) Home Department as its Chairman Additional Director General of Police, Headquarters (PHQ) as

Secretary Administrative Finance department, Director General of Police J&K, Special

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Govt directs construction companies to ensure hassle-free traffic on Jammu-Srinagar NH



STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A senior government official has directed construction companies engaged in widening the 270-Jammu-Srinagar National Highway to deploy adequate mannower and machinery at all vulnerable sliding zones to immediately clear debris and maintain hassle-free traffic

Divisional Jammu CommissionerRamesh

A top party leader claimed

it was well after three

decades that a senior Union

addressed a rally in

Baramulla, a north Kashmir

district once considered a

hotbed of militancy, and said

the Centre's welfare meas-

ures like free cooking gas

connection and healthcare

under 'Ayushman Bharat'

enjoy a lot of traction on the

Shah's rallies in Jammu

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division's Rajouri on Tuesday

and in Baramulla

ground.

minister

while inspecting progress of the four-laning work on Wednesday, an official said on Thursday.

Widening of the strategic highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of India started in 2011. The work is likely to be completed by next year after missing several deadlines.

Kumar also directed the traffic police department to regulate vehicular movement

sage of fruit-carrying vehicles from Kashmir to markets outside.

The official said Kumar visited several vulnerable spots and directed the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to expedite road clearance works to facilitate smooth traffic movement.

He also directed the NHAI to expedite the pace of work and ensure macadamization of the highway to

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 J&K first among UTs/States to establish

Anticipatory bail pleas not money recovery proceedings: SC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The pleas seeking pre-arrest bail are Justices Dinesh Maheshwari

money recovery proceedings imposing the condition on the accused of paying interim to the victim for such relief is unjustified, the Supreme Court

has said. The top court made the observations while hearing the anticipatory bail pleas of

an estranged husband and his family members in a mat-CRPF Jawan laid to

rest at his hometown

in Ramban

CRPF jawan, who was found

dead under mysterious cir-

cumstances in Punjab, was

laid to rest with full honours

at his home town in Ramban

district of Jammu and

Kashmir on Thursday, offi-

The 34-year-old jawan

Waseem Afzal, a resident of

Kharwan village of Ramsu,

was reported missing from

Pathankot in Punjab on

September 27 while he was

returning home from his

Jharkhand, the officials

They said his body was

recovered from an open field

in Mirthal village of Punjab on Wednesday and police have started inquest proceedings to ascertain the

After completion of legal and medical formalities, the

mortal remains of the jawan

of

cause of his death.

posting in

cials said.

place

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN/JAMMU:

rimonial dispute.

comprising A bench and Bela M Trivedi

the order of h e Jharkhand High Court by which it had granted anticipatory bail to three people on furnishing bonds of Rs 25,000 each besides

modified

filed the matrimonial case. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In the much pub-

licized Sub Inspector Paper

Leakage Scam, Chief

Judicial Magistarte Jammu,

Amarjeet Singh Langeh has

rejected bail application of

one Raman Sharma, son of

Chuni Lal, a resident of vil-

lage Nore in Maira Mandrian

area of Khour, posted as

Selection Grade Constable

(SgCt) in Jammu & Kashmir

Pertinent to mention here

that Bajinder Singh, son of

Late Sewa Ram, resident of

House No 1694, Sec-9,

Will have no truck with any party advocating dialogue with Pakistan: BJP leaders

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: With the

Election Commission preparing the groundwork for assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir, senior BJP leaders Thursday said the large turnout at Union Home Minister Amit Shah's public meeting in Baramulla was indicative of changing situation in the Valley.

With the Home Minister ruling out any talks with Pakistan, BJP leaders said depositing a sum of Rs 7.5 they will have no truck with any party that advocates dialakh as ad-interim compensation to the woman who had logue with the neighbouring country or has any links with the Jamaat-e-Islami, which

SI recruitment scam: Court denies

bail to accused cop

Investigating Officer made a

statement that petitioner has

not been arrested in FIR in

question whereas counsel for

Anil Kumar, son of Om

Parkash Lehroda, resident of

119, Dharson Mahendra

Garh (Haryana) and Yatin

Yadav, son of Desh Raj

Yadav, resident of House No

B/86-B, Gali-5, Mohalla

Nagar,

(Harvana), is under instruc-

tions not to pursue

with/prosecute instant appli-

While rejecting bail appli-

cation of Raman Sharma,

Vikash

cation as of now.

Rewari

has been banned, or the Hurriyat Conference, a separatist outfit. "We will have no political

association with any such party," a senior party leader said in an interaction with reporters when asked about the BJP's strategy in the Union territory. The Valley's two main polit-

ical parties, the National Conference and the Peoples Democratic Party, have often spoken in favour of a dialogue with Pakistan for restoring peace in the militancy-hit Union territory. "Why should we speak to

Pakistan which has promoted

Adv Diksha Thapa for the

applicant whereas Public

Prosector Vijay Dogra

appearing for CBI, observed

that investigation has

brought to fore that petition-

er is one of the key players in

alleged leakage of examina-

tion paper for posts of Sub-

Inspectors in JKP conducted

by JK Service Selection

Board; that petitioner solicit-

ed candidates for purchase of

the leaked paper and also

took them to Karnal

(Harvana) on March 26.

2022 for getting leaked

paper and collected an

terrorism in our land for bringing peace in a part of our country? In fact, the suggestion that India should speak to Pakistan for ending terrorist violence in Jammu and Kashmir is an acknowledgement that the country is behind it," a leader said. "Out government is working to root out militants," he assert-

BJP sources also discounted the possibility of having any alliance with the Democratic Azad Party, which was recently launched by Ghulam Nabi Azad after he quit the Congress. The BJP is confident of doing

Two criminals detained under PSA in Samba

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two alleged criminals were detained under the Public Safety Act in Samba district on Thursday, police

Vikas Slathia alias Vicky of Vijaypur and Akshay Sharma of Ramgarh are habitual criminals and their activities pose a great threat to public peace and tranquillity, the police said in a statement here.

They were involved in a number of criminal activities for which many cases were registered against them at different police stations in Samba over the past decade, they said.

STATE TIMES NEWS well in the polls whenever they are held, they said.

SRINAGAR: The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has achieved the milestone of being first among the States and UTs to establish at least 75 Amrit Sarovars in each of its districts as per the aspirations of the Prime Minister,

Development Rural Department held Thursday Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta applauded the department for this unique achievement and asked them not to stop here but work harder to further improve these rural assets throughout J&K. He enjoined upon them to take this mission further.

75 Amrit Sarovars in each district

Narendra Modi. In a review meeting of

The UT of J&K had started implementing the scheme

in a mission mode at the very beginning of the mission. The UT level committee under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary with the participation of departments Forest, Culture, Revenue, Jal Shakti was constituted for apex level monitoring and implementation of

the scheme. It was further revealed that as per the guidelines of the mission, the UT had to com-

plete 300 Amrit

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Azad-led DAP begins process to set up Zonal, District Committees in J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Democratic Azad Party (DAP) chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad has formed various teams for submitting proposals for constituting zonal and district committees of the party ahead of the Assembly polls in Jammu

The six panels having senior leaders as members were asked to complete the exercise of their respective zones within 10 days and submit the recommendations of the proposed zonal and district committees

and Kashmir.

said on Thursday.

The former chief minister's decision to select zonal and district committees of his



time when Home Minister Amit Shah assured the people of Jammu and Kashmir

would be held after the completion of the ongoing exercise of electoral rolls.

> tion of three teams each for Jammu and Kashmir divisions to cover all the 20 districts.

Azad announced the forma-

Once our zonal and district committees are constituted, zonal and district office bearers will be asked to go to the block and panchayat level to constitute the block committees and panchavat committees, he said. An 11-member Central zone Jammu

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Karnal, Haryana has with-CJM Jammu Amarjeet amount of around headed by former Singh Langeh after hearing that the Assembly elections application as ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 by October 18, a party leader Amit Shah's Baramulla Rally Signals New Dawn of Hope in Kashmir



Union HM, J&K LG deliver for PM Modi on J&K turf Baramulla bordering north Kashmir.

some and surprised many. Even the BJP leaders and organizers of the rally privately admit that though they had expected a good gathering, yet they never expected so many people turning up despite most of rural Kashmir, especially North Kashmir busy with harvesting. Long queues with people jostling to enter through two narrow gates and excitement writ large on their faces, thousands flocked the Showkat Ali Stadium. The arrival of the Home Minister symbolized the dawn of new hope. It was certainly not a regular day in the valley. There was something special, something spectacular. People were standing along and singing the national anthem together and the whole atmosphere was filled with slogans of 'Bharat Mata ki Jay'. Groups of joyous youth were seen dancing to the beats of dhols, playing the bansuri (flute), and chanting slogans in praise of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Amit Shah for their massive reach out to various segments of the Kashmir society, Paharis, Gujjars and Bakerwals in particular.

The new India and the new Jammu and Kashmir, envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is taking a shining reflection of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas. Home Minister Amit Shah and LG Manoj Sinha are translating the vision of delivering in terms of restoration of peace by effective anti-terror measures with no collateral damage. In fact Due to the prevalence of peace, normal activities are a new norm in the Valley. During the past over nine months, more than 22 lakh tourists have visited the

Valley, which is a record of sorts. On the developmental front, the Prime Minister wants development to reach newest pinnacles, electricity to be available uninterruptedly, industry to grow with massive investments and opportunities of progress to become available to all, without any disparity. These were some of the key factors that drove people to the historic rally in Baramulla.

The momentous occasion witnessed the promise of a new era with energetic youth responding euphorically to the clarion call given by the Union Home Minister. asking them all to come and join the odyssey of making India and Kashmir great. The scenario depicted peoples' deep yearning for peace-not peace of graveyard but the peace the Valley was known the world over. Presence of such a large number of people stood testimony to their urge for Kashmir steering to a new era of progress and development.

If the Bharativa Janata Party ever needed some ammunition to convince the rest of the world about its acceptance in the Kashmir valley, the October 5 massive show in the historic Baramulla township gave it enough artillery to go to town with images and messag-

As always with the BJP and its top duo of Modi-Shah more important is the messaging part. People turned up in thousands next to the LoC and next to the once sep aratist hotbed of Sopore, that is enough for the saffron party to claim its acceptance in the Kashmir valley.

Whether these numbers in the rally can convert into votes for BJP remains to be seen, but with the success of the Baramulla rally, PM Modi and HM Amit Shah will believe that they have finally broken the glass ceiling and the world must take note.

That the rally went incident free will also be a huge feather in LG Manoj Sinha's cap, who seems to have planned every bit to the minutest detail meticulously. A perfectionist, as he is, the LG's main thrust has been to ensure peace prevailing, notwithstanding the machinations of the inimical elements. This is something that has endeared him with all those wanting the restoration of the pristine glory of the Valley. Well begun is half done! Peace is in the air! With economic activities in full swing and developmental strides touching new milestones, the socio-political empowerment of the people of Jammu and Kashmir in a big way is on cards.

reached his home town in ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Max: 64 Min: 64

Temperature (Srinagar) Max: 27.0°C

Max: 74 Min: 40 Sunset: 18:11 Hours Sunrise: 06:29 Hours

Wednesday scripted history with an enthusiastic 40,000 crowd of young and old, women and men, waiting and cheering to have a close glimpse of Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Amit Shah, who arrived to address his first ever rally in this part of the

Kashmir watchers had expected a sizable crowd but not a sea of people, in literary terms, which shocked shape to unite everyone and pledging together in this Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The assembly of people was Prime Minister Narendra Modi on ground. They are a substantial headway has been made in this regard.