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called 'Maa Skandmata', Mother of Lord Skand (also known as Kartikeva who headed 'Devtas' in fight agains' 'Danavas'. On this Navratra heart comes in 'Vishudh Chakra'. Maa Skandmata has four arms

with Bhagwan Skand in her lap, holding him with one hand and othe in the blessing mode. Skandmata fulfills all the desires and guides door of heaven to worshipper. Mantra to be recited nine times on this Navratra is :-

"Om Aing Hareeng Kleeng Chaang Bhagwati Skand Matai Lakshmi Roopini Dhan Vridhim Kuru Kuru Swaha'

ॐ ऐं ह्रीं क्लीं चां भगवती स्कंदमातायै लक्ष्मी रूपिणी धन वृद्धिं कुरु कुरु स्वाहा **Eradicating terrorism in all forms** prime goal of J&K Police: LG



LG Manoj Sinha attending passing out parade of JKP recruit constables at STC Sheeri Baramulla on Wednesday

STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: Observing that terrorism poses the biggest threat to humanity, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said that Jammu and Kashmir Police's prime goal is to eradicate terrorism, in all its forms and manifestations to ensure peace, stability and

Addressing the Attestation cum Passing Out Parade of 16th Basic Recruitment Training Course (BRTC) held at Subsidiary Training (STC), Sheeri, School Baramulla, the Lt Governor lauded the J&K Police for combating terrorism and maintaining the rule of law in the Union Territory.

The rule of law is the foundation for equitable socioeconomic development and the empowerment of all sections of society. J&K Police is playing a crucial role of combating terrorism and maintaining the rule of law. Zero tolerance policy against subversive forces and strict enforcement of rule of law has realized the dream of fear-free Union Territory, Sinha said.

He said, "J&K Police has always displayed undaunted courage. I bow to the brave hearts of J&K Police who laid down their lives in the line of duty. The nation is grateful for their selfless spirit and sacrifices".

Industrial investment. holistic development,

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All India Janambhumi Rath Yatra reaches Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The All India Janambhumi Rath Yatra, which entered the Kashmir Valley for the first time, Srinagar reached Wednesday.

The Hanuman Rath yatra, under the supervision of Swami Govinand Saraswati Maharaja, passed through different states and entered the valley on October 12 at Durganag temple. The yatra passed through

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 **Udhampur military station** gets 'Best Green Military Station' award

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: Udhampur military station has bagged the 'Best Green Military Station' award, the Army said on Wednesday.

The Best Green Station Awards were presented by Army Chief Gen Manoi the Commanders' Conference here. "General Manoj Pande #COAS awarded

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Navratri celebrations: Illuminated view of Maa Vaishno Devi Shrine in Katra. Over 1.27 lakh pilgrims visit Vaishno Devi shrine in first 3 days of Navratra

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KATRA: More than 1.27 lakh people visited the Vaishno Devi cave shrine atop the Trikuta hills in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district in the first three days of the Navratra festival, officials said on Wednesday.

The shrine, located 45 kilometres from the winter capi-

tal Jammu, has been decked up to receive pilgrims from across the country during the nine-day Navratra festival, which commenced on October 15 and is scheduled to end on October 23.

"Over 1.27 lakh pilgrims paid their obeisance at the shrine during the first three days of the ongoing Navratra festival." a shrine board official told PTI.

He said while around 45,000 pilgrims visited the shrine on the first day of Navratra on Sunday, the number stood at 41,164 on the second day and 41,523 on the third. The officials said over 78 lakh

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Mishra posted as SSP Srinagar, Chakravarthy as SSP Anantnag Rizvi gets Addl charge of DIG (Training) Police Hqrs

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Ashish Kumar Mishra was on Wednesday posted as SSP Srinagar, replacing Rakesh Balwal who has been repatriated to his parent cadre.

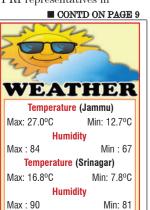
"In pursuance of the approval of Competent Authority for pre-mature repatriation of Rakesh Balwal, IPS (MA:2012) from AGMUT Cadre, to his parent cadre i.e. Manipur cadre, the Officer is relieved from the Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir, to enable him to join his parent cadre," read an order issued by Raj Kumar Goyal, Financial Commissioner/Additional

Admin prepares for celebrating Oct 31 as **'UT Foundation Day'** STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday held a high level meeting of civil and police administration for taking stock of the preparations for celebrating 31st October as the Foundation Day' here.

In the meeting attended by Administrative Secretaries and top level police officers, the Chief Secretary called for their ideas about the ways of celebrating this day. He impressed upon Departments to make preparations for showcasing all the positive changes that have taken roots since the last 4 years after J&K's transition into UT.

Dr Mehta observed that several far reaching reforms and welfare measures have been implemented by the administration during these years which has enabled J&K to upgrade its infrastructure and services exponentially. He advised them to involve common citizens and PRI representatives in



Sunset: 17:49 Hours

Sunrise: 06:31 Hours

Chief Secretary, Department.

Consequently Ashish Mishra, $_{\mathrm{IPS}}$ (AGMUT:13), Senior Superintendent of Police, Anantnag has been transferred and posted as Senior Superintendent of Police, Srinagar while G. V. Sundeep IPS Chakravarthy, (AGMUT:14), AIG (CIV) Police Headquarters has been transferred and posted as Senior Superintendent of Police, Anantnag.

As per another order, the government relieved Imtiaz Ismail Parray who has been appointed as DIG

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verdict upholding the

Enforcement

Directorate's (ED) pow-

ers to arrest and attach

property involved in

money laundering under

PMLA required any

A special bench headed

Kishan Kaul said the

already addressed

issues related to

Justice Sanjay

remit was "limited" as a

three-judge bench had

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Money

reconsideration.

NEW DELHI: The Supreme

Court said on Wednesday it

will examine whether its 2022

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34 special trains introduced to clear festive rush of passengers Katra among other destinations covered

STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: Northern Railway has introduced 34 special trains starting Wednesday to clear the festive rush of passengers planning to travel to their home destinations.

These special trains will make 377 trips -- 351 towards the eastern part of the country and 26 towards the northern region -between October 18 and December 11.

"Besides these 34 trains, additional coaches will be added to existing 69 trains and, in all, the Northern Railway will create 5.5 lakh

Will examine whether 2022 PMLA

verdict requires reconsideration: SC

"The issue now is whether

anything requires reconsider-

ation," said the bench, also

comprising Justices Sanjiv

Khanna and Bela M Trivedi.

General Tushar Mehta, rep-

The bench noted the objec-

raised by Solicitor

Laundering Act (PMLA).

additional berths and seats considering the increase in passenger movement during

across the country such as Delhi/New Delhi/Anand Vihar, Patna, Chhapra,



the festive session," Shobhan Chaudhuri, Manager, Northern Railway, told reporters.

These special trains will connect major destinations

resenting the Centre, that an

"academic exercise should not

be carried out without there

being substance and merely

revisit".

batch of pleas seeking recon-

sideration of the July 27.

2022 verdict by a three-judge

because someone

approaches the

court and wants

the issue decided

by a three-judge

bench to be revisit-

ed. It should not be

an occasion to

The top court

was hearing a

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Jogwani, Saharsa, Jaynagar, General Katihar, Darbhanga

Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Barauni, Raxaul, Muzaffarpur, Gaya

for vehicular traffic

after 2 days STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Mughal Road, which connects the twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri in Jammu region with south Kashmir's Shopian district, was reopened for vehicular traffic on Wednesday after remaining closed for two days due to snowfall, traffic officials said.

All stranded vehicles have been allowed to move towards their respective destinations on both sides, they said.

The highway was closed due to heavy snowfall on

Mata Vaishno Devi Katra, Amritsar, Saharanpur and

The Northern Railway has advised prospective passengers to get details of the special trains from its social media handle and the enquiry offices. According to Chaudhuri,

the additional arrangements have been made in view of increased demand during this period. "I believe the additional

arrangements will take care of the enhanced demand. However, we will be monitoring the situation and

protests over ceasefire violation "They have deceived us

Border villagers in Jammu hold anti-Pakistan

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: People of the border belt in Jammu held protests against Pakistan on Wednesday for ceasefire violations after two Border Security Force (BSF) personnel were injured in a firing by Pakistan Rangers.

The Pakistan Rangers opened fire on BSF troops at the Vikram post in the Arnia sector around 8.15 am on Tuesday, following which they fired in retaliation, the BSF said in a statement.

Scores of villagers assembled at Arnia border belt on Wednesday and raised anti-Pakistan slogans and burnt ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 an effigy of Pakistan.

again by resorting to unprovoked firing, resulting in injuries to two BSF jawans. This cannot be tolerated," a villager told reporters during the protest.

This was the first ceasefire violation in the last two vears, in which Pakistan Rangers "resorted to unprovoked firing" on border along guards International Border (IB) here, the statement said.

Two BSF personnel received bullet injuries in the firing and were immediately provided medical assistance. it added. India and

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the 19th century.

PIL for protection of ancient Hindu temples in I&K UT DB directs J&K UT, UOI to file response

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a significant development, a Division Bench of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court, consisting of Chief Justice N. Kotishwar Singh $_{
m Justice}$ Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, has issued a directive compelling both the Union of India and the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir to submit a response by December 11, 2023. This directive comes in response to a Public Interest

The petitioner, with the utmost respect, underscores the profound significance of Hindu temples in India,

underlining their status as the oldest religious institutions, as per Hindu scriptures, Vedas, and other ancient religious texts. The petitioner asserts that thousands of Hindu temples were constructed by ancient kings and rulers throughout the country. These temples, dedicated to Hindu deities, have existed for hundreds and thousands of years and were well-preserved by the rulers of their time.

its facets, has faced numerous invasions by external forces, including Afghans, Turks, and Britishers, spanning from the 14th century

Tragically, these invasions led to the looting and destruction of various religious institutions, including ancient temples, mosques, gurudwaras. Consequently, many temples suffered damage during this period. Following India's independence, efforts were made to renovate, reconstruct, and enhance these sacred sites, undertaken by

India's rich heritage, in all the state and central levels.

The Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir has also experienced similar devastation, invasion, and

government agencies at both

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Govt hikes wheat MSP by Rs 150 to Rs 2,275 per quintal for 2024-25

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Ahead of the assembly polls in key wheat growing states, the government on Wednesday announced an increase in the minimum support price of wheat by Rs 150 to $\stackrel{\frown}{\mathrm{Rs}}$ 2,275 per quintal for the 2024-25 marketing season.

This is the highest quantum of increase in MSP for any marketing season since the Modi government came to power in 2014.

Besides, the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for five other rabi crops -- gram, barley, lentil (masur), rapeseed-mustard seed and safflower -have been hiked.

A decision in this regard was taken at the meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Currently, the MSP of wheat stands at Rs 2,125 per quintal for the 2023-24 marketing season (April-March). Wheat is the main rabi (winter) crop and its sowing begins in October



while harvesting starts from April. MSP is the minimum rate at which the grain is purchased by the government procurement agencies.

Briefing media after the cabinet meeting, Information Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur said the CCEA has approved the increase in the MSP of six manmarketing season.

"Based on the CACP (Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices) recommendation, we have increased the MSP of six rabi crops. Wheat MSP has been increased by Rs 150 per quintal," he said.

The MSP of wheat has been raised

Very important decision for small, poor farmers: Modi

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Wednesday that the government's decision to hike minimum support price (MSP) of rabi crops will boost farmers' income and further strengthen the country's food security.

"Our government has taken a very important decision for small and poor farmers in this festive season," he said on X, after the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Modi took the decision.

to Rs 2,275 per cent quintal for 2024-25 marketing season from Rs 2,125 per quintal in 2023-24.

The increase in wheat MSP comes ahead of the assembly polls in the key wheat growing states of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan even as consumer prices of wheat and wheat flour have been under pressure since ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Govt approves Rs 20,774 Cr for Ladakh-Kaithal power transmission line

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: The govern-

Wednesday approved setting up of a Rs 20,773.70 crore-transmission line for evacuation of solar power from a 13 GW renewable energy project in Ladakh to Kaithal in Haryana.

Prime Minister Narendra during Modi, Independence Day Speech, had announced setting up of a 7.5 GW solar park in Ladakh.

After extensive field survey, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) prepared a plan to set up 13 GW renewable energy generation capacity along with 12 GWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in Pang, Ladakh, an official release said.

For evacuating the huge quantum of power, it will be necessary to create an interstate transmission infrastructure.

Information Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the project on Green Energy Corridor (GEC) Phase-II Inter-State Transmission System (ISTS) for the 13 GW renewable energy project in Ladakh.

The project is targeted to be set up by financial year 2029-30 with a total estimated cost of Rs 20,773.70 crore and 40 per cent central financial assistance estimated at Rs 8,309.48 crore. The project is expected to

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