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Mayor reaches out to senior citizens, asks them to be brand ambassadors for the move

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Lt Governor Sinha to inaugurates Art Exhibition at SKICC today

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Inter-Collegiate Fencing (Women) Championship: GCW Parade wins overall trophy

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**SIXTH NAVRATRA**

**Maa Katyayni**

Sixth Navratra is related to 'Maa Katyayni'. When excesses of Danav Mahishasur increased Lord Brahma, Lord Vishnu and Lord Shiva incarnated a Devi who was first of all worshipped by Maharishi Katyayani, so this Devi is called Katyayani. Devi with golden colour has four hands and upper right hand is for blessings. She has sword and lotus in the left hands. On this day of Navratra heart of worshipper is in 'Aagya Chakra'. By the blessings of this Devi one leads fearless, disease-free life and possesses all the comforts of life. Mantra to be recited nine times on this day is :-

*"Om Aing Hreeng Kleeng Chaangra Kleeng Bhagwati Katyayini Mum Tanu Arogyam Kuru Kuru Swaha"*

ॐ ऐं ह्रीं क्लीं चां क्लीं  
भगवती कात्यायनी मम तनु  
आरोग्यम् कुरु कुरु स्वाहा।

## Sinha, Vaishnaw launch Vistadome train services in Kashmir J&K changed lot in 9 years: Union Railway Minister Vistadome services will have profound impact on tourism: LG

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Union Minister for Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw, on Thursday launched the much-awaited Vistadome train services in Kashmir.

Union Minister and Chief Ministers of Assam and Tripura had joined the ceremony through video-conferencing. Later, the Lt Governor flagged off the first Vistadome coach train to Banihal from Srinagar Station.

Speaking on the occasion, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Railway Minister said, in the last nine years, Jammu Kashmir has changed a lot and the change is discernible on the ground.

After abrogation of Article 370, development of Jammu and Kashmir is pacing fast. Recently, meetings of G20 were held in the UT. In Railways also, various devel-



Lt Governor Sinha and Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launching Vistadome train services in Kashmir on Thursday.

opment projects have been ongoing in Jammu Kashmir and the development work has been completed on Chenab Bridge, Anji Bridge, tunnels have been completed except on some portion, he said.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the

people of the UT of J&K on the momentous occasion.

"We are grateful to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for introducing Vistadome train services in the Kashmir Valley. Vistadome is a symbol that facilities available in developed countries are now accessible to people of J&K,"

the Lt Governor said.

He also expressed gratitude to Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Railways for elevating the travel experience of people and tourists.

The Lt Governor said the Vistadome services will have a profound impact

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## Congress encouraging Naxalism: Amit Shah

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAGDALPUR/KONDAGA ON: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday accused the Congress of encouraging Naxalism, and said incidents of Naxal violence have come down by 52 per cent in the nine-year rule of the Narendra Modi government.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel turned Chhattisgarh into an "ATM for the Congress," Shah claimed, adding the Congress rule in the state was a "government of scams".

Addressing rallies in Jagdalpur and Kondagaon in poll-bound Chhattisgarh, he urged people to bring the BJP to power in the state, promising that his party will make the entire state free of the Naxal menace.

"Today, I have come to urge you to elect the BJP once again in the state, we will hang upside down those who

have embezzled the money of tribals by committing scams," Shah said.

He claimed that if the



Congress comes back to power in Chhattisgarh, the money sent from the Centre for the state's development will be "diverted to Delhi through the 'ATM' of Congress".

Polling for the 90 assembly seats in Chhattisgarh is scheduled to be held in two phases on November 7 and 17 and votes will be counted on December 3.

Shah said the people of Chhattisgarh will celebrate Diwali thrice - once on the day of the festival, second

when the BJP will be elected to power on December 3, and third when the construction of Ram temple (in Ayodhya) will be completed in January, as Chhattisgarh is Lord Ram's "nanihal" (the place of Lord Ram's maternal grandparents).

He held the first rally in Jagdalpur, the headquarters of Bastar district, ahead of the filing of nominations of BJP candidates in three constituencies of Bastar.

The Bastar region was once considered as the worst affected by Naxalism and the menace still persists

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## JKPCL, RUVNL to purchase 1,000 MW power from SJVN

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Discoms Jammu & Kashmir Power Corporation Ltd (JKPCL) and Rajasthan Urja Vidyut Nigam Limited (RUVNL) have agreed to purchase power from energy producer SJVN Ltd.

"JKPCL and RUVNL have given their consent for purchase of 600 MW and 500 MW power, respectively, against a capacity of 1,000 MW at a tariff of Rs 2.57/kWh," SJVN said in a regulatory filing on Thursday.

SJVN Ltd has also offered power to the bene-

ficiaries of the northern region from 1,000 MW solar PV station to be developed under CPSU scheme of the central government in Poogal tehsil of Bikaner district in Rajasthan, it said.

The power generated by the project will be used by government entities, either directly or through discoms (distribution companies).

Under the administrative control of the Union Ministry of Power, SJVN Ltd is a joint venture of the central government and the government of Himachal Pradesh.

## Eviction of ex-ministers, legislators from ministerial bungalows DB directs Sr. AAG to furnish list of 48 occupants having own houses

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A Division Bench of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh at Jammu (virtual Mode) comprising Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi has directed Senior AAG S. S. Nanda appearing for Estates Department and Government of J&K to furnish the list of the persons/ex-legislators who have their own houses either in Jammu or in Kashmir as earlier directed by the Division Bench vide its order September 13, 2023.

These directions were passed in the much-publicized PIL wherein the petitioner has sought eviction of former Legislators/Ex-Ministers overstayng in the Ministerial Bungalows both at Jammu and Srinagar.

When this PIL came up for hearing, Advocate Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed with Advocate Supriya Chouhan appearing for the petitioner submitted that he has already filed the list of 48 occupants/ex-legislators before the Court as per the previous orders of the Court on September 19, 2023 and

the said list has also been provided to Senior AAG S.S. Nanda appearing for Estates Department. Advocate Ahmed further submitted that in the list filed by him on September 19, 2023 he has mentioned the properties/residential houses owned/possessed by these occupants.

Advocate S.S. Ahmed further submitted that Estates Department has already written to the 48 occupants requiring them to disclose about their personal houses owned/possessed by

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## Fine balance between external, inner journey leads to happy life: LG

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Observing that stress has become a social issue across world and many a times people are overwhelmed by the situation leading to anxiety, Lientenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said the people, however, can be tremendously happy if they create a fine balance between external and inner journey.

"The ancient philosophy of our great nation has always guided the people to first know themselves, develop their individuality, focus on creativity and follow their passion", the Lt Governor said while addressing the motivational event - 'A Life of Happiness' organized by Inner Space Centre at



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha addressing Inner Space Centre's motivational event at University of Kashmir on Thursday.

University of Kashmir.

"If stress is real, so is happiness. We get so entangled in peripheral things of life that we forget to live and enjoy ultimate bliss life is offering us. We must look at life in its entirety. We must look within and recognize our

potential and importance of this beautiful life that is full of possibilities," he said.

Many times, when someone is very upset or stressed, the sound of music playing somewhere in the distance creates a new, yet momentary excitement. That one moment can

turn into 365 days, 24x7 happiness when people follow their creativity, passion and they are in charge of their life instead of others, he added.

The Lt Governor called upon the students, teachers and professionals to

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## J&K Bank wins Best Risk & Cyber Security Initiatives Award at ASSOCHAM summit Gesture will encourage us to further excel in rewarded categories: MD & CEO

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: In a significant acknowledgement of its advanced cyber security framework and practices, J&K Bank has won the Best Risk and Cyber Security Initiatives Award (Small Banks Category) at ASSOCHAM'S 18th Annual Summit & Awards - Banking & Financial Sector Lending Companies themed - Bharat @ 100: Financial Transformation in Amrit Kaal. The Bank also got a runner-up award for its Best Digital Initiatives in the country at the ASSOCHAM summit.



J&K Bank's General Manager & Divisional Head (Rest of India) Rakesh Koul receiving award in Mumbai.

The Bank's General Manager & Divisional Head (Rest of India) Rakesh Koul received the award in Mumbai at the hands of former Deputy Governor (RBI)

N S Vishwanathan in presence of the Executive Director (RBI) Ajay Kumar Choudhary, Chief Executive IBA Sunil Mehta, Secretary General (ASSOCHAM)

Deepak Sood, Bank's Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) Muneer Hassan Kongwani and other dignitaries.

Commenting on the reception of awards, MD &CEO said, "I feel deeply delighted to know that our Bank has been adjudged as the winner for Best Risk and Cyber Security Initiatives besides ranking number two in Best Digital Initiatives in the country at ASSOCHAM'S 18th Annual Summit & Awards on Banking and Financial Sector Lending Companies."

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## Dr Jitendra asks JKAS officers to adopt 'whole of Govt' approach

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday asked the Officers of Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Services to adopt "Whole of Government" approach in governance, as the days of working in silos have gone.

The Minister asked the officers to identify the schemes having commonality and adopt an integrated approach of execution of schemes for better efficiency and result benefitting the common man.

Dr Jitendra Singh was



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh addressing 6th Capacity Building Programme for officers of J&K Administrative Services organized by National Centre for Good Governance at New Delhi on Thursday.

addressing the 6th Capacity Building Programme for Officers of J&K Administrative Services organized by National Centre for Good Governance in New Delhi.

Dr Jitendra Singh said,

there is change in the demography of Central and State Civil services due to availability of technology even in the rural and remote areas and democratization of resources. He added that due to

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**WEATHER**

**Temperature (Jammu)**  
Max: 28.0°C Min: 13.3°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 80 Min: 59

**Temperature (Srinagar)**  
Max: 19.2°C Min: 4.7°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 91 Min: 77

Sunset : 17:48 Hours  
Sunrise : 06:32 Hours