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# J&K Govt working to create favourable scenario for permanent settlement of KPs in Valley: LG

Lauds MBAT for building Shaheed Sthal to honour KP, SFs martyrs

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said that despite desperate attempts to disrupt peace by the neighbouring country and terror outfits, Police and Security forces are working round the clock to ensure a safe and secure environment for the people, he said.

J&K Administration is working with complete dedication to create a favourable scenario for the permanent settlement of Kashmiri Pandit community in the Valley", the Lt Governor said while performing Puja on the auspicious occasion of Maha Navami at the under-construction temple of Goddess Bhaderkali at Devi Angan Thalwal, Jammu.

The Lt Governor extended Maha Navami greetings and assured all necessary support J&KAdministration to MataBhaderkali Asthapan Trust



(MBAT) for the early completion of the ongoing construction work of temple, which will be the replica of

in Handwara. He also appreciated the efforts of Mata Bhaderkali Asthapan Trust in building requisite facilities for pil-

the ancient temple situated

grims including socio-cultural centre and Shaheed Sthal to honour the martyrs of Kashmiri Community, Army, Police and Central Armed Police

The Lt Governor highlighted the cultural renaissance in the country under the leader-

Goddess Bhaderkali at Thalwal on Monday. ship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and restoration of important ancient and religious sites with the broader objective of the welfare of

> Recalling his earlier discussion with Kashmiri Pandit delegation, the Lt Governor said the government will

the society

make necessary arrangements to provide land at low price to government employees in Srinagar to build their own houses.

The Lt Governor said, a Nodal Officer has been appointed in LG Secretariat to address all the issues and concerns of Kashmiri Pandit Community. He said, the members of community can also take up issues with Divisional Commissioner, ADGP, IGP and concerned Deputy Commissioner and their matter will be taken up on priority.

The Lt Governor directed KK Sidha, Commissioner, Relief and Rehabilitation for regular allotment of completed houses in Kashmir vallev and submit a report on the requirements and gaps in terms of infrastructure and other facilities. He also highlighted various initiatives taken by the administration

# Over 4 lakh pilgrims visited Vaishno Devi during Navratri Shat Chandi Yagya for 'world peace' concludes

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The nine-day Navratri festival saw more than four lakh pilgrims offering prayers at the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta hills in Reasi district, an official said on Monday.

"An average of 40,000 pilgrims are paying their obeisance daily and over four lakh pilgrims have visited the holy shrine since the onset of Navratri. During the nineday long Shardiya Navratras last year, about 3.15 lakh pilgrims had visited the holy shrine," a spokesperson of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) said after the conclusion of the nine-day long Shat Chandi Maha Yagya for world peace, harmony, prosperity and health of humanity concluded on the auspicious occasion Mahanayami.

Anshul Garg, Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, other officers and staff of the



Shat Chandi Yagya being performed at Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine

Karan Singh asks to be dropped from

executive committee in J&K's Cong unit

Shrine Board, besides pilgrims participated in Purna Ahuti and other religious ceremonies performed amidst Vedic Mantras on the occa-

A group of Pandits led by Shri Padma Vishwamurti Shastri, performed the Maha Yagya.

The special additions to the pilgrimage during these Navratras included Skywalk, remodelled Parvati Bhawan, Virtual Darshan through the Holy Natural Cave and free Langar Sewa at Shri Bhairon Ji Temple Complex,

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that his name be

dropped from the

22-member execu-

tive committee of

the party's Jammu

and Kashmir unit,

saying he has not

been active in state

politics for several

JAMMU: Veteran Congress

besides the 'Live Darshan Facility' and Bi-lingual "Shakti" chatbot on the website of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board for the pilgrims. These initiatives are aimed at making the pilgrimage more convenient and enjoyable for the devo-

Dr. Shikha Dhawan M.S.(Obs. & Gynae.), D.N.B.(Obs. & Gynae. Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist 24-A, Shastri Nagar

The pilgrimage has been increasing every month as the Shrine Board is encouraging pilgrims by further adding on state- of- the-art facilities. Pertinent to mention that the Sky

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## Chugh seeks ouster of AAP Govt's **Education Minister in Punjab**

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: BJP National Chugh on Monday demanded expulsion

Education Minister

after his name has been allegedly mentioned in the suicide note of Assistant Professor Balwinder Kaur in Ropar district. A large number of Assistant Professors held a demonstration in front of the residence of the AAP rovernment cabinet minister.

Lt Governor

greets people on

eve of Dussehra

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant

Governor Manoi Sinha has

greeted the people on the eve

In a message, the Lt

Governor said: "On the joy-

ous occasion of Dussehra. I

offer my warm greetings and

good wishes to all. The festi-

val of Dussehra, also known

as Vijayadashmi, marks the

triumph of righteousness

over evil and inspires the

people to lead a pious and

virtuous life by following the

high moral values and right

May the festival usher in

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun

Kumar Mehta also extended

greetings to the people on

the occasion of Dussehra fes-

He said the Dussehra festi-

val is celebrated across the

country as a symbol of victo-

ry of Dharma over Adharma

and triumph of the

happiness, prosperity and

Purushottam Lord Ram.

well-being of all".

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of Dussehra

conduct

Chugh said the AAP government in Punjab has made General Secretary Tarun a mockery of the education system. He demanded that an FIR be registered against

> Education Minister on the basis of the suicide note and he should be suspended from the Cabinet

> pending police investiga-Chugh said the entire education system in the State has collapsed and the AAP government has been trying to gain political publicity on

false and fake grounds

STATE TIMES NEWS

Governor Manoj Sinha on

Monday visited Jagti,

Nagrota and met the family

of Special Security Force

(SSF) Personnel, SGCT

Lokesh Singh who lost his

Extending his condolences

to the family, the Lt

Governor paid homage to

the SGCT Lokesh Singh

and recalled his selfless

service to the nation. He

assured the family of all

possible support from the

life in a road accident.

Lieutenant

JAMMU:

on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway restored early Monday after remaining suspended for over 24 hours due to road repair work in landslide-hit Dalwas area of Ramban district, officials said. Authorities also allowed

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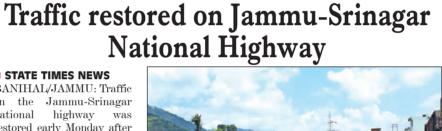
BANIHAL/JAMMU: Traffic

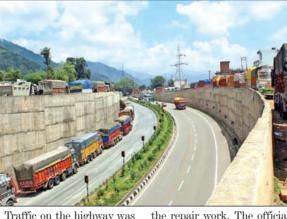
traffic on the Mughal and Sinthan top roads, which were shut after fresh snowfall in high altitude areas, they said.

A traffic department official said the highway was reopened for traffic around 5

Sinha visits Jagti, meets family

of deceased SSF personnel





Traffic on the highway was facilitate the road construc-

the repair work. The official suspended on Sunday to said the traffic was also restored on Mughal

#### J&K Admn prohibits unauthorised access to sensitive information in e-office **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Monday prohibited all officials working on the e-office platform from accessing any sensitive data for which they

do not have explicit authori-

sation from the competent authority In a circular issued by the general administration department. Commissioner-Secretary Sanjeev Verma said unauthorised access to sensitive data is a breach of

the extant Information

Technology (IT) rules. CONTD ON PAGE 9

#### BJP to launch Jan Sampark Abhiyan in J&K from Oct 24: Raina **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The BJP will launch a months-long public outreach campaign in Jammu and Kashmir from the day of Dussehra on October 24 with an aim to highlight initiatives undertaken by the Narendra Modi government in the union ter-

State BJP chief Ravinder Raina said Home Minister Amit Shah will address a big public rally in Jammu under the Jan Sampark Abhiyan to mark its completion after January 15. "The BJP is launching a

mass contact program

October 21. Kharge had on October 19

President

veteran leaders Karan Singh and Saif-ud-din Soz as well as party members senior Ahmed

leader Karan Singh has asked Ghulam Mir, Tariq Hameed Karra and Tara Chand.

"I see that my name has been included in the executive committee of the newly

reconstituted and Kashmir Pradesh Congress

Committee. As you know, I have not been active in state politics for several years. I, therefore, request that my name be deleted from the list." Singh said in the letter.

## Former India Captain Bishan Bedi is no more India to numerous memo-

The 92-year-old conveyed

Mallikarjun

his request to Congress

Kharge in a letter dated

approved the constitution of

the committee that included

NEW DELHI: Bishan Singh Bedi, former India captain and one of the greatest left-arm spinners, died on Monday at the age of 77 after battling prolonged ill-

Bedi is survived by his wife Anju, son Angad and daugh-

"He breathed his last at his home this morning. He recently underwent a knee operation. The infection spread and he could not recover from that," said one of his close friends.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his condo-



lence on Bedi's demise.

"Deeply saddened by the passing of noted cricketer Shri Bishan Singh Bedi Ji. His passion for the sport was unwavering and his exemplary bowling performances led

tinue to inspire future generations of cricketers. Condolences to his family and admirers. Om Shanti, Modi wrote on 'X', formerly Born in Amritsar in 1946,

rable victories. He will con-

Bedi played 67 Tests for India and took 266 wickets with 14 five-wicket hauls and one 10-wicket haul. He was the part of Indian

cricket's golden quartet of spinners that also had Erapalli Prasanna, Bhagwat Chadrasekhar and Srinivas Venkataraghavan.

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# Mahanavami celebrated, preparations for Dussehra celebrations in full swing

LG Manoj Sinha meeting family of SSF Personnel, SGCT

Lokesh Singh who lost his life in a road accident.

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Mahanavami was celebrated in Kashmir Vallev with religious fervour and special prayers for peace and prosperity at a local temple here, preparations are in full swing for the Dussehra celebra-

Speaking to PTI, Mahant Ganesh Das, priest at the Hanuman temple in Hari Singh High Street, said, "Devotees pray, do havan, keep fast during the nine days of Navratra and Mata responds to the prayers. She blesses everyone. These nine days have a great signifi-

Prayers were held at the Hanuman temple situated on the banks of Jhelum on Monday mark Mahanavami

"We prayed for peace and calm in Kashmir, and that it is filled with tourists, that there is happiness, prosperity and brotherhood," Das said.

"Mahanavami is being celebrated today (Monday). We prepare kheer. We pray. We undertake visarjan' of the deity after nine days of fast," a local devotee, Pyare Lal Pandita, said.

"We pray that the situation peaceful, and remains returns to how it was when was brotherhood there (between communities)," he

Celebrations were also held at Martand temple at Mattan  $\operatorname{south}$ Kashmir's Anantnag district. A large number of devotees thronged the temple for the prayers.



Devotees carrying out Kanjak Pujan on the occasion of Mahanavami at Srinagar on Monday.

"Mahanavami is celebrated across the country. It used to be celebrated on a grand scale, but then because of the situation in Kashmir, it was stopped. However, in view of the improvement of the situation, we restarted celebrating it here in the last few vears," said Ashok Siddha,

president of the management committee of the temple.

"People came here in good numbers for the prayers. We want the same brotherhood which was here before 1990. he said. Another devotee, Ashwini

Pandit, said, "We came here for prayers after the culmi-

nation of Navratra. Mata always blesses us, and we pray for everyone's happiness and prosperity," he said.

Meanwhile, arrangements for Dussehra celebrations were being finalised in Srinagar on Monday as effigies of Ravana reached the valley, a day before they are set on fire for 'Ravana Dahan' at the Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Stadium to signify the victory of good

Sanjay Tickoo, one of the organisers, told PTI: "We are making preparations for the Dussehra to be held tomorrow (Tuesday). The effigies came from Jammu this morning. We are assembling them." This year, one effigy is 40 feet in height

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# Govt committed to provide state of art oral health, dental services to J&K citizens: Advisor Bhatnagar

#### STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Advisor to

Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Monday remarked that the government is committed to provide state of the art oral health and dental services to all citizens of Jammu and Kashmir besides the LG led Administration is focussed on hand holding of dental graduates in establishing their own dental clinics through various sponsored and subsidised schemes and filling up all vacancies in the government sector.

The Advisor made these remarks while inaugurating the 14th IDA J&K Dental Conference at Tagore Hall here.

In his address, Advisor Bhatnagar emphasized on the critical role of dental

health in the overall wellbeing of individuals. He added that the field of dentistry plays a major role in enhancing the quality of life for all individuals.

In his speech, the Advisor reiterated that the government is focussed on hand holding of Dental Graduates in establishing clinics in modern set up through various sponsored and subsidised schemes. He also assured the participants that the process of obtaining Dental Clinic registrations will be looked into so that maximum graduates can set up their own

Advisor Bhatnagar, on the occasion also appreciated the efforts of the organising committee for this event and laid stress on the dental

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