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Today's India confident of its heritage: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS

KEDARNATH : Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid foundation stones and dedicated to the Nation various development projects in Kedarnath. He inaugurated Shri Adi Shankaracharya Samadhi and unveiled the statue of Shri Adi Shankaracharya. He also reviewed and inspected the executed and ongoing infrastructure works. The Prime Minister also offered prayers at the Kedarnath Temple. Prayers were offered and celebrations held at 12 Jyotirlingas and 4 dhams and many places of faith all over the country along with the event at Kedarnath Dham, all events were linked to the main event at Kedarnath Dham.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister evoked the great spiritual rishi tradition of India and expressed his indescribable joy on coming to Kedarnath Dham.

Recalling his interaction



PM Narendra Modi after inaugurating 12-feet high statue of Guru Shankaracharya during his visit to Kedarnath in Uttarakhand.

- » India's success is no longer bound by the old ways, says Modi
- » All maths and jyotirlingas are connected with us today: PM Modi at Kedarnath
- » Lays foundation stones and dedicates to the Nation various development projects in Kedarnath
- » Inaugurates Shri Adi Shankaracharya Samadhi and unveils the statue of Shri Adi Shankaracharya
- » "Some experiences are so supernatural, so infinite that they cannot be expressed in words this is how I feel at Baba Kedarnath Dham"
- » "Adi Shankaracharya's life was as extraordinary as it was devoted to the welfare of the common man"
- » "Our cultural heritage centers of faith are being viewed with deserved and valid pride, as they should be"

with soldiers at Nowshera yesterday, he said yesterday, on Diwali, he took the feelings of 130 crore Indians to soldiers, today, on Govardhan Puja, he said that I was on the land of soldiers and in the divine presence of Baba Kedar. The Prime Minister quoted a verse from Ramcharitmanas- 'अविगत अकथ अपार, नेति-नेति नित निगम कर्' meaning some experiences are so supernatural, so infinite that they cannot be expressed in words. He said this is how he feels under

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Darbar Move: Govt modifies order

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Friday modified General Administration Department (GAD) order and restored the accommodation for its employees at Jammu.

The government has issued a fresh order in which sanction has been accorded to partial modification of the order under number 113-Est of 2021 dated June 29, 2021 and restoration of government accommodation

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Cop killed in accidental fire

STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: A policeman was killed in an accidental fire at Malipeth Kishtwar where he was posted on Naka duty, police said on Friday. Police said Constable Ajeet Singh of R S Pura Jammu suffered grievous wounds after his SLR rifle went off accidentally. He was rushed to district hospital Kishtwar where he succumbed to the wounds.

SSP Kishtwar

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Petrol price further cut by Rs 8, diesel by Rs 9 in BJP-ruled states J&K, Ladakh UTs to get benefit

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Petrol price has been further reduced by as much as Rs 8.7 per litre and diesel by Rs 9.52 in BJP ruled states and UTs - from Ladakh to Puducherry - as they matched the central government's announcement of a cut in excise duty with slashing of local sales tax (VAT) rates.

Buckling under pressure, the Union government had on Wednesday cut excise duty on petrol by Rs 5 per litre and that on diesel by Rs 10 a litre to give reprieve to consumers battered by record-high retail fuel prices.

This announcement was matched by 22 states and Union Territories cutting VAT rates in different proportions.

This has led to BJP and its partner ruled states witnessing steeper reductions in petrol and diesel prices in comparison to Maharashtra, Delhi, West Bengal and other

states that are governed by other political parties, according to a price chart of different locations prepared by state-owned oil firms.

The additional reduction, on top of the excise duty cut, is the lowest in Uttarakhand because of lower duty cuts and the highest in UT of Ladakh. On petrol, the price reduction over-and-above excise reduction ranges from Rs 1.97 per litre in the case of Uttarakhand to Rs 8.70 in the case of UT of Ladakh.

For diesel, the additional reduction warranted by VAT cuts, ranging from Rs 17.5 a litre in Uttarakhand to Rs 9.52 in the case of Ladakh.

The states and UTs that extended additional VAT benefits are Karnataka, Puducherry, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Assam, Sikkim, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu,

Chandigarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Ladakh.

Karnataka saw Rs 8.62 a litre cut in petrol price due to VAT reduction and Rs 9.40 in diesel rates, while Madhya Pradesh gave its citizens an additional Rs 6.89 price relief on petrol and Rs 6.96 on diesel. Uttar Pradesh lowered VAT on petrol by Rs 6.96 and diesel by Rs 2.04 a litre.

States that have so far not lowered VAT include Rajasthan, Punjab, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Tamil Nadu. AAP-ruled Delhi, TMC-governed West Bengal, Left-ruled Kerala, BJD-governed Odisha, TRS-led Telangana and YSR Congress-ruled Andhra Pradesh.

Wednesday's excise duty cut had translated into a reduction in the price of petrol

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ACB presents charge-sheet against SI E&T in disproportionate assets case

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) presented charge-sheet against one Javed Ahmad Shah, the then Sub-Inspector, Excise & Taxation Department, posted at Toll Post, Lower Munda, Qazigund in a disproportionate assets case.

As per an official spokesperson, the sleuths of ACB produced charge-sheet against Javed Ahmad Shah, the then Sub-Inspector, Toll Post, Lower Munda, Qazigund, Excise & Taxation Department in the Court of Special Judge Anti-Corruption, Pulwama. The

instant case was registered on outcome of a verification conducted into allegations that the accused, while posted at Toll Post, Qazigund, accumulated huge assets disproportionate to his known source of income by earning money through corrupt means. "Accordingly, FIR No. 32/2015 under Sections 5 (1) (e) read with 5 (2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, Samvat 2006 was registered against Javed Ahmad Shah, the then Sub-Inspector and investigation started," said official, adding that next date of hearing has been fixed on December 13,

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Revenue record of 2 villages missing; Div Com orders registration of FIR

Latha, Massavi of villages Sunjwan, Chowadhi areas found missing

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Taking strong cognizance of missing of vital public documents of the revenue villages Sunjwan and Chowadhi in Tehsil Bahu; the Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer has directed Sub Divisional Magistrate, Jammu South for registering FIR against the accused in concerned police station of the jurisdiction.

The Div Com had constituted teams in June 2021 for random verification, ETS survey of encroachment of

state/ Kahcharai/ Forest lands in the said Revenue villages with instructions for the reconciliation of Revenue records.

The committee in its findings brought to the notice of Divisional Commissioner that Latha and Massavi (revenue maps) of village Chowadhi and Sunjwan, in tehsil Bahu, have been missing and not available with the field revenue officials.

It has been learnt from the sources that the Div Com office had sought an explanation from the concerned

tehsildar as to how Fard-i-Intikhab for the said revenue villages were being issued and mutations being attested in the absence of Latha and Massavi; but no satisfactory reply could be provided.

Further the sources tell that a demarcation committee constituted in WP(C) titled Suman Bansal vs UT of J&K & Ors, which was constituted by the Div Com office in April 2021; recently submitted its preliminary report to the office of Divisional Commissioner

Jammu.

The said committee brought out glaring revelations that the Aks Latha/Massavi of village Sunjwan and Chowadhi are missing from the General Record Room, Gol Gujral Jammu as well.

Alongwith above vital maps even the Book of Records of Rights (Missal-i-Haqiyat) is also missing from the Record Room and specific pages of the field book were also found missing. A revenue expert commented that

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J&K reports over 1,000 dengue cases, authorities intensify preventive measures

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir has reported over 1,000 cases of dengue with the majority of 659 cases recorded in Jammu district, prompting authorities to intensify preventive measures to contain the menace, officials said.

Ten sentinel surveillance hospitals with diagnostic facilities are functional in the division, they said.

A total of 1,078 cases of dengue have been reported in the Union Territory with the majority of cases in districts of Jammu (659), Kathua (194) and Samba (94), the officials said.

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The malariologist office and civic bodies have intensified the preventive measures to control the rising cases of dengue in the Jammu division, they said.

They have intensified the ongoing vector-control activities.

In collaboration with the Jammu Municipal Corporation, thermal fogging has been conducted to kill mosquitoes in a phased manner covering 75 wards of Jammu urban areas.

Similar activities are being carried out in other districts like Samba, Kathua and Udhampur.

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Terrorists manage to flee after brief gunfight with SFs in Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A brief gunfight took place between terrorists and security forces near a hospital here on Friday but the militants managed to flee, police said.

The incident took place near SKIMS Hospital in Bemina area of the city on the Srinagar-Baramulla highway. "There was a brief firefight between



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing an interactive meet of Agricultural Start-Ups and farmers, organized jointly by CSIR and SKUAST, at Srinagar on Friday.

Dr. Jitendra Singh

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Earlier Govts deliberately discouraged Start-Ups in J&K: Dr Jitendra

ments of deliberately discouraging Start-Ups in Jammu & Kashmir, including in the Kashmir Valley, so that the youth could remain perpetually dependent on salaried government jobs and continue hanging around the political masters of the day.

As a result, the region's immense potential for entrepreneurship and self-livelihood remained unexplored, he said.

Addressing an interactive meet of Agricultural Start-Ups and farmers, organised jointly by Council Of Scientific and

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Over 110 High Court Judges appointed this year

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: A little over 110 new judges have been appointed to various high courts so far this year, sources aware of the procedure of appointment to the higher judiciary have said.

In 2016, a record 126 high court judges were appointed and that record is "likely" to be surpassed this year, they said.

So far this calendar year, more than 110 new high court judges have been appointed based on recommendations made by the Supreme Court collegium.

The combined sanctioned strength of the 25

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Shoot-out in Arnia over land dispute 2 killed, 2 injured in group clash; SIT constituted

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A major shootout incident was reported in Arnia area of RS Pura subdivision in which two persons were killed while two got seriously injured on Friday.

As per details, the incident took place on Friday morning as some people heard gunshots and rushed to the spot near Kotha Chak village in Arnia-Salaihah belt and saw two bodies in a pool of blood and another injured person besides them. The village Sarpanch informed police, who rushed to the spot and recovered the bodies.

Police spokesman said that that incident took place on Friday morning when four men travelling in a Scorpio and two travelling in Thar car entered into heated arguments after which shootout took place.

"Four men were allegedly fired upon by two others in which all four received injuries and two of them died

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Localised lockdown likely in Srinagar; 8 areas declared containment zones

J&K reports 109 COVID cases, no case in Ladakh

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In view of rapid increase in Covid-19 positive case in Srinagar, the District Administration on Friday declared 8 more areas as Micro Containment Zones under Medical Zones of Batamalo, Zadibal, S.R Gunj and Khanyar to prevent spread of infection in the district.

According to official spokesperson, the areas include Milat Abad, Peerbagh, near Islamic Public School and Noorani Colony Peerbagh in Medical Zone Batamalo, Upper Soura, near Petrol Pump, Bilal Colony Soura, near Bilal Masjid and Bota Kadal, near Darul ul Uloom Bilaliya

He further said that Srinagar has witnessed a spike in Covid cases in the past one week, prompting the administration to declare some areas in the city as containment zones.

Giving details, the DC said out of total active Covid-19 positive cases in J&K, about half of them come from Srinagar district only. While other than Srinagar District, cases reported from 19 other districts are either in single digit or no case at all.

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Snowfall in higher reaches of Kashmir

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Many areas in the higher reaches of Kashmir received fresh snowfall, while some parts in the plains were lashed by light rains on Friday, officials said.

Snowfall started in many areas in the higher reaches of Kashmir early in the morning, the officials said.

They said the fresh snowfall was witnessed in Machil and Tangdhar areas of Kupwara, Gurez in Bandipora district, the famous ski-resort of Gulmarg in Baramulla, Sonamarg in Ganderbal, and some other high altitude areas.

Due to the snowfall, the Bandipora-Gurez Road has been closed temporarily

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Soldier injured in mine blast at Poonch

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A soldier was injured in a mine blast in Poonch district, official sources said on Friday.

The incident occurred in the border area of Kerni in the district on Thursday evening, they said.

The injured soldier has been hospitalised, the sources said.

Further details are awaited.

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Vehicle of one of the rival group member at incident spot.

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Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 27.2°C Min: 12.7°C

Humidity

Max: 72 Min: 49

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 10.0°C Min: 5.6°C

Humidity

Max: 92 Min: 79

Sunset: 17:39 Hours

Sunrise: 06:53 Hours