

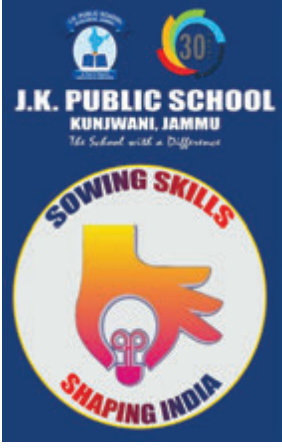


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■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATRA: Asserting that speedy development is the new identity of Jammu and Kashmir, Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said more than 500 services will be made available online in the next three years for a better digital ecosystem in the Union Territory.

In his address at the valedictory session of the 25th National Conference on e-governance at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University here, he said delivering efficient, effective and accountable governance is the top priority of his administration.

"Despite being a late entrant in digital transformation, Jammu and Kashmir has achieved several milestones with solid technical architecture at the service of citizens. Speedy development is the new identity of J&K," Sinha said.

Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said J&K is an emerging model of digital government with focus on transparent governance and citizen-centric approach to delivering public services.



LG Manoj Sinha presenting idol of Mata Vaishno Devi to Chief Minister, Haryana Manohar Lal during the valedictory session of 25th National Conference on e-Governance at Katra on Sunday.

The event witnessed the launch of J&K Vision Document and J&K Cyber Security policy and a historic MoU between IT Department J&K and DITECH Haryana.

The agreement between the J&K Government and Haryana Government is expected to strengthen and deepen the collaboration on

knowledge sharing, IT initiatives & best practices in e-Governance, said the Lt Governor.

Expressing his gratitude to the Chief Minister of Haryana Manohar Lal; the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology; Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, all the depart-

ments of the Central and State/UT Governments, the Lt Governor said that the 25th National e-Governance Conference in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir will prove to be a milestone in the direction of fulfilling our resolve of Digital Society.

Observing that technology is making a real difference in people's lives, the Lt Governor said in 2013, the total number of e-transaction was merely 20 Lakh. This year, till 25th November, the number of e-transaction is 38.50 Crore. On an average J&K is recording 550 e-transactions every minute.

Delivering efficient, effective, and accountable governance is our top priority. IT Department coordinating across the departments to ensure citizens interact and access information and services and provide feedback to improve service delivery, he added.

The Lt Governor further observed that the launch of Digital J&K Vision Document and launch of J&K Cyber Security Policy will promote a common approach to use the power of innovation and secure the IT assets in the rapidly

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Congress, like-minded parties view terrorism as shortcut to achieve success: Modi



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KHEDA: Remembering the 26/11 Mumbai terror strike, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said Gujarat and the country need to be "alert" about Congress and like-minded parties which keep mum on "big terrorist attacks" to not offend their vote bank.

Addressing a rally in Kheda district in Gujarat where Assembly elections are scheduled for December 1 and 5, the prime minister said Congress and many like-minded parties view terror-

ism as a shortcut to achieving success.

"Terrorism is not over yet and the politics of the Congress has not also changed. The fear of terrorism will remain till appeasement politics continues.

"Congress views terrorism from the prism of vote bank. Not only Congress but many like-minded parties have come up now who view terrorism as a shortcut to achieve success and this small party's hunger for power is even bigger," he said without naming the "small

party".

The prime minister said the mouths of these parties remain "locked when big terrorist attacks take place so that their vote bank is not offended. They even go to courts from the back door to save terrorists".

"When Batla House encounter took place, a Congress leader cried for terrorists. Gujarat and the country should remain alert from such parties," he added.

The 2008 encounter near Delhi resulted in the deaths of two terrorists hiding in a flat in the Batla House area in Okhla and a police officer.

"Your one vote in 2014 (Lok Sabha elections) strengthened the fight against terrorism. Now forget about terror attacks in our cities, they (India's enemies) think 100 times before even conducting such attacks on our borders," the PM said, adding they know India will hit by entering their

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Results of post-2019 investments in J&K to be visible by next year: Official

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SRINAGAR: The fruits of business investments and industries brought into Jammu and Kashmir after 2019 will be visible by the next year, even as the administration is working to achieve a target of securing investments worth Rs 75,000 crore, a top government officer said.

Till now, the erstwhile state has received investment proposals worth Rs 56,867 crore and this is expected to generate more than 2.62 lakh jobs for the youth in the coming times, said the officer who did not wish to be named.

The special status of the

erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir was revoked with the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution on August 5, 2019 and it was divided into two union territories -- Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

"The Union Territory of J&K has also attracted a lot of interest from foreign investors and this can be pegged at about Rs 3,000 crore," the officer told a group of visiting journalists here on Saturday.

Jammu and Kashmir is a "good package" as it offers natural advantages in

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Freedom fighters demonstrated how people with diverse ideologies could come together: RSS Chief

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

PATNA: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday asserted that those who fought for the country's Independence demonstrated how people with diverse ideologies could come together for a common cause.

Bhagwat was speaking at a function on the penultimate day of his four-day tour of Bihar in Malkhachak village of Saran district, held in the memory of lesser-known freedom fighters.

He was addressing the programme before visiting Darbhanga where he will interact with RSS workers from across the state.

Bhagwat also released a book authored by journalist Ravindra Kumar. Titled "Swatantrata Andolan Ki Bikhri Kadiyan", the book claims to



shed more light on India's struggle for Independence.

"Those who fought for Independence demonstrated how people with diverse ideologies could come together for a common cause," the RSS chief said during his speech.

The function at Saran was also attended by state BJP president Sanjay

Jaiswal and leader of the opposition in assembly Vijay Kumar Sinha, among others.

He also voiced disapproval of the notion of "Vishwa shakti" (world power), blaming Russia-Ukraine on such misplaced ambitions, and claiming that India could never harbour such an aspiration and its ancient civilisation has always stood for universal welfare.

Bhagwat thereafter left for Darbhanga, about 150 kms away, where he is scheduled to meet delegations of RSS "pracharaks" (full time activists) from all 38 districts of Bihar.

His tour of the state will conclude on Monday when he is scheduled to address an open session of the Sangh Parivar fountainhead, which counts the BJP as its political offshoot.

4 killed in separate road accidents in Jammu

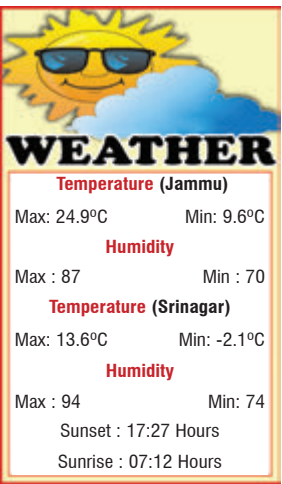
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JAMMU: Four people were killed and two injured in separate road accidents here, police said on Sunday.

In the first incident, Jatin Manhas (18) and Mahruda Pratap Singh (15) died after two speeding motorcycles collided head-on with each other at Dablehar-Chak Mohd Yaar road in RS Pura area on the outskirts of the city on Saturday, the police said.

Two others -- Sagar Singh (13) and Chanpreet Singh (18) -- were injured in the collision. While Manhas was riding solo, the other three were returning from tuition classes, they said.

In another incident, an apple-laden truck coming from Kashmir skidded off the road and fell into a deep gorge in Nagrota area late on Saturday evening, the police said. The truck driver, Wahin Hussain of Reasi, and his helper Mohammad Younis of Jammu died in the accident, they said.



WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 24.9°C Min: 9.6°C

Humidity

Max : 87 Min : 70

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 13.6°C Min: -2.1°C

Humidity

Max : 94 Min: 74

Sunset : 17:27 Hours

Sunrise : 07:12 Hours

BJP has empowered J&K, its people: Chugh

Muftis, Abdullahs feeling clueless

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Sunday said that PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti needs to come out of her dreams and realise the ground situation in J&K where Prime Minister Narendra Modi has brought about a dramatic transformation.

Reacting to the remarks of PDP chief, Mehbooba Mufti that everything would be brought back with interest whatever BJP has snatched from us on August 5, 2019, Chugh said it is time Abdullahs and Muftis, who



have ransacked the state recklessly now realise that their time is over.

People in J&K have started enjoying fruits of the development policies and pro-

grammes of the Prime Minister and a new era has begun in J&K.

He said converting J&K from a terror state to a tourism destination is a big achievement of the Modi.

The Jammu and Kashmir is on the path of development and there is still a long way to go while the party hasn't snatched anything as claimed by the Mehbooba.

"When her party was in power in J&K, she had given nothing except ruin and plunder, for which she will now have to give a full account," Chugh said, adding that Mehbooba herself knows

that BJP has made progress in Jammu and Kashmir, but she is making such statements under frustration.

"Modi led BJP government brought J&K on the path of development. Under privileged people were given rights, hundreds of centrally sponsored schemes were introduced, poor people were benefited and importantly millions of tourists this year visited the UT which is a record breaking", Chugh claimed.

He said that Modi government has also given rights to women while giving

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Srinagar records coldest night of season so far



Tourists at Gulmarg ski resort.

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SRINAGAR: Srinagar recorded the coldest night of the season so far as the minimum temperate across Kashmir plunged below the freezing point, officials said on Sunday.

The city recorded a minimum of minus 2.1 degrees

Celsius on Saturday night, which was the lowest so far this season, the officials said.

They said the night temperature was 1.2 degrees below the normal for this time of the season.

Pahalgam tourist resort, which also serves as one of the base camps for the annual

Amarnath yatra, in south Kashmir, reeled at a minus 3.4 degrees Celsius, and was the coldest recorded place in the valley.

The famous ski-resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district recorded minus 1.0 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

Qazigund, the gateway town to the Valley, in South Kashmir's Anantnag district, recorded a minimum temperature of minus 1.4 degrees Celsius, while the mercury in Kupwara in north Kashmir also settled at a low of minus 1.4 degrees Celsius.

Kokernag recorded a low of minus 0.4 degrees Celsius. Leh town in Ladakh recorded a low of

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Dealing with China will be a ‘challenge’ during India's G20 presidency: Ex-Dy NSA Saran

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Dealing with China would be a "challenge" for India during its G20 presidency and New Delhi would adopt a "cautious approach" towards Beijing, judging it by its deeds and not words, former deputy national security advisor Pankaj Saran said on Sunday.

In an interview with PTI, Saran also said India would expect that China recognises it as a rising power and deals with it on equal terms.

He said India's number one priority during its upcoming G20 presidency should be to restore the economic order that provides stability and creates an atmosphere conducive to the growth of an

economy such as itself.

India should focus on bringing a semblance of sanity back into the global order, said Saran, who is a member of the National Security Advisory Board (NSAB).

Saran said another important priority for India during its presidency would be to address the issues of concern to the developing world such as energy security, food security, climate security, and to see how India's voice and perspective can be infused into the G20.

He said that unfortunately the entire G20 agenda which is essentially economic has been "weaponised" by the advanced economies.

"So because of the (Ukraine) conflict today we



SMR technology.

In a virtual address at a Workshop on Small Modular Reactors (SMR) organised by NITI Aayog and Department of Atomic Energy, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the exploration of new

clean energy options is in tune with Prime Minister Modi's roadmap for clean energy transition through bold climate commitments which are reflected in our updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

Dr Jitendra pointed out that as we have already taken steps for clean energy transition with penetration of non-fossil based energy resources and achieving net-zero by 2070, nuclear in terms of base load power can play a big role in the de-carbonization strategy. It is in

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President Vladimir Putin in the wake of the Ukraine conflict and reflected India's growing clout at the world stage.

"It is rare that an Indian perspective is recognised by a powerful grouping like the G20. India's role enabled the G20 to find a consensus on this issue," said Saran, who was the deputy NSA from September 1, 2018 to December 31, 2021.

Asked about how India would perform the balancing act as G20 president with China as one of the prominent members of the grouping, Saran said, "This is going to be a challenge for Indian diplomacy and it is also going to be a

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