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India supports global...

the ancient Sanskrit text of Maha Upanishad.
"Over the last 10 years, we have lifted 250 million people out of poverty," Modi said.
In line with the theme of the session, Modi also gave an overview of India's success in addressing hunger and poverty.
"Over 800 million people are being given food grains free of cost. 550 million people are benefiting from the world's biggest health insurance scheme," he said.
"Now, 60 million senior citizens, over the age of 70, will also be able to benefit from free health insurance," he said.
"Maintaining our focus on women-led development and social inclusion, over 300 million women micro-entrepreneurs have been linked to banks and given access to credit," Modi added.
The prime minister also spoke about India's crop insurance scheme.
"Under the world's largest crop insurance scheme, over 40 million farmers have received benefits worth 20 billion US dollars," he said.
"Under the farmers' scheme, assistance worth over 40 billion dollars has been given to 110 million farmers. Institutional credit worth 300 billion US dollars is being given to farmers," he said.
Modi said India is not only ensuring food security but also focusing on nutrition. He said New Delhi is also contributing to global food security by sending food items to various countries.
"The main reason for our success is our approach: 'back to basics' and 'march to the future'," he said.
"We have focused not only on natural farming and organic farming but also on new technologies. We have focused on sustainable agriculture, protection of the environment, nutrition and food security by promoting Sri Ann or millets," he said.
The prime minister said India has developed over 2000 climate-resilient crop varieties and has started the 'Digital Agriculture Mission'.
"India's digital public Infrastructure enabled social and financial inclusion. With the aspirational districts and blocks project, we created a new model for inclusive development that strengthens the weakest link," he said.
Modi began his visit to Brazil after concluding a two-day trip to Nigeria.

LeT ultra arrested...

Chopan, resident of Lurgam Tral.
Incriminating materials along with arms and ammunition including a pistol, 18 pistol rounds and twomagazines have been recovered from his possession.
Preliminary investigation revealed that he was involved in several terror related activities in South Kashmir Range. Pertinent to mention that he was involved in case FIR No. 114/2024 under sections 16 of ULAP Act 7/27 of IA Act and 109 BNS of Police Station Tral registered related to firing upon one outside labourer, Shubam Kumar, resident of Bijnore UP on October 24, 2024 in which the labourer was critically injured. Further investigation is going on.
Meanwhile, security forces busted a terrorists' hideout in Shopian district, officials here said.
A joint team of police, army, and CRPF in a search operation in Shopian district's Keller found an abandoned terrorist hideout.
They found cooking utensils and edible material from there, officials said.

Man held for...

added. Kumar attacked his mother-in-law Shanti Devi, wife Lalita, and sister-in-law Anju Devi with an axe before fleeing the scene leaving the victims in a pool of blood.
While the doctors at a nearby hospital declared Shanti Devi brought dead, Lalita and Anju Devi were referred to the district hospital for specialised treatment, police said.
The accused's brother-in-law, Rakesh, claimed that Kumar was under the influence of liquor when he came to their home and fatally attacked his mother, besides injuring Lalita and Anju Devi.
He also said that his sister came home a few days back after a fight with Kumar over some issue, and the latter was pressing her to return.
"He (Kumar) should be handed an exemplary punishment for killing my mother and injuring my sisters," Rakesh said.

SMVDSB approves ropeway...

on the traditional trekking path.
The officials said that the journey will be reduced to a few minutes compared to the hours-long trek.
Garg also referred to the inflow of pilgrims to the holy cave shrine, saying over 86 lakh pilgrims have paid obeisance so far this year.
"Till yesterday, this year, 86 lakh pilgrims visited the cave shrine and paid obeisance," the Chief Executive Officer said.
He said that the number of pilgrims visiting Mata Vaishno Devi has been rising each year.
"Last year, the yatra set a new record of 95 lakh, surpassing a significant milestone in 2023. It is expected to pick up further in the coming days," he said.
As per the monthly figures, a total of 616,609 devotees visited Mata Vaishno Devi in January this year, followed by 432,925 in February, 861,517 in March, 955,575 in April, 1,164,301 in May, 1,115,719 in June, 765,726 in July, 573,730 in August, 678,484 in September, and 874,657 in October.
The daily pilgrim count averaged between 14,000 and 18,000, in the latter half of October, due to the festive season, officials said.
Following Diwali and other festivals, daily pilgrim counts have increased again, currently ranging between 28,000 and 38,000, they said.
From 13.95 lakh in 1986, when the shrine board took over the affairs of the shrine for better management, there has been a steady increase in pilgrim foot-fall with each passing year, touching an all-time high of 1.04 crore in 2012, against 1.01 crore the previous year (2011).
The shrine has, in recent years, seen a few additions in terms of facilities, including a skywalk at Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan, a Durga Bhawan, new community kitchen and railway registration centres.
The skywalk and a remodelled Parvati Bhawan were inaugurated by President Droupadi Murmu. Moreover, the shrine's base camp in Katra now boasts a state-of-the-art call centre, which operates round-the-clock and manages nearly 2,500 calls every day from pilgrims across the world.

CB files chargesheet...

the daughter of the complainant nor did he return the money.
Subsequently, the investigation was transferred to Crime Branch Jammu and the investigation revealed that the accused had committed cheating by impersonation and duped the retired JCO of his hard-earned money.
The accused was arrested from Kashmir following a series of raids at different places and the investigation of the case has been completed, the official said.

IOC's 7446 bitumen...

was also engaged as transporter of packed bitumen against work order reference: Jammu DO/CEA/01 dated September 17, 2022 and PSO/OPS/LIT/Bitumen/2022-2023 (2022 PSO 1521691) dated June 22, 2022 ex-IOCL Panipat, that M/s Iqbal Motor Transport Service was responsible for delivery of packed bitumen drums to their customer Border Roads Organization (BRO) at various project sites ex-CFA Jammu and Panipat supply location. Upon reconciliation of supplies with BRO, it was observed that M/s Iqbal Motor Transport Service had failed to deliver supplies to the BRO consignees. Due to non receipt of product by BRO, IOCL suffered an additional loss of Rs.3.0054 Cr (2596 drums) that had been handed over to M/s Iqbal Motor Transport Service, but not delivered by the transporter to respective consignees of BRO.
Although IOCL handed over the product of 2596 bitumen drums to M/s Iqbal Motor Transport Service, but the transporter failed to deliver the product to BRO. In view of non-delivery of product to BRO consignees, the total loss to the corporation is revised to be Rs.11.725 Crore (Rs.8.72 Cr Inventory Loss + Rs 3.005 Crore due to 31 invoices) out of which Rs. 3.92 Crores have been recovered by encashing the available Bank Guarantee (BG).
As the contents of the complaint and preliminary verification report reveal that the accused by hatching criminal conspiracy have committed criminal breach of trust, cheating and forgery, thereby causing wrongful loss to the Government of India Undertaking i.e. IOCL and wrongful gain to themselves, a case u/s 406, 408, 409, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC is registered at EOW, Crime Branch Jammu against Haji Ghulam Qadir Akhoun and others for in-depth investigation.

Properties worth Rs...

was attached by the Mattan police station, he said.
"Bhat, a habitual offender, is involved in multiple NDPS cases for his role in the illegal narcotics trade," he added.
In another case, the Srignufwara police station attached three commercial shops valued at Rs 70 lakh, owned by Peer Asif Ahmad Shah and Peer Towseef Ahmad Shah.
"Both the accused are under investigation for their involvement in several NDPS cases," the spokesman said.

Amit Shah reviews Manipur...

top officials of the central and state governments, the sources said.
This was the second consecutive day that Shah reviewed the situation in Manipur.
He took stock of the deployment of central forces there and directed the officials to restore peace and order there as early as possible, they said.
The situation in the northeastern state, which has been reeling from ethnic strife since May last year, has been volatile following protests and violence after the recovery of bodies of women and children.
Irate mobs set fire to the residences of three more BJP legislators, one of whom is a senior minister, and a Congress MLA in various districts of Imphal Valley on Saturday night even as security forces foiled an attempt by agitators to storm the ancestral residence of Chief Minister N Biren Singh.
These incidents took place even as several restrictions were imposed after people, agitated by the killing of three women and three children by militants in Jiribam district, attacked the residences of three state ministers and six MLAs earlier on Saturday.
Enraged people torched the houses of PWD Minister Govindas Konthoujam at Ningthoukhong, Hiyanglam's BJP MLA Y Radheshyam at Langmeidong Bazar, Wanging Tantha's BJP MLA Paonam Brojen in Thoubal district and Khundrakpam's Congress MLA Th Lokeshwar in Imphal East district.
The legislators and their family members were not at home when the mobs stormed their residential compounds, vandalised properties and set the houses on fire, police said, adding the houses were partially burnt in the incidents.
On November 11, Manipur Police said 10 suspected militants were killed in a fierce gunfight with security forces after insurgents in camouflage uniforms and armed with sophisticated weapons fired indiscriminately at Borobekra police station and an adjacent CRPF camp at Jakuradhor in Jiribam.
Hours later, suspected militants allegedly abducted six civilians, including women and children from the same district, police said.
On Saturday, the Union home ministry said all security forces deployed in Manipur have been directed to take necessary steps to restore order and peace in the state.
It said armed miscreants from both communities in conflict have been indulging in violence leading to unfortunate loss of lives and disruption in public order.
The home ministry said strict action would be initiated against anyone trying to indulge in violent and disruptive activities.
Seeing the fragile situation, the Centre on Thursday reimposed the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act in Manipur's six police station areas, including the violence-hit Jiribam.
More than 220 people have been killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence between Imphal Valley-based Meiteis and adjoining hills-based Kuki-Zo groups since May last year.
It started after a 'Tribal Solidarity March' was organised in the hill districts to protest against the Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status.
The ethnically diverse Jiribam, which was largely untouched by the clashes, witnessed violence after the mutilated body of a farmer was found in a field in June this year.

ADGP calls for...



ADGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain during visit to border area in Jammu.

to secure convictions, expedite case disposals and reduce case backlogs, the spokesperson said.
The ADGP has been visiting grassroots levels in various districts, including border areas, to review the security situation, operational preparedness, deployment and training of police forces.

House of absconding...

summons and a proclamation issued under Section 82 CrPC, the accused has evaded legal proceedings, prompting the court to authorize the attachment as a measure to compel his surrender.
Police has reiterated its commitment to ensure that the rule of law is upheld and offenders are brought to justice. The public has been requested to cooperate with the police and provide any information regarding absconders.

CJ lays foundation...

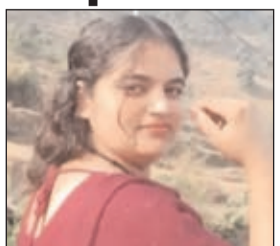
Atul Sreedharan, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice V.C. Koul, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Mohammad Akram Chowdhary, Justice Rahul Bharti, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi and Justice Mohammad Yousuf Wani, Judges of High Court of J&K and Ladakh were present during the foundation stone laying ceremony while Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Puneet Gupta, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal and Justice Rajesh Sekhri participated virtually.
To support the infrastructural requirements at J&K Judicial Academy, Jammu, the proposed mini auditorium with a seating capacity of around 120 pax is a vindication of the novel initiative by the Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. The mini auditorium will facilitate in improving the training quality and capacity for our Judicial Officers and other stakeholders.
The function was also attended by Shahzad Azeem, Registrar General, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Yash Paul Bourne, PDJ Jammu; M.K. Sharma, Principal Secretary to Chief Justice, Sonia Gupta, Director, J&K Judicial Academy, Anoop Sharma, Registrar Computers along with other officers of the registry, Rajesh Gupta, Chief Engineer, Department of PW(R&B) and his team.

Woman delivers baby...

on-duty doctor, without examining the patient, referred her to a sub-district hospital due to the non-availability of a gynaecologist.
However, the woman gave birth on the road while they were heading to the hospital in a cab.
During his visit to PHC Teryath on Monday, the deputy commissioner interacted with the woman and her family to understand the circumstances leading to the incident.
He assured the family of strict action and emphasized that such incidents are unacceptable in a system committed to providing accessible healthcare to all, an official spokesperson said.
While addressing the health officials present, the deputy commissioner directed them to work with utmost sincerity and diligence to prevent such incidents in the future.

Girl killed, other injured in bike-dumper collision

Nowshera resulting in on spot death of girl and injury to other.
The deceased has been identified as Shilpa Sharma (18)



Petition regarding death of staff
DB takes serious note, directs to complete process of creating 334 posts within a period of 60 days

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has taken serious note of the ongoing staff shortage in the High Court and District Courts and directed the Union Territory Government to complete the process of creating 334 posts within 60 days. This decision came in response to a petition filed by Joginder Singh regarding the acute shortage of staff, pay anomalies, and promotional avenues for law graduate Readers in the High Court.
A Division Bench of the High Court, comprising Justice Atul Sreedharan and Justice Sanjay Dhar, heard the petition and expressed concern over the prolonged delay in addressing the staff shortages. The petition, initially filed in 2017, had expanded its scope over time to include staff requirements and infrastructure issues for the judiciary. The High Court has been grappling with these challenges, especially after the increase in the strength of judges from 14 to 17, and now 25, since 2023.
The High Court had, in 2014 and 2015, communi-

cated the need to create 334 additional posts across various categories to support the increased number of judges. Despite repeated requests and meetings with the government, no progress was made in the creation of these posts for over eight years. The government had neither accepted nor declined the proposal, and in some instances, the matter was even withdrawn from the Finance Department after being referred for concurrence.
In February 2023, after considerable pressure, the UT government created 24 posts in various categories to provide support to newly elevated judges. However, the overall process for creating the 334 posts remained stalled. The Division Bench strongly criticized the government's approach, expressing disbelief that the creation of judicial posts required approval from authorities outside the UT government, specifically the Government of India. The Court made it clear that the creation of such posts should be funded from the consolidated fund of the UT and did not require external approval.

The Court also observed that despite several directives, the bureaucracy had been slow and casual in responding to the High Court's needs. The UT government's continued use of vague timelines and phased compliance was deemed inadequate. Additionally, the Court condemned the government's attempt to compare the staffing needs of J&K High Court with those of other states, emphasizing that such comparisons were irrelevant due to the unique challenges faced by J&K, such as dual seating in Jammu and Srinagar.
In response to the UT's non-compliance, the Court directed that the process to create the 334 posts be completed within 60 days. The Court further warned that failure to comply with this directive would result in the appearance of top government officials in person to explain their inaction. The High Court also made it clear that it would not tolerate any further delay or attempts to downplay the issue and warned of contempt proceedings if the government's actions continued to defy judicial orders.

CUJ students visit 3-days educational trip to CSIR-IHBT Palampur



■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Fifty-three students from the Centre for Molecular Biology at the Central University of Jammu, including M.Sc. Biotechnology students and Ph.D. scholars, recently embarked on a three-day educational trip to the CSIR-Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (CSIR-IHBT) in Palampur, Himachal Pradesh.
Accompanied by faculty members Dr. Shelly Sehgal and Dr. Swarkar Sharma, the trip combined academic learning, hands-on experiences, and exposure to cutting-edge research environments.
At CSIR-IHBT, students explored state-of-the-art laboratory facilities and advanced instrumentation, gaining firsthand experience in biotechnology, molecular

biology, and bioresource utilization. The institute's focus on Himalayan bioresources provided valuable insights into current research and the application of sophisticated technologies. Interactions with IHBT researchers allowed students to delve into ongoing projects, offering a glimpse into potential career opportunities in biotechnology.
Dr. Narendra Bairwa, Head of the Department at Central University of Jammu, emphasized the importance of such engagements, noting that they broaden students' perspectives and encourage curiosity and innovation.
Beyond their academic exposure, the students visited the renowned Kangra tea gardens, learning about the entire tea production process-from cultivation to processing. A visit to

Sourabh Van Vihar, a lush eco-park, deepened their understanding of biodiversity and ecological conservation. The trip also highlighted the socio-economic value of biodiversity, particularly through the tea industry's impact on the Himalayan region's economy.
Dr. Swarkar Sharma, one of the faculty members accompanying the group, highlighted the relevance of biotechnology to local economies and how it can be leveraged for innovation and startup opportunities.
The tour was part of Central University of Jammu's commitment to providing students with diverse learning experiences, with Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain stressing the importance of field trips in fostering practical knowledge.

Mahant Rohit Shastri submits memorandum to Admin Secy SED

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of the Shri Kailash Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust and a State Award recipient, submitted a memorandum to Suresh Kumar Gupta, Administrative Secretary of the School Education Department, in Jammu.
In this memorandum, he raised a critical issue concerning the non-advertisement of Sanskrit lecturer posts in higher secondary schools across Jammu and Kashmir.
This delay has left many Sanskrit scholars unable to apply for these posts, with several exceeding the age limit due to the prolonged governmental inaction.
Mahant Shastri stressed the importance of promptly advertising these vacancies, emphasizing that this step is essential to fulfilling the aspirations of scholars dedicated to preserving and enriching the region's academic and cultural legacy



through the Sanskrit language.
Additionally, he called for the introduction of Sanskrit as a mandatory subject from Class 6 onwards in all schools across Jammu and Kashmir. Highlighting the region's deep-rooted connection to Shaivism and its rich Sanskrit tradition, Shastri reminded the government of the area's historic significance. He cited renowned figures such as Acharya Abhinavagupta, the philosopher of Pratyabhijñā, Mahakavi Kalhana, the

author of Rajatarangini; and Mahakavi Bilhana, among other illustrious Sanskrit scholars who have contributed immensely to global intellectual and spiritual heritage.
He expressed concern that the cultural and linguistic traditions of the region are eroding, underscoring that immediate action is necessary to revive and sustain the Sanskrit heritage. Shastri believes that advertising Sanskrit lecturer posts would inspire scholars and rejuvenate interest in Sanskrit studies, restoring the language's prominent role in Jammu and Kashmir.
Aditya Abhiraj Sharma, a member of the Shri Kailash Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, was also present during the submission, demonstrating the collective support for these demands aimed at reviving Sanskrit education in the region.