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LG urges intelligentsia to provide solutions to future challenges

STATE TIMES NEWS
GHAZIPUR, UTTR PRADESH: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday attended the Jamm Shatabdi Samaroh of famous literary figure of Hindi and Bhojpuri literature, Dr. Viveki Rai, in Ghazipur.

Paying homage to Dr. Viveki Rai, the Lieutenant Governor said his wisdom and ideals continue to inspire millions across the country and guiding us along in realising our dream of a developed nation.

Dr. Viveki Rai, through his writings, brought out the aspirations of rural India, and the struggle of common man and deprived sections of the society, he said.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor called upon the people to take 5 pledges to achieve 5 future goals to pay a fitting tribute to Dr. Viveki Rai.

"Our first resolution should be to preserve and strength-



LG Manoj Sinha addressing at Jamm Shatabdi Samaroh of famous literary figure of Hindi and Bhojpuri literature, Dr. Viveki Rai, in Ghazipur on Tuesday.

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en the links with our time-tested civilizational values and pass on treasure of art and literature to young generation.

Intelligentsia of society should prepare for bigger responsibilities and provide solutions to future challenges. Our path must be of collective vision and our fourth aim should focus on building a nation of equal opportunities through collective strength and equal consciousness. Our fifth aim must look at ways to

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Consolidate rules to ensure transparency in allotment of accommodations: CM

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Directing the Estates Department to prepare assets and occupancy lists for properties in both Jammu and Kashmir divisions, to ensure that there is proper mechanism for allotments as per entitlement, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday called for the establishment of consolidated allotment rules to ensure transparency and accountability in allotting accommodations.

Chairing review meeting of the Estates Department, the Chief Minister also called for making a comprehensive assessment of facilities required for the next 15 years, emphasizing the need to transition from a rental-based system to a sustainable infrastructure model.

Calling rentals "a constant drain," he proposed shifting focus towards construction projects and suggested short-term hiring as an interim



CM Omar Abdullah chairing meeting to review functioning of Estates Department in Jammu on Tuesday.

measure.

The Chief Minister highlighted inefficiencies in the current system and stressed the importance of addressing structural and operational gaps.

The meeting was attended by Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary Estates Department Shaheen Kabra, Additional Chief Secretary to Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, Secretary Public Works (Roads & Buildings) Bhupinder Kumar, Director Estates Jammu/Kashmir Tariq Ganai, and other concerned officers.

The Chief Minister also gave directions for assessment of dilapidated properties, seeking a comprehensive report on their current state and proposals for renovation or repurposing.

On modernizing Civil Secretariat infrastructure, Abdullah stressed the need

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KPDCL hits 1 MW solar capacity

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: In a significant milestone for renewable energy adoption in Kashmir Division, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) has successfully achieved 1 MW of rooftop solar capacity under the flagship PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana.

This achievement, coupled with disbursement of ₹1.00 Cr in Central subsidy to 110 domestic beneficiaries, marks a major boost in making solar energy affordable and accessible to the consumers.

A KPDCL spokesperson on Tuesday underscored the significance of these subsidies in empowering consumers to

navigate towards solar energy, reducing their dependence on conventional power sources. Additionally, the spokesperson announced that Rs 1 crore in UT subsidy has been allocated to KPDCL which shall enable disbursement of an additional subsidy of Rs.9,000 per eligible beneficiary for solar plants up to 3 kWp capacity. "Beneficiaries who have already received Central subsidies up to Rs.85,800/- for plants up to 3 kWp will soon receive the UT subsidy directly into their accounts, ensuring a seamless process under the National PM Surya Ghar Portal," he said, adding the subsidies

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Kashmir to Delhi Vande Bharat Express to be inaugurated by PM Modi in January: MoS Railways

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Minister of State for Railways Ravneet Singh on Tuesday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi will likely inaugurate Vande Bharat train connecting Kashmir to New Delhi on the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) in January.

According to officials, the Vande Bharat Express train will directly connect the national capital to the valley starting January 2025. The train will pass through the Chenab Rail Bridge, the world's highest railway bridge.



With the expected commissioning of the train service in phases, the Railways have completed 255 kilometers out of the 272 kilometers of the USBRL project, leaving a small stretch out of just 17

kilometers between Katra and Reasi to be completed by December.

"In January, as per the Prime Minister's schedule, the inauguration will take place. According to railway officials, this project is expected to be completed by December this year," Singh told reporters.

He further stated that the safety of people is paramount.

"Every single aspect needs to be checked, and all these things are being thoroughly inspected on a large scale. Officers and technical teams are repeatedly visiting to ensure everything is up to standard. A lot of hard work has been put into this project, which is a massive undertaking. Once every aspect is verified, only

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Kulgam awarded Best District in Fisheries (UTs)

STATE TIMES NEWS
KULGAM: In a significant achievement, District Kulgam has been awarded the prestigious 'Best District Award in Fisheries' by the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairies on the occasion of 'World Fisheries Day'.

The award recognizes the Fisheries Department's remarkable stride in promoting sustainable fisheries, empowering local fish farmers, and enhancing trout and other fish production through innovative techniques and policies.

Meanwhile the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan extended heartfelt congratulations to

the Fisheries Department for their dedication and hard work, which led to this significant achievement.

He added that this recognition is a testament to the commitment and collaborative efforts of the Fisheries Department and the district administration in uplifting the fisheries sector and creating livelihood opportunities for many.

The Fisheries Department in Kulgam has been actively implementing various welfare schemes, enhancing fish production infrastructure, and introducing scientific methods to boost productivity and sustainability.

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No rift between Cong, NC in JK: Mir

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Congress leader Ghulam Ahmad Mir on Tuesday said there is no rift between his party and the ruling National Conference (NC) in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The National Conference will not become Congress and vice versa. However, there are ideological similarities between the two parties for the past several decades..."

"There might be difference of words in expressing our respective stands on issues but that does not mean that there are fissures between the alliance partners," Mir told reporters in Anantnag.

Mir, who is an MLA from Dooar segment, said it was on the basis of ideological similarities that the Congress and the NC contested the elections together and are helping each in the government as well.

Asked about the resolution passed by JK Assembly on restoration of statehood, Mir said there was nothing wrong in the resolution.

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Northern Army commander reviews security situation in Kishtwar

STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General M.V. Suchindra Kumar reviewed the security situation in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir and urged troops to maintain exemplary professionalism in conduct of operations.

This comes after the district witnessed two terror incidents last week. A Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) from the special forces was killed, and three soldiers were injured in an encounter with terrorists, who had earlier assassinated two Village



Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General M.V. Suchindra Kumar during visit to Kishtwar district on Tuesday.

Defence Guards (VDGs) on November 11 and November 8.

During his visit on Monday, the Army Commander was briefed on operational preparedness and ongoing operations in the region.

"Lt Gen M V Suchindra Kumar, Army Commander Northern Command

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Modi pays tributes to Indira Gandhi on her birth anniversary

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tributes to former prime minister Indira Gandhi on her birth anniversary on Tuesday.

Born on November 19, 1917, Indira Gandhi served as the prime minister from 1966 to 1977 and then again from 1980 until her assassination on October 31, 1984.

She was the only child of India's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

"Tributes to our former Prime Minister, Smt. Indira Gandhi Ji on her birth anniversary," Modi said in a post on X.

CS pushes for making appointment of applicants under RAS scheme

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Tuesday while chairing a meeting of the Administrative heads of all the Departments along with District Development Commissioners emphasised on disposing off all the applications received under Jammu & Kashmir Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme (RAS) notified here in 2022 to replace the erstwhile SRO-43 of 1994 in favour of deceased employees.

Dulloo while going through the current status of applica-



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting at Srinagar.

tions received under this scheme directed the respective Departments to carry out making appointments after framing merit lists as per rules in vogue.

He took note of the Department wise applications received for the year 2022, 2023 and 2024 and the vacancies accrued

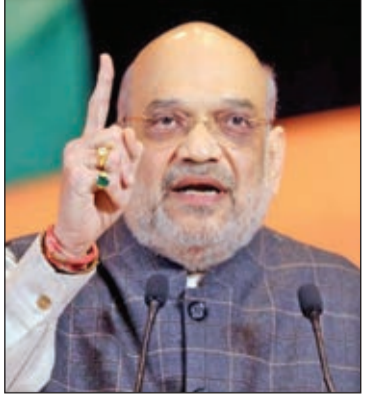
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Govt brought down violence in J&K, NE, Naxal-hit areas by 70 pc in 10 yrs: Amit Shah

STATE TIMES NEWS
GANDHINAGAR: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said the BJP-led government at the Centre has successfully brought down violence in Jammu and Kashmir, North-East and Naxal-hit areas by 70 per cent in the last 10 years.

Speaking at the inaugural event of the 50th All India Police Science Conference (AIPSC) at the Rashtriya Raksha University here, he expressed confidence that the coming decade will make the Indian criminal justice system the most scientific and fastest in the world.

"For years, three regions were considered very disturbed - Kashmir, North East, and Naxalite-affected areas. We have made significant improvements in the security of all these three regions. Comparing the data of the last 10 years with the period before that shows that we have been successful in reducing violence



by 70 per cent," Shah said.

"I believe this is a very big achievement. A large number of people have wholeheartedly supported the government's efforts to reduce this (violence)," he said.

Even in terms of controlling the narcotics trade, the seizure of drugs has increased six times in the last 10

years as compared to what it was a decade ago, the Union minister said.

Shah said that following the implementation of three new criminal laws this year, justice will be delivered to people from the Supreme Court level within three years from the date of registration of a first information report (FIR).

"The coming 10 years is the time to make India's criminal justice system the most modern, most scientific and fastest. Ever since I was born, I have heard taunts that one gets delayed justice from the court. I want to assure you that after the implementation of the three new criminal laws, one will get justice from the Supreme Court within three years of the FIR registration at any police station in the country," he said.

The three new criminal laws -- Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and the Bharatiya

Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA) -- came into force from July 1 this year, replacing the British-era Indian Penal Code (IPC), Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) and the Indian Evidence Act, respectively.

India became the 5th largest economy from the 11th a decade ago, Shah said, adding that he was confident of India becoming the third largest economy before April 1, 2028.

According to him, in the last 10 years, India progressed to lead the world in every area, whether in terms of economy, technology, security, education, research and development, or infrastructure and trade, and the progress has only increased the country's challenges.

"When you progress in a system, you replace someone, which creates resistance. You have to progress after analysing the resistance," he said.

He said that India conducted its elections

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Make capability building process more efficient: Rajnath to IAF

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday called for making the process of capability development of the Indian Air Force more efficient and effective.

Addressing a conference of top commanders of the IAF, Singh commended the force for its dedication and professionalism in safeguarding the nation's sovereignty.

He expressed confidence in the IAF's ability to adapt to evolving challenges and exhorted commanders and senior officials of the defence ministry to look at means to make the process of capability and capacity building more efficient and effective in line with India's national aims and aspirations, according to an official re-

port.

The IAF commanders reviewed national security challenges, especially the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China.

At the commanders' conference, Singh was briefed on the operational capabilities of the IAF.

The ongoing conclave has witnessed in-depth discussions on key operational, administrative, and strategic issues.

Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Army Staff Gen Upendra Dwivedi and Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi also addressed the conference.

The commanders' conference serves as a

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 25.0°C Min: 11.0°C

Humidity
Max: 91 Min: 67

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 15.7°C Min: 0.4°C

Humidity
Max: 87 Min: 73

Sunset : 17:32 Hours
Sunrise : 06:56 Hours