PM Modi's vision has transformed Ladakh into a model UU of good governance, transparency & sustainability: LG

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Inaugurates Noor Jahan Bridge at Qamarwari

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We will let our work speak when people judge us after 5 years: CM



STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday inaugurated the 3x43 metre PSC Girder Double Lane Noor Jahan Bridge at Qamarwari, constructed over the River Jhelum to significantly ease traffic congestion and improve connectivity between the two sides of Srinagar city connecting Qamarwari with Noorbagh

and serve as a vital link leading to Nallahmar road.

Built at a cost of Rs. 12.77 crore, the project marks a major step toward strengthening the city's road infrastructure and ensuring smooth vehicular movement, particularly in the densely populated Qamarwari and adjoining areas.

Addressing a large public gathering after inaugurating

bridge, the Chief Minister said, "This bridge's foundation was laid by me

and after 11 years our gov-

ernment comes back to com-

plete it and today dedicate it

to the people. He added, "Despite the hurdles we face in governance, my government prioritises development, dignity and peace in the region. We are committed to fulfil our

commitments and bring Jammu & Kashmir on the path of progress and pros-

Reiterating his stand on statehood, the Chief Minister renewed his call for its restoration, noting that it had been promised by the Central Government leadership on several occasions. "People took part enthusiastically in last year's elections as statehood was promised to them after polls. There is no political party which didn't talk about its restoration," he

The Chief Minister also reaffirmed his government's resolve to develop sustainable and efficient transport infrastructure to meet the growing needs of Srinagar's expanding urban population. He assured the people that all promises made by the government would be fulfilled, adding that the administration remains dedicated

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LA ratifies recent amendments to GST Act

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly on Friday ratified the amendments to the Goods and Services Tax Act, which were passed recently in the GST

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah moved the bill in the assembly for ratification. The bill to amend the Jammu and Kashmir Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 was taken into consideration

after a voice vote. However, BJP Pawan Gupta wanted to

move amendments to

Tashi Rabstan among 5 **Ex-HC** judges designated as senior advocates by SC ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: The Supreme Court of India has designated five former Chief Justices and Judges of various High Courts as Senior Advocates. The decision was taken during a Full Court meeting held on October 29, 2025, presided over by the Chief Justice of India along with other Judges of the apex court.

Those conferred the designation are Justice Gilani Madadali Nurmohammad, Former Judge, High Court of Bombay; Justice M. Govindaraj, Former Judge, Madras High Court; Justice Pankaj Bhandari,

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Sardar Patel wanted to unite entire Kashmir with India, Nehru did not allow it: Modi

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

STATE TIMES NEWS

EKTA (GUJARAT) Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said Sardar Patel wanted to unite the entire Kashmir, just as he did with other princely states, into India, but then PM Jawaharlal Nehru did not allow it to happen.

Addressing a gathering after the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas parade here on the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Patel, Modi said infiltration was disrupting the demographic balance of India, which has decided to have a decisive fight against

Foundation Day of UT of

businesses and individuals recover and restart:



PM Narendra Modi participating in Rashtriya Ekta Diwas programme in Kevadia, Gujarat.

"Sardar Patel believed that one should not waste time writing history but we should work hard to create history," Modi said, adding

that Sardar Patel accomplished the seemingly impossible task of uniting over 550 princely states after

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Axing to continue till terror ecosystem wiped out of governance: LG "Aspirational J&K UT was born on Oct 31, 2019"

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: "An aspirational J&K UT was born on October 31, 2019 and People's dream of peace and progress was fulfilled within a short span of time," the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Friday. He said the historic milestones were achieved in infrastructure and other sectors. All forms of discrimination were eliminated and social justice and equality were established. The Lieutenant Governor



LG Manoj Sinha speaking during an event to mark J&K UT Diwas celebrations on Friday.

speaking at the J&K. Earlier, the Lieutenant

Administers 'Unity Pledge' to officers, staff

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha administered Unity Pledge to the officers and staff of Raj Bhawan, on the occasion of 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas'. The Lieutenant Governor oaid tributes to the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his

150th birth anniversary. He has urged the people to ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

PM Modi fulfilled Sardar Patel's dream of unified India by abrogating Article 370: Amit Shah

NEW DELHI: Union Home

Minister Amit Shah on Friday said that it was Prime Minister Narendra Modi who fulfilled Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's dream of a unified India by abrogating Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir.

Flagging off the 'Run for Unity' on the 150th birth anniver-

sary of the country's first home minister, Sardar Patel, at the Major Dhyan Chand

SEs as In-Charge Chief Engineers ■ STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR:

Government of Jammu and Kashmir has ordered the placement ofSuperintending Engineers of the Jal Shakti Department In-charge Engineers.

As per the orders issued by Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra, upon their elevation, Er. Vijay Singh Manhas has posted as Director Technical, Jammu and Economic Kashmir Reconstruction Agency (JKERA), while Er. Rajeev Gupta has been posted as Chief Engineer, Jammu and Power Kashmir Development Corporation

The elevation of these officers forms part of a larger initiative undertaken by Minister for Jal Shakti, Javed Ahmed Rana, soon after assuming charge of the Ministry.

(JKPDC).

Max: 86

The Minister has taken a approach to address the long-pending

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 WEATHER Temperature (Jammu) Max: 29.8°C Min: 15.9°C Max: 78 Min: 65 Temperature (Srinagar) Max: 24.0°C Min: 3.1°C

Sunset: 17:41 Hours

Sunrise: 06:47 Hours

Min: 53

National Stadium here, Shah said that after India's inde-



pendence, the British decided to leave the country divid-

"At that time, the entire world thought that it would be impossible to unite

these 562 princely states one However, within a short span of time, Sardar Patel accomplished the monumental task of integrating all 562 princely states, and the map of modern India that we see today is the result of his vision and efforts," he said.

Shah said regions such as Kathiawar, Bhopal,

ed into 562 princely states. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Speaker adjourns Legislative Assembly sine die

Session concludes with reflections, appreciation, renewed commitments

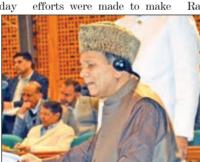
STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather on Friday adjourned the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly sine die.

In his concluding remarks, the Speaker thanked the members of the House for their cooperation in making the session more productive and meaningful.

He described the session as unprecedented, noting that most of the time was devoted to raising people's issues.

"It is heartening to see that all legislators tried to raise constituency specific concerns," he said. He further said that



system more accommodative and participatory.

He appreciated the cooperation extended by the Chief Secretary, various depart-

Information Department, Doordarshan, All India Radio and print and electronic media in conduct-

ing the session smoothly. The Speaker said he tried to accommodate all members in the discussions in an objective manner.

He further urged the members to continue working to meet the expectations of the peo-

Meanwhile, the legislators on the concluding sitting of the ongoing Assembly session reflected on the proceed-

ings, expressed ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

'Statehood no excuse for not working,' says LG

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said the elected government must not make statehood an excuse for not doing its work, eliciting a retort from Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, who said he

Centre. Earlier in the day, Sinha made the charge that statehood cannot be used as an excuse for underperformance, as the elected govern-

was doing his job despite the

"hurdles" created by the

ment has all the powers. Addressing the J-K UT Foundation Day celebrations at the SKICC here, Sinha said Union Home Minister Amit Shah has stated in the Parliament that delimitation first, assembly election second, and then the restoration

of the statehood at an appropriate time.

"But some people have some problems. When the assembly elections were held. it was clear that the elections were taking place for the UT assembly. They (elected government) cannot make the excuse that work cannot be done till statehood is restored," the LG said.

Abdullah hit back at the Centre's nominee, saying the elected government was not making any excuses.

"We are told to work and not make excuses. We do not make excuses. We are performing despite the hurdles created in our way," the chief minister said at a function at Eidgah.

"Today, the destruction that we are seeing, unemployment, decrease in GST earn-

"How long must we wait?' retorts Omar ings, vacant hotels, restaurants, taxis and houseboats, decrease in the sales of our handicrafts. Why? Because there was an attack in Pahalgam. Who is responsible for the security here? It is not in my hands. Had it been, we would have never allowed the situation to become such in J-K," he said. Abdullah said that in his

six-vear tenure as chief minister from 2009 to 2014, not a single attack on tourists took place.

"Twenty-six of our guests were killed in Pahalgam, and we are advised to work. We know how to work. You do your job, we will do ours," he said, referring to the April 22 terrorist attack in the resort town. Abdullah said the LG should at least talk

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