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# India fully capable to thwart challenges along border: Rajnath

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#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BOLENG (ARUNACHAL PRADESH): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday asserted that India has every capability to thwart challenges along the border to protect the country's territory.

Singh also said India never encourages war, and always wants to maintain cordial relations with its neighbours.

However, "the Indian Army has the capability to face any challenge along the border", and is ready to deal with any situation, he said during the inauguration of a Border Roads Organisation (BRO) bridge here.

"India is a country which never encourages war and always wants to maintain cordial relations with its neighbours .. This is our philosophy inherited from Lord Rama and from the teachings of Lord Buddha. The country has every capability to face any kind of situation



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressing after dedicating 28 infrastructure projects to nation.

#### **Inaugurates 2 infra projects to improve** road connectivity in J&K, Ladakh

SRINAGAR: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday inaugurated two infrastructure projects to improve road connectivity in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh Union territories, officials said.

Singh, who inaugurated 28 projects in virtual mode while on a visit to Arunachal Pradesh, dedicated to people the Maitra Bridge in Ramban district and the double-lane Srinagar-

Sonamarg-Gumri road, they said. The Maitra Bridge (Jhula Bridge) at Ramban, a 240-feet Bailey suspension bridge, was thrown open to vehicular traffic in just 31 days after work began on the project, two

months ahead of its scheduled

ter area domination by BSF

troops, according to an offi-

The step was taken in view

of the threat of cross-border

infiltration and smuggling of

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

NEW DELHI: Jammu and

Kashmir, which used to be a

"terrorist hotspot", has

become a "tourist hotspot" as

22 lakh tourists visited the

Union Territory in 2022,

nearly four time more than

the previous highest, the

Union Home Ministry said

According to the 'Year End

Review 2022' of the Home

Ministry, released on

Tuesday, the number of ter-

ror incidents in J and K

decreased from 417 in 2018

to 229 in 2021, while the

number of security forces

personnel martyred has

on Tuesday.

if provoked," Singh said. Indian and Chinese troops had clashed along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Tawang sector of Arunachal Pradesh on December 9, and the face-off resulted in "minor injuries to a few personnel from both sides", the Army had said.

The defence minister said the central government has attached top priority in developing infrastructure to strengthen the border.

"The new bridge will not only facilitate easy movement for locals, but also help in faster induction of troops, heavy equipment and mechanised vehicles to forward areas," he said.

The 100-metre Class-70' steel arch superstructure on the Aalo-Yingkiong road between West Siang and Upper Siang districts, is one of the 28 projects completed by the BRO at a cost of Rs 724.3 crore to bolster

#### Ex-gratia provided to **NoK of Dhangri martyrs**

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAJOURI: Commissioner Jammu. Ramesh Kumar, on Tuesday visited the residences of families of those who lost their lives in the Terrorist Attack at Dhangri, and handed over ex-gratia relief sanctioned by the Lieutenant Governor.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha had announced an ex-gratia relief of Rs 10 lakh for each family, who lost their members in the

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#### Major canals of Jammu province being closed for annual desilting STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: All the Major Canals of Jammu province i.e. Ranbir Canal, New Partap Canal and Kathua Canal including their network shall be closed from Jan 7, 2023 for annual desilting and repair works.

The date of opening of the Canal shall be notified separately. As decided in consul-

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# Tearful adieu to 6 martyred in twin terror incidents in Rajouri

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

## NIA team reaches Dangri village

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAJOURI/JAMMU: The mortal remains of six people including two minor cousins who were martyred in twin terrorist incidents in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district were given a tearful and emotional farewell as they were cremated at their native place on Tuesday.

Hundreds of sobbing mourners - relatives, friends and neighbours - queued up with flowers and wreaths to pay their last respects to the mortal remains at the government higher second school, where the bodies were kept for the night.

Amid slogans by people who took out processions, the bodies of the six victims of the terror attacks at Dhangri village, were brought to the cremation ground for last

The bodies of four-year-old Vihan Sharma, 16-year-old Samiksha Sharma, Satish



martyred in Dangri terror attack at Rajouri on Tuesday.

Kumar (45), Deepak Kumar (23), Pritam Lal (57) and Shishu Pal (32) were cremat-

areas, officials said. Cordon and search opera-

Rajouri city and adjoining

#### Pakistan will have to pay heavy price: **I&K BIP Chief Ravinder Raina**

ed in six pyres lined up at Dhangri cremation ground. The cremation took place amid tight security arrangements. Security has been

beefed up in and around

terrorists involved in the killings, they said.

tions are on to track down

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### Night curfew imposed along **International Border in Samba**



Security forces checking vehicle as night curfew begins in

cial order.

weapons through

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Authorities on Tuesday imposed night curfew on a kilometre-long  $_{
m the}$ International Border in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district to ensure bet.

#### Former J&K terrorist gets 8 years imprisonment in rape case ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

#### JAMMU: A former terrorist was on Monday sentenced to eight years of imprisonment

in connection with a rape case in Kishtwar district seven years ago. District and Sessions

Judge, Kishtwar, Y P Kotwal held Raju alias Bilal of Sigdi village of ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

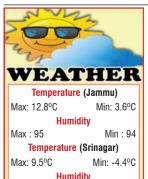
#### Slight respite in cold wave in Kashmir

# **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Even with the mercury staying several degrees below freezing point across the valley, Kashmir got a slight respite from intense cold wave conditions, officials said on Tuesday.

Srinagar recorded a low of minus 4.4 degrees Celsius Monday night compared to minus 5.4 degrees Celsius a night earlier. Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, which also serves

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Sunset: 17:28 Hours

Sunrise: 07:25 Hours

Min: 60

Max: 89

## Controversial palatial house of Ex-Dy CM at Ban Nagrota; case adjourned to Jan 24 ity of the Bench-II at J&K

Special Tribunal, Jammu as

Presiding Judicial

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

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JAMMU: The much publicised appeal preferred by Mamta Singh W/o Dr. Singh, former Nirmal Deputy Chief Minister of J&K against the JDA's demolition notice regarding the alleged illegal construction of a palatial house at village Ban, Nagrota was adjourned today for January 24, 2023 at the request of the Mamta Singh's Counsel as the appearing Counsel informed the Court that the Arguing Counsel in the matter was not available today.

It may be recalled that earthe matter was adjourned on various hearings due to the non-availabil-

J&K has become tourist hotspot, no

longer terrorist hotspot: MHA

"Earlier, it was a terrorist

hotspot and today it has

become a tourist hotspot in

Kashmir Valley. Earlier,

maximum six lakh tourists

used to visit every year,

whereas this year till now, 22

lakh tourists have visited.

This has given employment

to thousands of youth," the

The ministry said there are

no incidents of stone pelting

in Jammu and Kashmir now

as the government under the leadership of Prime Minister

Narendra Modi is moving

ahead on the path of develop-

ment with firmness In the

year end review said.

Member of the Bench had been elevated as the Additional Judge of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh (Justice Rajesh Sekhri) and today the case was adjourned for want of the Arguing Counsel of the Appellant Mamta Singh W/o Dr. Nirmal Singh (Ex.-Dy. CM, J&K).

The matter was being heard by the Bench-II of the J&K Special Tribunal, Jammu headed by new incumbent Presiding Officer Rajiv Gupta, Member (J). Advocate Rahul Sadotra appearing for the Appellant

As many as 42,000 people

succumbed to terrorism and

in Delhi no one flinched an

eyelid, but now under the

leadership of Modi, there is

complete control of the secu-

rity forces on terrorism, it

There has been about 54

percent reduction in terrorist

incidents, 84 percent in the

deaths of security forces and

about 22 percent in recruit-

ment of terrorists in J and K,

Under the Prime Minister's

Development Package for

Jammu and Kashmir, about

63 projects have been built at

a cost of Rs 80,000 crore

it added.

Mamta Singh adjournment and time to advance final arguments in the matter stating that the Arguing Counsel Senior Advocate R. K. Gupta was not available today, whereas Advocate Adarsh Sharma appeared for JDA in the

It may be reminded that Dr. Nirmal Singh and his wife Mamta Singh were issued a Notice under section 7(3) of the Control of Building Operations Act,1988 for raising construction of a Palatial House at village Ban, Nagrota without seeking prior permission from Jammu

#### Court rejects bail application of habitual narco sumuggler

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Sessions Judge Udhampur Dinesh Gupta rejected the bail application of Rakesh Singh who is habitual narco smuggler who is involved in case FIR NO.524/2022 8/s 8/21/22 NDPS Act and is presently lodged in Judicial custody at Distt. Jail Udhampur. The contraband Heroine (Chitta) weighing 5.51 gms (excluding polybag) intermediate quantity was recovered from the personal search of accused. It is worthwhile to mention here that accused Rakesh Singh is habitual offender and also involved in other cases

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#### Dangri terror attacks: Police announces Rs 10 lakh reward for sharing information about terrorists STATE TIMES NEWS cific information about ter-

RAJOURI/JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Tuesday announced a reward of Rs 10 lakh for anyone sharing information about terrorists involved in the twin attacks in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, which killed six civilians, including two children, and injured 11 others.

Security forces on Tuesday continued the cordon and search operation (CASO) in the Dhangri village area for the third consecutive day to trace the attackers.

"Anybody sharing any spe-

rorists involved in the gruesome terror attacks at Dhangri village shall be rewarded with Rs 10 lakh," a bulletin issued by the police said.

It said the details of the person sharing the information will be kept secret.

A team of NIA led by a senior officer also visited the terror site at Dhangri village Tuesday afternoon and conducted an hour-long initial investigation into the firing and IED blast incidents, sources said.

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Police has announced Rs 10 lakh award to anyone

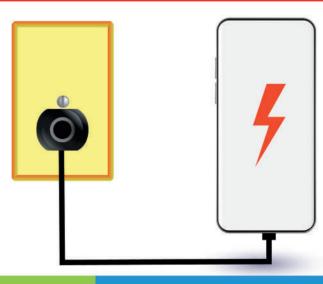
#### Govt grants special casual leave on occasion of Gurpurab STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Tuesday ordered grant of one day special casual leave for employees, who desire to avail holiday on account of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji's birthday on January 5.

An order issued by Secretary, General Administration Department, Pivush Singla. reads "Sanction is accorded to the grant of one day Special Casual Leave in favour of employees who desire to avail holiday on account of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji's birthday on 5th January, 2023 (Thursday)."

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# reduced from 91 in 2018 to Impressive Nagar Kirtan taken out in Jammu ahead of Gurpurab



Panj Piyare leading the Nagar Kirtan in Jammu on Tuesday.

JAMMU: An impressive Nagar-Kirtan was on Tuesday taken out in Jammu

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in connection with the ensuing birth anniversary of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj. Hundreds of people from city by the members of Sikh community various parts of Jammu participated in

The procession began from Gurdwara yadgaar Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, Chand Nagar. After passing through major areas of Jammu, it culminated at Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Guru Nanak Nagar Jammu.

Thousands of Sikh devotees took part in the Nagar Kirtan. A 'palki sahib' was leading the procession in which Sri Guru Granth Sahib (the holy scripture of Sikhs) was carried on a beautifully decorated vehicle along with 'Nishaan Sahibs' (religious flags). The 'Panj Pyaras' (five beloved ones)

in their traditional attire were the cynosure of attraction all along the proces-

The other major attraction of the procession was the display of Gatka, a Sikh martial art, and other breathtaking sword exercises all  $\blacksquare$  CONTD ON PAGE 9