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# Modi Sarkar ki Guarantee

Assured income of ₹6,000 given to farmers under PM Kisan every year

Support of ₹2 lakh 80 thousand crore given to 11.8 crore farmers

# Take research, innovation from lab to field to increase farmers' productivity: LG

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Lieutenant

Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday emphasized on taking the research and innovation from Lab to the Field to increase farmers' productivi-

Chairing the University Council Meeting of SKUAST Kashmir at Raj Bhawan, the Lieutenant Governor instructed for short skill training courses for the students and also to conduct a detailed study on yield

The meeting was attended by Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary, Finance Department; Dr Ashok Dalwai, former CEO NRAA; Prof. RC Agrawal, Deputy Director General, ICAR; Dr Mandeep Kumar



LG Manoj Sinha chairing 34th University Council Meeting of SKUAST Kashmir.

Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Prof. Nazir A. Ganai, Vice Chancellor SKUAST Kashmir; Dr. B.N Tripathi, Vice Chancellor SKUAST Jammu;MohdAijaz, Secretary, Development & Monitoring

Department and senior offi-

The Lt Governor commended the significant contribution of SKUAST-Kashmir in the extraordinary growth journey of the Agriculture & Allied sector in J&K UT. The innovation-led initiatives and holistic approach of our Agricultural Universities are contributing knowledge-based, Technology-driven and sustainable Agri-economy, he added.

The meeting discussed the comprehensive future road

map on developing SKUAST-Kashmir as the leading institution for agricultural education, innovations, entrepreneurship, leadership and and make research, SKUAST a home to several centres of excellence in agriculture & allied sector.

The meeting also deliberated on the reforms to promote start-ups and entrepreneurship, opening up new frontier areas to drive smart and intelligent farming practices, besides resetting of goals and mandates of the University in tune with National Goals and Priorities

The Council gave in-principle approvals to various agenda points presented during the meeting including the setting up of Centre of Artificial Intelligence

## GoI approves SBM-G Annual Implementation Plan for J&K

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DELHI: NEW Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DoDWS), Union Ministry of Jal Shakti on Sunday approved the Annual Implementation Plan 2024-25 for Jammu and Kashmir under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM.

Implementation Plan was approved in the approval committee meeting chaired by Secretary DoDWS, Vini Mahajan, and attended by Jt Secretary Jitendra Srivastava and other senior officers of the Union govern-

Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary, Rural Development Department & Panchayati Raj J&K made a detailed presentation before



Secretary DoDWS, Vini Mahajan chairing the meeting.

the committee, along with Director General Rural Sanitation J&K Malhotra.

The annual plan outlay projected at Rs 365.42 Cr envisages creation of assets in rural areas for waste management, supporting the communities to operate and maintain the assets, coverage of tourist destinations, religious places and educational institutions. Major thrust of the plan will be establishment of operational Plastic Waste Management Units providing electricity supply, connectivity, waste collection support and detailed policy for use of shredded plastic in infrastructure projects, particularly road sector.

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### Nitish back in NDA; takes oath as Bihar CM

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

PATNA: JD(U) president Nitish Kumar on Sunday took oath as Chief Minister of Bihar for a record ninth time after a dramatic volteditching Mahagathbandhan and the opposition bloc INDIA and forming a new government with the BJP, which he had dumped less than 18 months

Kumar's latest crossover, his fifth in a little over a decade, capped days of high political drama and blame game. It is also seen as a big

Minimum temperatures rise in most parts of Kashmir

skies in the plains pushed the

above the freezing point in

most parts of Kashmir on

They said snowfall was

Sonamarg and many areas

According to the officials,

the skies in the plains of

Kashmir, including in

Srinagar city, are overcast,

indicating the possibility of

significant rainfall or snow

that has eluded the summer

capital of Jammu and

have significantly increased

the night temperatures, with

Srinagar city recording a low

of 3.3 degrees Celsius, a rise

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Sunset: 17:58 Hours

Sunrise: 07:28 Hours

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Min: 78

of more than five

Max: 22.1°C

Max: 85

Max: 8.9°C

Max: 85

Kashmir so far this winter. The overcast conditions

Sunday, officials said here.

temperatures

Gulmarg,

**STATE TIMES NEWS** SRINAGAR: Snowfall in the higher reaches and cloudy

minimum

reported in

of Kupwara district.

Tangmarg,

unity ahead of the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. Kumar was administered the oath of office by Bihar

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## Rule of Lord Ram was source of inspiration for Constitution makers: Modi

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday asserted that the rule of Lord Ram was a source of inspiration for the Constitution makers, noting his, Sita's and Lakshman's pictures adorned the pages of the Constitution.

In the first Mann Ki Baat broadcast of this year, Modi said the consecration ceremony at the Ram temple in Ayodhya brought people across the country together, making visible the collective strength of the country.

"And that is why on January 22 in Ayodhya I had talked about 'Dev to Desh' and 'Ram to Rashtra'," he said.



"Everyone's feeling is the same, everyone's devotion is the same. Ram is in everyone's words, Ram is in everyone's

During this period, many people sang Ram bhajans and dedicated them to Lord Ram, while on January 22 evening the whole country lit 'Ram Jyoti' and celebrated Diwali, he noted.

"During this time, the collective strength of the country was visible which also forms the basis of our pledge of a developed India," the prime minis-

The collective power will take the ountry to new heights of progress, he added.

In his broadcast, he urged young voters to register themselves so that they could exercise their franchise and laud-

### India leading top 25 countries in defence export: Union Minister

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

NAGPUR: India is becoming self-reliant in defence production, and for the first time, leading the top 25 countries in defence exports, Union minister Ajay Bhatt said on Sunday.

The Minister of State for Defence was speaking at the Advantage Vidarbha programme in Nagpur.

He said the gov has issued four lists of 4,666 defence components whose import is banned, resulting in huge savings.

leading a group of top 25 countries in defence export as it is becoming self-reliant in defence production.

"The defence exports rose from Rs 4,682 crore in 2017-18 to Rs 15,916 crore in 2022-23. (Defence) export till December 2023 is about Rs 9,428 crore," the Union

Bhatt said almost all defence PSUs are in profit. after the ordnance factories were decentralised.

minister added.

He said the defence ministry is promoting innovation

#### heart," Modi said "India, for the first time, is ed the growing CONTD ON PAGE 9 Major police reshuffle in J&K, 30 IPS **DPAP** committed to inclusive

## officers among 75 gets new postings

JAMMU: In a major reshuffle in the police department, the Jammu and Kashmir administration has transferred 75 officers, including 30 IPS officers

According to the order issued by Raj Kumar Goyal, Financial Commissioner/ Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Deepak Kumar, IPS, Director Prosecution, J&K, holding additional charge of the posts of Director General, Prisons, J&K and Managing Director, Police Housing Corporation, Deepak Kumar DG Prisons; Gillani ADGP Railways; Sunil Director Prosecution; Vijay Kumar ADGP Law & Order given addl charge of ADGP Armed; Sunil Gupta DIG Jammu with addl charge of Rajouri-Poonch; Suleman DIG (Pers) PHQ; Pathak Asstt Dir ACB with addl charge of Director ACB; Mughal DIG Traffic Jammu; Rayees DIG Udhampur; Patil DIG Doda; Shobit SSP Kupwara; Nitya SSP Doda; Mohita SSP Reasi; Koushal SSP PCR Jammu; Shailender SSP Railways Jammu; Benam SSP Crime Jammu; Yougal SSP Poonch; Vinay SSP Samba; Mehta SSP Spl Crime Wing; Amit SO to DGP; Javid SSP Pulwama; Abdul SSP Kishtwar; Ramnish AD SKPA Udh; Ajay SP South Jammu

J&K, has been transferred and posted as Director Prisons, J&K: S.J.M. Gillani, IPS, ADGP

Armed, J&K, holding additional charge of the post of Commandant General. HG/CD/ SDRF, J&K, has

been transferred and posted as ADGP Railways, J&K. The officer shall also

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JAMMU: Former Chief Chairman Minister and Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP),Ghulam Nabi Azad, on Sunday reiterated his commitment to provide equal opportunities of progress to all and ensure inclusive development of Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing a public meeting at Samba. Azad highlighted his contribution as Chief Minister of Jammu Kashmir, including granting district status to



Chairman DPAP Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing a public

meeting at Samba on Sunday.

Samba and numerous developmental initiatives and pledged to do even more with the support of the people.

Regardless of caste or creed, he emphasized his inclusive approach,

### **Independent judiciary means independence** of judges in performing their duties: CJI

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud on Sunday said an independent judiciary does not merely mean its insulation from the executive and the legislature but also the independence of individual judges in performing their duties

He was speaking while heading a ceremonial bench at the Supreme Court to commemorate the court's 75 years. The bench comprised judges of the court and those who attended its proceedings included lawvers and former apex court judges.

The Chief Justice of India said that (CJI)



Constitution entrenches several institutional safeguards for an independent judiciary such as a fixed retirement age and a bar against the alteration of salary of judges after their appointment". "However, these constitu-

tional safeguards are not in themselves sufficient

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### BRO achieves breakthrough of 700-meter long Nowshera tunnel on Jammu-Poonch highway significant milestone today as the breakthrough ceremony for the

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAJOURI: The Border Organisation on Sunday achieved a major milestone by breaking through Naushera tunnel on the highly strategic 200 kilometers long stretch which connects Jammu with Poonch border district, officials said

The line and level of the tunnel were precisely achieved during the breakthrough which was executed by conducting a blast under the supervision of Border Road Organisation (BRO) Director General Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan, they said.

The Jammu-Poonch, the "Golden Arc road", is a very old and highly strategic 200 kilometers stretch, which connects the important border districts of Akhnoor, Rajouri and



Poonch, a defence spokesman said. There are four major tunnels Kandi tunnel, Sungal tunnel, Nowshera tunnel and Bhimber Gali

"The construction of a pivotal infrastructure project on the highway connecting Akhnoor to Poonch reached a

ing Akhnoor and Poonch. Lt Gen Srinivasan attended the breakthrough ceremony, underscoring the importance of this project sig-

Nowshera tunnel took place," he said.

700 meters is a crucial link connect-

The tunnel spanning an impressive

nifying a major step forward in enhancing regional connectivity and facilitating smoother transportation along the national highway, he added. The defence spokesman said that

the breakthrough of the Kandi tunnel was achieved on November 25 last year, signifying the BRO's efforts towards providing connectivity across the areas of Rajouri and Poonch. The ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9