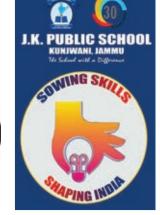


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JKPS Kunjwani hosts Inter-school **English Language Quiz Contest 2024-25** under aegis of Jammu Sahodaya

Amit Shah orders inter-ministerial Jammu Railway Station undergoes modernisation, team to investigate Rajouri deaths

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STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah has ordered the constitution of an inter-ministerial team to visit a village in Rajouri district to ascertain the causes of deaths in three incidents in the past six weeks.

The team will be headed by a senior Union home ministry officer and consist of experts from the ministries of health and family welfare, agriculture, chemicals and

STATE TIMES NEWS

MAHAKUMBH NAGAR

Defence Minister Rajnath

Singh visited the Maha

Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj on

Saturday and said it is "a

spiritual and cultural mega

festival of Indianness," a

statement from the Uttar

Singh, accompanied by

BJP MP Sudhanshu Trivedi,

was welcomed at Bamrauli

Airport by Uttar Pradesh

Minister Nand Gopal Gupta.

The Defence Minister first

took a dip at the holy

Sangam -- the confluence of

Pradesh government read.

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ty and forensic science labs.

The central team will proaccording to the statement.

most reputable institutions in the country have been arranged to manage the situ-

preventive measures.

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Grateful to Hon'ble Home Minister Shri Amit

Shah Ji for constituting an Inter-Ministerial

Team to ascertain causes of deaths in

causative factors and also suggest

causes of the deaths. At least 16 people have died of a mysterious illness in the Budhal village of Rajouri dis-

ups number of platforms to 7

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Jammu Tawi Railway Station is undergoing modernisation to enhance passenger experience, safety, connectivity and operational efficiency, Northern Railway said in a press statement on Saturday.

"In future, Jammu Tawi Railway station shall be better equipped to handle train operations for Jammu & Kashmir valley," the press note said.

"The commissioning of the remodelled Jammu Tawi yard is scheduled for March 6, 2025," it added.

According to Northern Railway (NR), vard remodelling work is almost complete and non-interlocking work will also be finished soon.

equipping them with state-of-"Yard remodelling work is a

challenging task. Once completed, station redevelopment will also gain pace," Shekhar Himanshu Upadhyay, Chief Public Relations Officer, NR, said.

According to Upadhyay, the estimated cost of the project is Rs 450 crore and it focuses on the expansion of platforms from three to seven and

the-art ballastless track tech-

"Modernisation will ensure smoother operations and more hygiene at platforms. Each platform will have washable aprons which will contribute to a cleaner envi-

ronment," Upadhyay said. He said that the construction of two new 12-metre

wide foot-over bridges will facilitate easy access and the development of a 72-metre wide air concourse will connect all seven platforms.

"Construction of a new 4,500 sqm second entry station building on the Narwal side and upgradation of the main station building with a 15,600 sqm facility with modern amenities are some major achievements. Upadhyay said.

Besides increasing the train handling capacity of the station, the vard remodelling will also involve replacing outdated mechanical interlocking systems with advanced electronic interlocking for improved safety and efficiency among other things," he

Fire at Badamibagh cantonment, 1 civilian dead

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A non-local civilian died in a fire incident inside the Badamibagh Army cantonment here on Saturday, officials said.

The fire broke out in a civil canteen at the cantonment, resulting in damage to the structure, the officials said. They said a civil contractor,

identified as Rajesh

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Rajouri district. Experts from well-known institutions will thoroughly examine the

official statement. The team will also be assisted by experts from the animal husbandry, food safe-

ceed on Sunday and, in collaboration with the local administration, also work on providing immediate relief as well as taking precautionary measures to prevent such incidents in the future, Experts from some of the

Rajnath visits Maha Kumbh, calls it

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mythical Saraswati rivers --

amid the chanting of

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offered prayers to Lord

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trict in the past 45 days.

People complained of fever, pain, nausea and loss of consciousness before dying with-

in days of their admission to hospitals. A girl continues to remain critical. Meanwhile, fear and grief

writ large on their faces, people in this remote mountain village are stunned by a series of mysterious deaths which happened one after other over the past 45 days. A local said their

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Now EPFO members can change personal details **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Over 7.6 crore members of retirement fund body EPFO can now change personal details like name and date of birth online without any verification by the employer or approval by EPFO with the rollout of a new facility on Saturday.

Besides, the Employees' Fund Provident Organisation (EPFO) members with e-KYC EPF accounts (Aadhaar seeded) can file their EPF transfer claims online with Aadhaar OTP (one time passward) directly without any need

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Police release pictures of four terrorists in Kishtwar, announce reward

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday released pictures of four active terrorists in Kishtwar district and announced a reward of Rs 5 lakh each to anyone providing credible information on them. Pictures of Saifullah

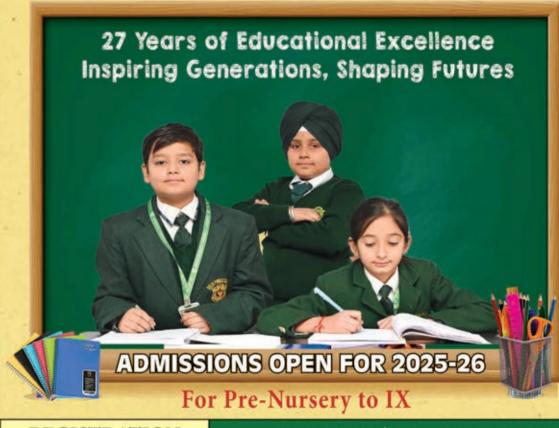
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the Ganga, Yamuna and the Attack on Saif Ali Khan: Suspect detained

STATE TIMES NEWS

MUMBAI: Two days after Bollywood star Saif Ali Khan was stabbed at his Mumbai home during a robberv bid, a 31-vear-old suspect was on Saturday detained at the Durg railway station in Chhattisgarh, officials said

The person, whose photo had been shared by Mumbai Police with the Railway Protection Force (RPF),

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Surya, the statement added. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Modi distributes over 65 lakh SVAMITVA property cards, says will bolster economic activities

"I consider it my good for-

tune to have taken a bath in

the Prayagraj Sangam today.

This is a spiritual and cultur-

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday distributed more than 65 lakh property cards under the SVAMITVA scheme, and said it will bolster economic activities and help in poverty alleviation.

The prime minister virtually addressed the event and also interacted



with some beneficiaries. He also said rural land digitisation is "furthering rural empowerment by leveraging the power of technology and good governance".

The property cards are being distributed to beneficiaries across more than 50,000 villages in 10states -- Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal

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Reclaim Jammu's space in current landscape in J&K politics



JAMMU: Jammu is trying to verify its position in the new set up of the government. After 2024historic polls, which delivered a split verdict National with

Conference winning a majority of seats in the Valley, enabling it to form the government, Jammu overwhelmingly voted for BJP yet the saffron party was way short of taking shot at the government. The BJP leadership had promised a Jammu-centric government based on the political arithmetic of winning a big majority in the region, which has 43 seats, just four short of 47 of the Valley. Its calculations could not succeed to the extent it had want-

That left Jammu mulling about the things that went wrong, as motivated by the BJP campaign. It had hoped that it would be making it big this time and rule J&K. These hopes were not misplaced as the party had mobilized everything and given a firm confidence to the people that they were in for their chance in the government. Jammu was aiming for the government as it wanted to avenge over decades-long discrimination in almost all matters, from jobs to the political decision-making.

Jammu had watched with a sense of grim helplessness its decreasing share in opportunities to sharing whatever good happened to J&K. With the results disfavouring BJP in the overall context, Jammu continues to suffer deprivation.

At this moment, when the National Conference government led by Omar Abdullah is more than three-month old, Jammu is still in a thinking mode whether its discrimination has come to an end. The celebration and jubilation over three MLAs from the region making it to six-member Omar Abdullah government is now fading as the things are colliding with the reality. The Central government has continued with its development spree in Jammu and Kashmir, constructing highways, tunnels and taking rail link to the Valley, passing through high tunnels and highest bridges.

But there is a sense of being aggrieved among the people who feel that it has little or no share in the developmental projects. This sentiment has some basis because the business of Jammu plains is shifting, and since there is no tourist and economic infrastructure in place to make the pilgrims and tourists to stay in Jammu for a while. The Omar Abdullah government could not have undone all the discrimi-

nation and this neglect in a matter of

three months, but the people are keen to have a glimpse of what is in store for them. Here comes the role of BJP MLAs and other leaders, who were given a big mandate. National Conference has been making a plea for changes in the status of J&K - it is demanding statehood to get all the powers to govern well, but the fact of mandate is as striking in Jammu region for BJP. The voters gave 29 seats to the party, and this is a big number in the House of 90. BJP is in opposition in J&K - it is a fact but at the same time it is a big mandate. It is exercising its right to criticise National Conference and its resolutions asking for restoration of the special status akin to the return of Article 370 .The BJP has logic and the situation on its side. The people in J&K have seen what Article 370 did to them. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has

been very clear in suggesting that the Article 370 was a big barrier in the integration of the erstwhile state into the National mainstream. With that, he also made very significant point that this constitutional provision, which was like a permanent flow of oxygen to secessionism and it acted as a shield to terrorism and secessionism. His party in J&K could not have been a mute spectator to resumption of the narrative of bringing back **CONTD ON PAGE 9**