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# Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh Five of family dies of suffocation; CM expresses grief over loss of lives

# Modi to virtually inaugurate Jammu Railway Division today

JAMMU: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the newly Jammu railway division through virtual mode on Monday, paving the way for efficient management of train services in the northernmost region of India.

With the establishment of the new railway division in Jammu, a long-standing demand of people of the region has been fulfilled. This milestone event comes ahead of the much-awaited inauguration of train services to Kashmir from Katra, with the final trial run scheduled for Tuesday.

"The prime minister will inaugurate the Jammu railway division through virtual mode from New Delhi tomorrow," an official said.

In Jammu, the event will be attended and addressed by Lieutenant Governor Manoi Sinha, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Member of



Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma. Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh is also expected to participate.

Headquartered in Jammu, the newly created division will involve the reorganization of the Firozpur Division. It will include the following sections under its jurisdiction, including Pathankot-Jammu-Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla (423 route km), Bhogpur-Sirwal-Pathankot (87.21 route km),

Detailed Project Report.

The division will feature

of Information Technology (IT), they said.

With the creation of this division, the Indian Railways will now have 70 divisions under its 17 zones.

The newly established division will oversee operations on India's iconic rail projects, including the country's first cable-stayed rail bridge, the Anji Khad Bridge and the world's highest railway arch bridge over the Chenab River at Kauri.

The Chenab Rail Bridge, located in Reasi district, stands 359 metres (1,178 feet) above the riverbed, making it 35 metres taller than the Eiffel Tower in

The Jammu division will also manage the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Link (USBRL) project, has a total length of

# LG, CM extend greetings on Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Jayanti STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Abdullah have greeted the people on the auspicious occasion of Guru Gobind Singh Prakash Purab.

In a message Lieutenant Governor said, "On the auspicious occasion of the Prakash Purab of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, I extend my greetings and good wishes to all.

"Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji is an embodiment of valour, sacrifice, and justice. Guru Ji's ideals continue to guide the humanity on the path of equality, righteousness, selfless service, and universal brotherhood. Let us on this day resolve to follow the revered Guru's noble teachings and strengthen the bonds of unity and oneness in our society", the

Lieutenant Governor said. In his felicitation message,

# 4 killed, 2 missing after vehicle falls into river in Kishtwar

LG Sinha, CM Omar, Dr Jitendra express grief

# **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Four people were killed after their vehicle skidded off the road, rolled down a hill and fell into a river in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday, police said.

Two persons, including the driver, are missing and a rescue operation is underway. The accident took place in the Paddar area, a police offi-

Police did not immediately identify the vehicle.

Governor. Lieutenant Manoj Sinha, has expressed deep grief over the loss of lives due to an accident near Sanvas area in Kishtwar.

In a condolence message, the Lieutenant Governor said: "Pained by the loss of lives due to a tragic road accident in Kishtwar. In this hour of grief, my thoughts are with those who have lost

Abdullah also expressed pro-

Wreckage of ill-fated vehicle at Paddar area on Sunday.

found grief and sorrow over the tragic death of four individuals in the accident, terming the incident as a great loss of precious human lives. He conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and prayed for strength and fortitude for them during this hour of immense grief.

The Chief Minister assured that his office is in constant touch with the district administration, which is making all possible efforts to trace the two individuals still

dent. Udhampur MP and Union minister Jitendra Singh

expressed grief over the loss

missing following the acci-

of lives in the accident. "Saddened to learn just now that 4 of the passengers travelling in the vehicle have been found dead on the spot. Two other persons, including the driver, are not traced as yet. My sincere condolences to the bereaved families," he said in a post on X. The min-

ister said he ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

# Amid mushrooming growth of illegal colonies, JDA cautions public to seek CLU, LPA

# ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Amid growing complaints about the mushrooming of unauthorized colonies in rural areas due to illegal constructions, the Jammu Development Authority (JDA) has issued a stern warning, advising the public to ensure that colonizers and developers obtain a Change of Land Use (CLU) certificate and approval for the layout plan of the colony

The government has taken illegal constructions and the

No welfare scheme to be

from the competent authori-

ty before purchasing plots.

# serious note of the massive proliferation of unauthorized colonies by various coloniz-

## stopped if BJP forms Govt in Delhi: PM STATE TIMES NEWS

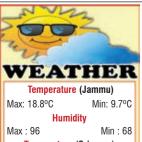
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday made a strong appeal to people to bring the BJP to power in Delhi, as he attacked the Arvind Kejriwal-led party with "Sheesh "AAP-da" and Mahal" jibes and assured Delhiites that no welfare scheme would be discontinued if the saffron party forms the government.

Speaking at the BJP's first public rally in Rohini before the upcoming polls, Modi said every season in the city has turned into a period of "emergency," with drinking water shortages in the summer, waterlogging during the monsoon and pollution during the winter.

The BJP has been out of power in Delhi since 1998. It has been making all out efforts to dethrone the AAP which has ruled the city since 2015. Assembly elections in Delhi are likely next month.

"Only when this 'AAP-da (disaster)' is gotten rid of in Delhi, the double-engine

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# ers, attributed to the failure of enforcement wings to curb such activities. These developments pose a threat to the

and semi-urban areas. "Various complaints are being received regarding the mushrooming of unauthorized colonies in rural areas within the jurisdiction of the Development Authority," JDA Vice-Chairman Pankaj Kumar Sharma said in a public notice issued here.

planned growth of the city

He said that colonizers are selling plots to the general public without obtaining the required CLU

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JAMMU: The Prakash Purab (Birthday Celebrations) of Shri Guru

Gobind Singh Ji, the 10th Sikh Guru

and founder of Khalsa Panth, was cele-

brated with religious fervor, gaiety, and

devotion at Gurdwara Sri Guru Nanak

Dev Ji, Chand Nagar, Jammu. A large

number of devotees participated in the

The District Gurdwara Parbandhak

Committee Jammu extended heartfelt

congratulations to the global Sikh com-

munity and humanity on the Parkash

Divas of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

This auspicious day is celebrated with

great enthusiasm across the country by

people of all sections of society, honoring

the values taught by the great Guru.

Pathankot (68.17 route km) Pathankot-Joginder and Nagar (narrow gauge sec-

> tion, 163.72 route km). The total length of these sections will be 742.1 kilometres. Presently, the Indian Railways operates 17 zones with 68 divisions across the country

> The Railway officials said the final jurisdiction will be determined based on the

modern, hi-tech facilities,

### which is now nearing complethe Chief Minister highlighttion. The Anji Khad Bridge ed the life and teachings of their loved ones". Chief Minister Omar Guru Gobind Singh Ji,

police tightens noose around all culprits Accomplices accuse Mohit & Shashank of deception; parents of accomplices demand action against Aggarwal family

Attack on Hotel Staff: Aggarwal brothers isolated as

# **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The infamous New Year's Eve attack on a Trikuta Nagar hotel has left and Shashank Aggarwal, sons of businessman Rakesh Aggarwal, facing a growing storm of public outrage and legal scrutiny. The brothers, accused of leading a violent assault on hotel staff, are now finding themselves abandoned by their accomplishes and disowned by their political and non political connections.

Families of three accomplices, whose names have



Shashank Aggarwal Arun Choudhary Mohit Aggarwal

surfaced during the probe, have also expressed anger. "Our children were manipulated by the Aggarwal brothers. They went out to celebrate new year's eve, not to get involved in violence," said

Devotees paying obeisance at Gurudwara Sri Guru Nank Dev, Jammu.

Prakash Purab of Guru Gobind Singh

celebrated with religious fervour, gaiety

the father of one accomplices used by Mohit and Shahsank to attack the hotel staff.

The Aggarwal family's history of controversy has only added to the public outcry. Rakesh Aggarwal, the father

ly implicated in the notorious Anara sex scandal, a case that shook Jammu and highlighted systemic corruption. This family has a pattern

of the accused, was previous-

of using their wealth and connections to accountability. It's time for the law to act decisively," said a local activist.

Local politicians, including a local MLA, have distanced themselves. "We do not support any criminal activity. The Aggarwal brothers must face the consequences

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# CM secures approval for housing aid to fire-affected families in Mulwarwan

GoI sanctions 85 houses under Special PMAY-G Project for FY 2024-25

# ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government of India has approved a special project under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) to provide housing assistance to the fire victims of Mulwarwan village in the Warwan Valley of Kishtwar district.

A devastating fire on October 15 last year destroyed numerous houses, leaving several families homeless. Chief Minister Abdullah, Omar assumed office on October 16, promptly visited the

affected area the following day and assured the victims of long-term rehabilitation. He also pledged to secure assistance from the Central Government to help the families rebuild their homes and restore their lives.

The approval for this special housing package follows Chief Minister Omar Abdullah's appeal to the Government, Central requesting additional financial assistance for the longterm rehabilitation of the affected families. The Chief Minister emphasized

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# Fresh snowfall in parts of Kashmir; rains in Jammu

# 10 flights cancelled as fog hits operations at Srinagar airport

# **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Most parts of Kashmir, including Srinagar city, received a fresh spell of snowfall on Sunday as the mercury stayed close to the freezing point in the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir for the second consecutive day. Jammu witnessed rains in the evening.

Ten flights were cancelled at the Srinagar International Airport due to poor visibility caused by fog, officials said.

"Early morning visibility at the Srinagar airport was 50 metres, which has affected



Rains lashes Jammu city on Sunday evening.

pushed their flights after 10 am," an Airports Authority of India official said. With little improvement in

been cancelled so far, the official said. Dense fog hit operations at the airport on Saturday as well,

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# Amit Shah beacons Kashmir to look at its bond with Bharat through prism of 8,000 years history



much time to register for all those who believe in purity of history that Kashmir has been part of the Indian culture - Hinduism and Buddhism for

thousands of years. The moment has arrived to do so. And this fact of Hindu and Buddhist cultural and religious evivalism has been focused in a new book Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh through Ages' that Union Home Minister Amit Shah released in Delhi on Thursday.

Post-1947, a fairy tale has been served by the self-serving historians whose pen moved in self-conceived narratives that they were assigned to manipulate and document that Kashmir was a different entity, with no relation with the rest of the country. That helped them to insert Article 370 as an irreplaceable phenome-

non in describing the relationship Article 370 was a panacea for Kashmir, between the country and Kashmir. It was a falsehood. The historical facts brought out by intense research by the writers of the book showed that there were linkages and very strong ones between Kashmir and the rest of Bharatvarsh for ages together, when Kashmir was known as Kashyap, where scholars studied and broadcast their learning and conclusions to the rest of the world. It was a rich Hindu cultural ethos which along with the Buddhism enriched the land and viceversa. This demolishes the myth that Kashmir was a new entity to the Indian union or the idea of India While releasing the book and commend-

ing scholars, who compiled the chapters, tracing ages old history and inseparable connect in the land and people deeply integrated into the geo-cultural ethos Home Minister made several points to tell the world, and especially those who have been seeking to sustain a theory that and it had helped built a bridge between the two lands, which in reality were on the same page and cultural ethos for the past over 8,000 years or may be even

Now it is the time that these facts documented in the book should be spread and work undertaken for revivalism of Hindu

# **NEWS ANALYSIS**

culture, which had been under assault in Kashmir for many, many decades. It is because of the manipulation and unnecessary adulation of Article 370 before and after its abrogation on August 5, 2019, has polluted the real history. The migration of tens of thousands of Kashmiri Pandits from their homes and hearths in 1990, and even before that, is the result of the existence of Article 370.

The real plight of Hindus in Jammu and Kashmir, and by extension that of

The former state has now been rightfully divided into two union territories as per aspirations of the peoples of the two regions. This needs to be highlighted to understand why the revivalism of Hindu and Buddhist roots in Kashmir. It is important to correct the history for giving a new sense of empowerment and identity to them. This transformation has come only after the repeal of Article 370.

The facts stated in the book were known to many, but due to toxic atmosphere, these remained suppressed and obliterated from the public view. The history in its original form remained hidden by layer after layer of lies propounded and propagated by the manipulators.

Union Home Minister has straightened the record and Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh can trace their history from a period that was there in this land 8,000 years ago. The whole idea of Article 370

and its importance for Jammu and Kashmir was built on falsehood, which has been brought to light now after that constitutional provision was removed and buried in the bins of history.

Amit Shah has beaconed the whole of the nation, as also the rest of the world, to see the integral relationship of Kashmir and Bharat through the geo-cultural bonds, all other prisms, including geopolitical become irrelevant. Now is the time to look at these bonds since time immemorial and not through the ideas and the artificially inserted provisions in the constitution that left more than 40,000 people dead. Besides that J&K as a state suffered incurable disasters which characterized only death and destruction

Amit Shah has given a way out of the entire previous crisis and at the same time asked the minds to explore real history that was suppressed all these decades. The days of manipulation of history are over once and for all.