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Attends opening ceremony of 2nd Khelo India Beach Games in Diu From playgrounds to podiums, India's youth scripting new sporting history: LG Sinha

STATE TIMES NEWS
DIU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday attended the grand opening ceremony of the 2nd edition of the 'Khelo India Beach Games' at the iconic Blue Flag certified Ghoghla Beach in Diu.

The ceremony was also graced by Praful Patel, Administrator, UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.

During the event, a special message from Prime Minister Narendra Modi was read out, extending his heartiest felicitations to the participating athletes and organizers.

Addressing the gathering, the Lieutenant Governor stated that under the leadership of Prime Minister



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at opening ceremony of 2nd edition of the 'Khelo India Beach Games' at Diu.

Narendra Modi, India is witnessing a new revolution in sports. "We are committed to empower youth through the power of sports. From Kashmir to Kanyakumari, India's youth are redefining

sports excellence and scripting a new history from playgrounds to podiums. The young sportspersons are not confined to traditional sports but they are conquering new grounds with sweat, dreams and victory," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that the spectacular Khelo India Beach Games event reflects the Government of India's commitment to nurture a strong sporting culture and India's Youth Surge in Coastal Sports.

The Lieutenant Governor said that the Jammu and Kashmir is proud to be an active participant in this national sporting movement. "These games will build

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Three PDD Suptt Eng assigned charge of CEs

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has assigned the charge of Chief Engineers to three Superintending Engineers in the Power Development Department (PDD).

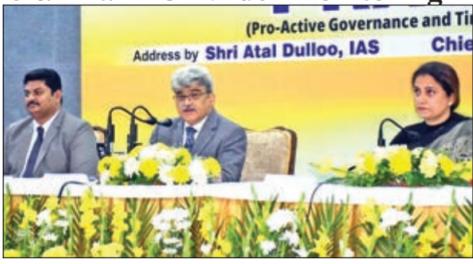
According to government order issued today, Arshad Hussain Reshi, Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle Ganderbal, been assigned the charge of Chief Engineer (Distribution), JPDCL, Jammu; Sanjay Kumar Bhagat, Superintending Engineer, Corporate Office, JKPDC, as Chief Engineer (Generation), JKPDC while Ravi Kant Kalsotra, Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle-II, JKPTCL, has been placed as Chief Engineer (Projects), JPDCL, Jammu. The order has been issued by Shailendra Kumar, IAS, Financial Commissioner (ACS), Power Development Department.

PRAGATI driving timely execution of mega projects in J&K: CS

Projects worth Rs 4.12 lakh Cr under monitoring

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Monday highlighted the transformative impact of the PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation) platform in expediting major developmental projects across J&K, stating that it has emerged as a powerful instrument for resolving long-pending issues and ensuring timely execution of big-ticket initiatives.

Addressing a press briefing, the Chief Secretary underscored the significance of PRAGATI@50, noting that the technology-driven governance mechanism has successfully unlocked several projects that had remained stalled for decades due to inter-departmental bottlenecks and procedural delays. The press conference was



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, Commissioner Secretary, Information, M. Raju; Director, PIB Jammu, Neha Jalali at press briefing on Monday.

attended by Commissioner Secretary, Information, M. Raju; Director Information, Nitish Rajora; Director, PIB Jammu, Neha Jalali; Joint Director Information Headquarters, Zahoor Ahmad Raina; Joint Director Information Jammu, Deepak Dubey; and other senior officers of the Directorate of Information & Public Relations (DIPR).

Citing the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project as a prime example, the Chief Secretary said that despite being initiated in 1995, the project witnessed minimal progress for nearly 25

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Man held for duping Shopian resident of over Rs 5 lakh

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A man was arrested for allegedly duping an individual of Rs 5.40 lakh in Shopian district on the pretext of getting his brother released from police custody, officials said on Monday.

The accused, identified as Sajad Ahmad Bhat of Mudoora in Tral area of Pulwama district, managed to convince the complainant that he is a government employee and has sufficient influence to arrange the release of his brother, a police spokesman said.

"Police have arrested a con-

man for duping an individual by falsely promising to secure the release of his brother from police custody at Police Station Zainapora," he said.

According to the spokesman, Asif Ahmad Parrah, a resident of Zainapora, filed a complaint through WhatsApp that Bhat fraudulently took Rs 5.40 lakh from him by falsely assuring the release of his brother from police custody. "The complainant's brother Umer Maqbool had been arrested in connection

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Union Power Minister inspects power projects in Kishtwar

STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: Union Power Minister Manohar Lal on Monday inspected 1,000-MW Pakal Dul and 390-MW Dul Hasti power stations in Kishtwar district, officials said.

Lal began his two-day tour of the Union Territory by reviewing the progress of the 690-MW Salal Hydroelectric project in Reasi district and directed NHPC to expedite the sediment removal operations of the Salal reservoir.

Salal Power Station, located on the Chenab River in Reasi district, is undertaking sediment removal works, fol-



Union Minister Manohar Lal inspecting power stations in Kishtwar district.

lowing the termination of the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) last year, to remove accumulated silt and maximise optimal utilisation of water resources.

During the visit to the Salal Power Station, the Minister also undertook a plantation drive within the power station premises, undersealing the Government's commitment to environmental conservation and sustainable development. He also held discussions with the local administration and senior officials of various concerned departments to ensure coordinated efforts for timely execution of works.

Enroute to Kishtwar, the minister conducted an aerial inspection of the 1,856-MW Sawalkot Hydroelectric

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Bhagwat discusses Hindu unity, social harmony in RSS meet

STATE TIMES NEWS
MATHURA: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat on Monday emphasised Hindu unity and the principle of social harmony, self-reliance, and family values at a meeting here, an office-bearer of the outfit said.

Bhagwat arrived in Mathura on Sunday for a three-day national executive meeting of the RSS, underway at Keshav Dham. He will be in Vrindavan for seven days.

On Monday, members were divided into groups and dis-

cussed region-wise and objective-wise goals, the RSS member, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said.

During the meeting, the RSS chief called for the implementation of the 'Panch Parivartan' (five transformations) formula, which was decided upon on Vijaydashami last year to mark the completion of 100 years of the RSS.

Asked whether issues like 'love jihad' and violence against Hindus in Bangladesh were discussed, the office-bearer

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Sr DCM Jammu to receive 'Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar'

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Senior Divisional Commercial Manager (DCM) of Northern Railway's Jammu division Uehit Singhal has been selected for the 'Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar', to be conferred by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav, in recognition of his outstanding service in 2025, an official said on Monday.

The award ceremony would be held on January 9 in Delhi to facilitate more than 100 outstanding employees from various railway zones and departments across the country.

The award is being given to Singhal for bringing unprecedented improvements and innovations in commercial and

J&K Bank organizes Stakeholders' Meet to streamline implementation of HDP Scheme



Bank officials during the programme at Srinagar on Monday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: With a view to further strengthen and streamline the implementation of its flagship High Density Plantation (HDP) Scheme, J&K Bank on Monday organised an

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Six barrels of fuel being transported illegally seized

STATE TIMES NEWS
PULWAMA: Police on Monday seized six barrels of fuel allegedly being transported illegally in Pulwama district, an official said.

"The fuel was seized at Litter in Pulwama after it was established that the consignment was being transported illegally. Given the highly hazardous nature of the material and the serious risk it posed to public safety, the police seized the

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LG Ladakh meets PM Modi Discusses issues concerning general public, developmental priorities

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, on Monday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi and held detailed discussions on the overall development and welfare of the region.

During the meeting, the Lt Governor briefed the Prime Minister on key developmental initiatives, welfare schemes, and major infrastructure projects currently



LG Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta meeting PM Narendra Modi at New Delhi on Monday.

underway in Ladakh. He

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 16.2°C Min: 8.7°C

Humidity
Max: 95 Min: 72

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 9.7°C Min: -3.6°C

Humidity
Max: 81 Min: 65

Sunset : 17:38 Hours
Sunrise : 07:33 Hours

Prakash Purab of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji celebrated with religious fervour

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Prakash Purab (birth anniversary) of the tenth Sikh Guru, Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, was celebrated on Monday with great religious fervour, devotion, and enthusiasm at Gurdwara Yaadgar Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, Chand Nagar, Jammu.

The main function was organized at the Gurdwara, where a large number of devotees gathered to pay their obeisance and seek the blessings of the great Guru. The Gurdwara premises were beautifully decorated by the management committee, and devotees began arriving early in the morning to participate in the sacred celebrations.

Local Ragi Jathas, including Ragi Daljeet Singh Ji, Ragi Balbir Singh Ji, and Ragi Parvinder Singh Ji, along with prominent Ragis and Parcharaks from outside Jammu and Kashmir, enthralled the Sangat through soulful Shabad Kirtan and illuminated the higher values of life, righteousness, and communal harmony.

The renowned Hazuri Ragi Jatha of Bhai Kuldeep Singh Ji and Bhai Arvinder Singh Noor Ji from Sri Darbar Sahib also recited Shabad Kirtan and illuminated the congregation on the life, teachings, and glorious history of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj.



Devotees paying obeisance at Gurdwara in Jammu on Monday.

Eminent Sikh scholar and preacher Prof. S. Sarabjit Singh Dhunda of Gurmat

lighting his unparalleled sacrifices made for the protection of the oppressed and for safeguarding religious freedom against forced conversions.

Addressing the gathering, Balvinder Singh, Vice President, DGPC Jammu, called upon community leaders and the Sangat, in particular, to engage in sincere introspection to identify the reasons and shortcomings that have hindered the effective redressal of the community's genuine demands. He emphasized the need for collective reflection and unity to bridge these gaps and move forward with a common purpose. He also lauded the initiative of the All J&K Sikh

Noujwan Sabha headed by S Manjeet Singh for launching a signature campaign seeking the inclusion of the Punjabi language in the J&K Official Languages Bill.

S. Ranjit Singh Tohra, President, shed light on the life and unmatched sacrifices of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji and expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Civil and Police Administration, PDD, PHE, JMC, CMO Jammu, Fire Services Department, doctors who organized a free medical camp, Sewadars who prepared and served Langar, volunteers who managed cleanliness, and those who set up stalls distributing free religious literature. He

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