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through direct bank transfer

(DBT) mode," Sharma said.

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is keeping the staff busy with

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Conference

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Referring to cyber attacks

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Country doesn't need shortcut politics: Modi

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NAGPUR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said India needed sustainable development and not "shortcut politics", and alleged that some parties were trying to destroy the country's

Addressing a gathering after launching and inaugurating various projects worth Rs 75,000 crore here, Modi said narrow approach towards development will provide only limited opportunities.

He also said that infrastructure development in the country in the last eight years has been done with a human

The prime minister inaugurated the first phase of the Nagpur-Mumbai Samruddhi Expressway that connects Nagpur and temple town of Shirdi in Ahmednagar district, flagged off the Nagpur-Bilaspur Vande Bharat Express train, inaugurated the first phase of the Nagpur Metro Rail project and the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Nagpur.

"A developed India can become a reality through united strength, progress and development of all states. When we have a narrow approach towards development, opportunities are also limited," he said at the function held at the



AIIMS campus on Wardha Road here. "In the last eight years, we have changed the mindset and approach with 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas' (everyone's support, trust and efforts)," he said.

Modi said the projects launched and inaugurated in Nagpur presented a holistic vision of development.

He urged people to remain cautious against politicians indulging in shortcut politics, looting taxpayers' money and grabbing power through false promises.

"Country's development cannot take place through shortcut politics," he said. "Some political parties are trying to

destroy the country's economy and people should expose such politicians and parties. My appeal to all political leaders is to focus on sustainable development instead of shortcut politics. You can win elections with sustainable development," he said.

He said, earlier, taxpayers' money used to get wasted in corruption and vote-

bank politics. According to Modi, his government was focusing on holistic and modern infrastructure development which is "future ready"

Modi described 11 development projects inaugurated by him as "jewels" of Maharashtra.

He said the double engine government was steering development in the state.

The PM slammed the previous governments citing the example of the Gosikhurd dam project in Bhandara district, which got delayed for three

"But after the double engine government came to power the Gosikhurd project is nearing completion now," he said. Deprived sections of the society were a ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Every family in J&K to get unique ID; BJP welcomes move, other parties raise concerns

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration is planning to create an authentic database of all families in the Union territory with each of them having a unique alpha-numeric code -the objective being easy selection of eligible beneficiaries of various social welfare schemes.

The proposed move to allot "Family ID" has been welcomed by the BJP but panned by other parties which raised concerns over personal data safety.

At the recent national conference on e-governance in Katra in Reasi district. Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister of Haryana Manohar Lal Khattar released the Digital J&K Vision Document, unveiling the government plan to create an authentic, verified and reliable database of all families of the Union territory.

According to the vision document, "Each family will be provided with a unique alpha-numeric code called JK Family ID. The data available in the family database would be used to determine eligibility through automatic selection of beneficiaries for receiving social bene-

"The database would identify each and every family in J&K and would collect the basic data of the family, provided with the consent of the family, in a digital format."

The document further reads that all the applicable laws and regulations in respect of data protection shall be complied with in the management of data.

To thwart risks and protect sensitive and critical data, it said the Jammu and Kashmir government plans to work on an information security policy and also envisages formulation of

appropriate cyber security framework.

Commissioner Secretary of the IT Department Prerna Puri said the objective of creating the database, which will be at par with Harvana's 'Parivaar Pehchaan Patra', is that families or individuals will not have to apply to receive benefits under each individual scheme.

"Once the data in the JK Family ID database is authenticated and verified, a beneficiary will not be required to submit any more document to avail a service," she told PTI.

The Congress, National Conference and the PDP slammed the proposed move.

Congress chief spokesperson and former legislator Ravinder Sharma questioned the government's intention and also its capacity to protect such digital databases from cyber attacks.

"Why does the government

The People's Democratic Party (PDP) asked who

Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu

sworn in as Himachal CM

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Class 10, 12 exam date-sheets on social media fake, says CBSE

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Central of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Sunday said purported date sheets for class 10 and 12 exams doing the rounds on social media are fake.

The board is yet to announce the exam date sheets, and officials said it will be done soon.

"The multiple versions of datesheets doing the round are fake. The exam schedule will soon be announced and the students and parents should wait for official information," a senior board official said.

The board had earlier announced it will conduct jects.

Chingam to become a Model

Village in J&K

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JAMMU: The remote

Chingam in Jammu and

Kashmir's Kishtwar district

has transformed into a

model village after being

adopted by the Army with

the twin objectives of helping

the local people overcome

their hardships and counter-

ing radicalisation, an official

Located 50 km from

Kishtwar town, the village in

Chhatroo sub-division has

witnessed a flurry of activi-

ties over the past two years,

ranging from COVID-19

management to youth

empowerment programmes

under the supervision of the

With the potential that the

village demonstrated, the official said, the administra-

tion has notified Chingam as

a tourist village on October

From the COVID-19 man-

agement to a number of

activities now with the

themes of youth empower-

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ment, employment

Army, the official said.

said on Sunday.

Army's intervention helped

theory examinations for class 10 and 12 for the academic year from February 15,

"The practical examinations will begin from January 1 and schools have been directed to complete the syllabus for these till then. The practical examinations for Class 12 will only be conducted by external examiners appointed by the board, while for Class 10, these will be conducted by internal examiners," the official explained.

The board has also released the subject-wise CBSE Class 10 and Class 12 sample papers along with the marking schemes for all the sub-

back on track after missing several deadlines STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Work on construction of the Tawi artificial lake here, which is aimed at giving a boost to tourism in Jammu province, has finally taken off after encountering scores of delays in the past 13 years.

The artificial lake and river front beautification work in the Tawi river will be completed at a cost of Rs 280 crore by April next year.

"If all goes as planned, the gated Tawi barrage project (artificial lake) would be completed by April 2023 along with ongoing work on other components of artificial lake, including river bank protection, development of Tawi river front on the pattern of Sabarmati", Jammu Mayor Rajinder Sharma told

"We should be happy that at least work has now started again (after many delays). It is a difficult task. But we hope it will be completed by the deadline", he said.

The Mayor said the lake will totally change the tourism landscape Jammu.

"The lake at the entry point will have great attractions. It will beautify Jammu, which is known as the city of temples", Sharma said.

Indiresh Prajapati, who is an expert on lake projects, said work is going on full

Work on Jammu's Artificial Lake project

swing.

"The bed work, channelisation of water, embankment constructions and diversions are being done. It is a difficult task," he said.

The project, which was launched in 2009 by the Congress-NC government, has been marred by delays, missing as many as seven deadlines, before work came to a standstill in 2018. The state government has

spent more than Rs 58 crore on the project in the past decade, after its foundation stone was laid by the then Chief Minister OmarAbdullah on December 5,

After missing the first target date in 2022, the contractor missed deadlines in 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 when the work stopped. In 1986, then Governor Jagmohan gave his approval

government began the construction project in 2008-09after much delay. As per the project plan, an auto-mechanical barrage would be constructed on river Tawi, one km downstream of

to the lake project. The state

main Tawi bridge, the officials said. "This will help create an

artificial lake

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STATE TIMES NEWS SHIMLA: Four-time

Congress MLA Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, a son of a bus driver, was sworn in as the 15th Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh on Sunday at a ceremony here attended by a galaxy of senior party leaders including Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.

Governor Vishwanath Arlekar administered the oath of office and secrecy to Sukhu (58), as also to Mukesh Agnihotri (60), the leader of opposition in the outgoing assembly, who will be the state's first deputy chief minister.

The elevation of grassroots

leader Sukhu marks a generational shift in the state Congress which has been under the shadow of former chief minister Virbhadra Singh. Party leaders paid floral tributes to Singh before

the oath-taking ceremony. This will only be a third Congress government in states across the country after Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan, and both their chief ministers -- Bhupesh Baghel and Ashok Gehlot -joined Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge in attending the oath-taking ceremony at the historic Ridge ground in Shimla. Former Union

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NC will be held accountable for its 'sins' against Kashmiris: Sajad Lone

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: People's Conference (PC) chief Sajad Lone on Sunday said the National Conference has also committed all the "sins" the BJP has against the people of Kashmir and said its leaders will be held accountable.

"The NC talks about (Article) 370, but when someone talks about something, shouldn't we see their history? In the last 30 years, about one lakh people have died, not because of any disease or Covid or old age. They died because of bullets," Lone claimed.

He accused the NC of



JKPC Chief Sajad Lone briefing media at Srinagar.

ing 16,000 cases under the Public Safety Act and bringing the Prevention of

Terrorism Act, 2002. "How can they say they are pained because of revocation

it back?" he said.

"Let the NC tell us one sin that the BJP has committed against Kashmiris, but which it (the NC) has not. The NC has also done all the

Two die of Hepatitis- A in Anantnag village ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two people died of Hepatitis A while four others are undergoing treatment in a hospital in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag, officials said on Sunday. The six cases were detected

in Turka Tachloo village of the south Kashmir district, they said. "Of the total, two people

have died of the disease while four others are stable," the officials said

They said random sampling has been undertaken in the area and the Health Department has so far taken 131 samples, out of which 84 samples have come negative,

J&K can't develop till people's democratic rights are guaranteed: Farooq Centre, which is in direct

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR:

Conference president Farooq Abdullah has said the idea of all-round development of the people of Jammu and Kashmir will remain elusive until their basic democratic rights are guaranteed and respected.

Abdullah said human rights are indispensable and inherent to the dignity of every human being.

"The ruling dispensation is using J-K to climb the political ladder nationally by employing a narrative that is not corroborated by ground realities," said the Lok Sabha



message on International Human Rights Day.

Far from providing jobs to the youth, the incumbent ruling dispensation at the

control of J-K's affairs, has shown the door to hundreds of employed youth, Abdullah alleged. "There is not even a single selection process that hasn't ended in a scam. Our government employees are working under tremendous pressure.

labour rights by this government is a major concern for all of us. This trend needs to be arrested," he said. On the freedom of the press in the region, the NC president said as the fourth pillar

The sweeping takeover of

of democracy, its independence is crucial for robust gov-Security situation in Kathua reviewed

ahead of Bharat Jodo Yatra's arrival

KATHUA: As the Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra is scheduled to reach Jammu and Kashmir next month, a senior police officer on Sunday reviewed the overall security situation in Kathua the gateway district to the Union Territory bordering Punjab - an official

Senior Superintendent of Police of Kathua R C Kotwal, who chaired the meeting at the district police lines, directed officers to strengthen the border securigrid and enhance patrolling to rule out any subversive activities.

Gandhi is going to spend eight days in Jammu and Kashmir - four days each in Jammu and Kashmir Valley -

after reaching Lakhanpur in the third week of January.

A police spokesman said the Kathua SSP chaired a security and crime review meeting in view of important

"During the meeting participants have been directed to strengthen the border security grid, national highway grid and city grid. Besides, they were also advised to enhance patrolling and strengthen inter-state checking points," spokesman said.

The SSP also directed the officers to further intensify patrolling, area domination exercise and checking of vehicles to rule out any subver-

Rajasthan.

"killing" thousands, sanctionof (Article) 370 or will bring MP from Srinagar in his Modi Govt dedicated to those left-out of mainstream: Dr Jitendra

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh on Sunday said that the PM Narendra Modi led government is dedicated to those who were left out of mainstream by the previous governments

The Union Minister was addressing a mammoth rally, 'Divyang Parivar Maha-Samelan' organised here at the initiative of a social organisation "Saksham".

Earlier on his arrival here, Dr Jitendra Singh was received by a large number of supporters and prominent political leaders including former Minister Rajiv Jasrotia, former MLAs Kuldip Raj and Jagdish Raj Sapolia, DDC members led by Vice Chairman Raghunandan Singh Babloo, Municipal Councillors and Chairmen, former Board Chairman Rashpal Verma, BJP President Gopal Mahajan, former President Prem Nath Dogra, Mandal Presidents, Mahila Morcha President



'Divyang Maha-Sammelan' at Kathua on Sunday.

and her team, BJYM office bearers

In his address, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that from the day PM Narendra Modi took oath as the Prime Minister of India, certain drastic steps were taken by him for the welfare of Divyangs.

Be that the fee remission for Divyangs in Civil Services Examination, two choices of home cadre for Divyangs qualifying civil services examination, increase in

reservation for Divyangs from 3 percent to 4 percent, increase in the Divyang pension etc., every other step has been taken by this government for the welfare of Divyangs, he added.

For the welfare of Divyangs, Dr. Jitendra said that 15000 posts meant for Divvangs which were earlier not filled were filled under a special drive by the government which was only possible under PM Narendra Modi who suggested that the term

'Viklang' be used for persons with dis-Dr. Jitendra also said that for mak-

ing India reach the top leaving behind every other developed nation in terms of development in coming years, the Divyangs cannot be left out, they also need to contribute in the national development of nation for the next twenty five years of Journey of 'Sankalp se Siddhi' so that their contribution will too be written in the golden words when India would be achieving its centenary of independ-

Dr. Singh also said that this government has repealed more than 1600 obsolete and outdated laws which were a great hindrance in the development of the country and many such laws were also either amended or repealed for the welfare of Divyangs like the Divyang Pension Rules etc.

Dr. Jitendra further said that providing 'Digital ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

'Divyang' (Divine Body) instead of ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

said.

sive activities. The yatra is currently in

