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CJ inaugurates residential quarter, lawyers chamber cum utility complex in Pulwama

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Prepare plan for strengthening Urban Local Self governance, creating resources: LG

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LG Manoj Sinha chairing meeting to review My Town My Pride programme on Saturday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI/ JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday called for formulating a comprehensive plan to strengthen Urban Local Self-Governance, creating resources and to foster more inclusion and sustainability for future challenges

"We must work on brand positioning of the cities as each city has its own unique cultural identity and heritage", Sinha said while chairing a meeting to review ongoing public outreach programme in urban local bodies, 'My Town My Pride'.

"My Town, My Pride, aims to deliver public services at doorsteps, build developmental initiatives on the feedback, cooperation and participation from people and strengthen strong and vibrant local self-governance," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor emphasized that Jan-Bhagidari is the key pillar of development and essential for economic and cultural rejuvenation of

"Urban population is growing at a rapid pace and there is a need for smart and sustainable solutions to urban challenges. The officers involved in Jan Abhiyan must involve people in various initiatives like decongestion, rejuvenation and beautification of the cities. Together, with active participation of public, we can transform cities into vibrant urban economic centres," Lt

Governor said. 'My Town My Pride' has $7\,$ action plans - City Resource Mobilization/Finance Plan, City Livelihood Plan, City Smart Vending Plan, Green

Culture Plan, City Beautiful Plan Encroachment Free City, for all 78 Urban Local Bodies.

It is the responsibility of every officer to ensure integrated development concepts and its execution, observed the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor made valuable suggestions to improve urban sustainability, quality of life and urban wel-

The Lt Governor directed the Housing and Urban Development Department to work out strategy for revenue generation and implementation of master plans of the cities to meet the needs of the growing population.

Old cities beautification plan, small initiatives like similar Address Boards, Paintings, Shops in uniform color, municipal beauty competitions; City cleanliness program; beatification of parks must be implemented with public participation, the Lt Governor further

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Alok Kumar given Addl charge of Admn Secy Higher Edu: Prerna Admn Secy Info Deptt ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Saturday assigned additional charge to IRS and IAS

According to the order issued by Dr. Piyush Singla, Secretary, Administration Department, Alok Kumar, IRS, Principal Secretary, School Education Department, holding additional charge of the

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J&K plans to seek interpreters in government functions to promote sign language STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir administration is contemplating to engage interpreters at all government functions to promote sign language, a senior government official said on Saturday, as the Union territory organized several functions to mark International Day for Persons with Disabilities here.

Commissioner Secretary Social Welfare Department Sheetal Nanda said the government is taking

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India never favours war, violence: Rajnath

BENGALURU: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday said India neither troubles others nor does it spare those who trouble the country.

India never favoured war and violence but it cannot remain neutral to injustice and oppression, Singh said. "We all believe that

India is a country which had always been peace loving. War and violence were never our nature. India neither attacked any other country, nor it occupied even an inch of any other country's land. This is India's character," Defence Minister said.

Singh was speaking at the Gita Dana Yajna organised by the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) at its magnificent Rajadhiraja Govinda temple in Vasantapura in Bengaluru.

"The world should also know that India doesn't like war and violence, but stav-

ing neutral to the injustice and oppression is also not part of our character," he said without elaborating.

The Union Minister

that led to the Battle of Mahabharata. It was on the battlefield of

Kurukshetra where Lord Sri Krishna delivered his epic lecture which came to be known as Srimad Bhagwad Gita, he said.

The Defence Minister told the gathering that the Pandavas, the central character of the Hindu epic Mahabharata were ready to settle for five villages after spending years in exile but the Kauravas were not ready to part with land measuring denial had led to the battle, which ended by establishing the victory of virtues.

"That's why I often say

others but if someone troubles us, India will not spare them. This is the message of Bhagwad Gita," Singh

He also told the audience that the content of Gita makes it eternal and universal. Reading Bhagwad Gita and imbibing it in life

makes a person fearless, he The ISKCON Bengaluru has decided to donate one lakh copies of Bhagwad Gita

throughout this month, apart from organising cultural and religious events. Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, former Chief Minister B S

Yediyurappa and ISRO chairman S Somanath were among the dignitaries who were present on the occa-

SIA conducts searches at multiple locations in terror funding case

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The State Investigation Agency (SIA) of Jammu and Kashmir conducted searches at multiple locations in five districts of the valley on Saturday in a terror funding case and seized Rs 29 lakh in cash, officials said.

"Continuing to rein in the networks of terror outfits with a purpose of destroying its ecosystems completely, the SIA conducted searches at multiple locations across Kashmir Valley," one of the officials said.

They said the houses and Kupwara, Baramulla, Bandipora, Srinagar and Budgam districts were

Bharat Jodo Yatra to reach J&K by Jan end: Cong

Jodo Yatra will reach

Jammu and Kashmir

towards the end of January

and will culminate with a

public meeting, a Congress

leader here said on Saturday.

He said all the arrange-

ments for the yatra were

BDC chairperson, social activist

from Kashmir join BJP

Development Council (BDC)

chairperson and a social

Kashmir's Uri joined the

BJP here on Saturday, a

Khursheed Ahmad Mir and

social activist Abdul Khalid

were welcomed into the

party official said.

from

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chairperson

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JAMMU:

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going on in full swing.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: The Bharat

searched in compliance to search warrant obtained from the court of special judge, designated under NIA Act (TADA/POTA) Srinagar in connection with investigation of cases under the UA(P) Act, and IPC registered at Police Station SIA

Kashmir. The case pertains to members of the proscribed terrorist organisation Al-Badr based in Pakistan who with active support and connivance of Pakistani agencies, hostile to India, under a well-knit criminal conspiracy with some identified s) and overground workers (OGWs) of pro-

Administration committed to ensure hassle-free Amarnathji pilgrimage for devotees: Sinha

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday asserted that the Administration is committed hassle-free ensure Amarnathji pilgrimage experience for the devotees.

Sinha was chairing the 43rd meeting of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB).

Members of the Board-Swami Avdheshanand Giri Maharaj; D. C. Raina: Kailash Mehra Sadhu; K. N. Rai; K.N. Shrivastava; Pitambar Lal Gupta; Dr. Shailesh Raina Vishwamurti Shastri; Manju Garg; Dr Arun Kumar



Kumar Bidhuri. Principal Commissioner were present in the meeting.

members appreciated the successful conduct of Shri

which witnessed highest footfall of Yatris

The meeting also held inongoing and upcoming proj-

ects. The board was informed

maintenance of both the stretch of yatra track has

been handed over to BRO for depth discussion on various efficient and timely disposal. The meeting was apprised about upcoming yatri niwas

at different locations

Jammu's first FASTag enabled Parking Management System launched at Bus Stand STATE TIMES NEWS He said that in past few

Principal

Secretary Housing & Urban Development Department (H&UDD), Dheeraj Gupta on Saturday inaugurated J&K's first FASTag enabled Parking Management System at Multi-Level Car Parking General Bus Stand Jammu.

The smart parking was launched as part of UT of J&K's My Town My Pride Campaign.

Speaking at the launch, Dheeraj Gupta said the state-of-the-art smart parking FASTag enabling cashless while the initiative is first of it's kind in J&K and second across the whole

India's bio-economy grew 8 times

years the parking facilities have increased in Jammu city and urged the citizens to maintain traffic discipline by parking their vehicles at parking spaces. He also complemented

JammuDevelopment Authority and IDFC First Bank for partnering this initiative and said that government is committed to provide all kind of support to make effective traffic management system for citizens of the

He also insisted upon the requirement of upscaling of this model to all parking's in the Jammu City be that of JDA or JMC so that

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Chapter of Pakistan-sponsored terrorism closing in J&K: DGP

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JAMMU: Director General of Police Dilbag Singh on Saturday said the chapter of Pakistan-sponsored terrorism is closing in Jammu and Kashmir but drug menace has now emerged as a "bigger enemy" and needs to be tackled with collective efforts.

Singh said around 1,200 cases related to drug trafficking have been registered and 2,000 accused arrested in the Union Territory this year so far, indicating the magnitude of the problem.

General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Daljit Singh and Additional Director General of Police. Jammu zone Mukesh Singh, the police chief was on a day-long tour of the Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban range.



During his visit, he chaired a joint officers meeting at Army's Delta force headquarters at Dharmund to review the security scenario of Chenab valley

"The chapter of terrorism is by and large closing and the credit for the success goes to the people of Jammu and Kashmir," the DGP said, addressing a gathering at the closing ceremony of a cricket tournament organised by police in Doda district.

The DGP said the youth should spread the message of a drug-free society and said "drug abuse is a bigger enemy than terrorism today".

"Terrorism targets individuals but to put an end to this menace," he said.

source of spreading the menace of drugs in Jammu and Kashmir is Pakistan which has an evil intention to destroy the youth and CONTD ON PAGE 9

in 8 years: Dr Jitendra **STATE TIMES NEWS**

> KATRA: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoSPMO. Personnel. Public Pensions, Grievances. Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said, India's bio-economy has from \$10 billion in 2014 to over \$80 billion in 2022.

Delivering inaugural the 3-day address at "International Conference on

Trends Biotechnology/Biosciences and Chemical Technology-2022" here today, Dr Jitendra Singh said, Biotech Startups have grown 100 times in the last 8 years from 52 odd Startups in 2014 to 5300 plus in 2022. He said. 3 Biotech Startups were incorporated every day in 2021 and a total of 1,128

Emerging

The conference is being organized by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, School of Biotechnology,

Jammu in collaboration with CSIR-IIIM Jammu and The Biotech Research Society of India, from 3rd - 5th

December 2022. There are 14 international participants like USA, Greece, South Korea, Scotland. Singapore Thailand, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Malaysia and Vietnam and 24 National keynote and invited speakers and around 300 participants from almost every state of India who are presenting their work in the form of Oral and Poster

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biotech startups were set up drugs affect the families and society as grown 8 times in the last 8 Accompanied by Additional Director a whole. We all have to work collectively over years under Prime in 2021 alone, signaling the Minister Narendra Modi, rapid growth of the sector in The police chief said like terrorism, the India.



The hypocrisy of erstwhile Mini Mufflerman, Arvind Kejriwal has crossed all limits in his nearly a decade long political career. A master liar, who rose to

political heights after taking a high moral plank to remaining 'Aam Aadmi' all his life, turned out to be a classic hypocrite, Indian politics has ever witnessed. He speaks lies with ease and in the belief of their being gospel truth.

After dumping anti-corruption crusader Anna Hazare, the former IRS officer plunged into politics and got stunning support in terms of seats in the Legislative Assembly of National Capital Region (NCR) of Delhi on

December 4, 2013. His AAP got 28 in the 70 member assembly and emerged as the second largest party after the BJP, which got 31 seats in the hung House.

So, the year 2013 was the beginning of Kejriwal's hypocritical politics. Swearing by his children not to have any trunk with the Congress, he made his first Uturn by taking their outside support to form the government in Delhi. Then there was no ending to his down-scaling of stated positions on important issues. Justifying his changing stands, Kejriwal has mastered telling lies in the past ten years. A media caricature depicted his duplicity aptly by captions. 'Sach mat dekho, Sach mat suno, Sach mat bolo'.

In the initial days of his government, an impression was sought to be created about him using his blue Wagon R as Chief Minister and abolishing Lal Bati culture. In fact, he did some file work in

this classic vehicle and undertook important journeys by this. All this time hypocrisy was sprouting in his political character. And, interestingly the Wagon R became the causality of his duplicity after abandoning it for an official car, as it was stolen by the car lifters on October 12, 2017, only to be traced two days later. The Delhi Chief Minister is moving in a mega cavalcade now, much to the grandeur of any VIP. By that time, the muffler had also been given an unceremonious exit. Soon after being designated as Chief

Minister, he had promised not to take any security but with the passage of time, Kejriwal too became the 'character' encircled by security personnel. This was a hilarious turn of double standards, as he had refused to take the PSO from Delhi Police after being declared as CM. Now he is having Z category security cover. He

Duplicity thy name is hypocrite Arvind Kejriwal, erstwhile Mini Mufflerman moving to an official residence. This was worst type of public posturing to be Aam Aadmi, as on February 4, 2014, Kejriwal requested to Delhi's Lieutenant Governor through his aide for two adiacent bungalows of 5-bedrooms each at Delhi's Bhagwan Dass Road, although he had claimed that he wanted a humble accommodation to remain a commoner even after becoming Chief Minister. The request was immediately conceded to by the LG, paving way for the Aam Aadmi to enter the cozy VIP environment.

> The man who has been pretending to be the human rights champion and votary of the freedom of speech touched the lowest depths of morality when his government issued a circular on May 6, 2015 against scribes and media houses. At that point of time, Kejriwal was a petitioner in the Supreme Court seeking

the decriminalisation of defamation or the grounds that it violates the right to freedom of speech. Eventually, the Apex Court stayed the circular on filing defamation cases against media organisations for any news that causes damage to its reputation or that of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and other ministers and asked him to explain why it was issued.

Downscaling from the high moral plank is a continuous melodrama of Kejriwal and there appears to be no end to it. His adversaries believe that the former mufflerman can go to any extent and speak anything that fulfills his polit ical agenda. So far, the people have been getting swayed by his promises and assurances, which Prime Minister Narendra Modi terms as Revidi culture but what next. Wait and watch is the best dictum.

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Sunset: 17:26 Hours

Sunrise: 7:18 Hours

Max: 98