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Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra receives enthusiastic reception across Jammu division

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Jammu team bags overall trophy in Taekwondo

LS passes 3 bills to replace IPC,

CrPC, Evidence Act;

Shah says focus on speedy justice

LG for reinforcing ideals of nation building among youth

NAGROTA: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday called upon the educational institutions, teaching community to reinforce the ideals of nation building and transform the youth into the ambassadors of a progressive India.

"We have to ensure that our education system strengthens the culture and ethos and empowers to create a strong, prosperous and Viksit Bharat", he said while speaking at a function held to celebrate of the Annual Day of Sainik School, Nagrota.

He congratulated the Administration, students and teachers of the institution on the occasion.

Sainik School Nagrota has always lived up to its motto of "Gyan, Veerta aur Anushasan" - Knowledge, Bravery and Discipline and its alumni are rendering distinguished service to the nation in various other sec-



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at the Annual Day celebration of Sainik School, Nagrota.

tors, he added.

"Education nurture future leaders. They are symbol of ambitious India, determined to create a knowledge society and advance India's economic prowess in the world," the Lt Governor said

The Lt Governor advised the students to focus on life skills find their inner voice learn through own experiences and collaborations.

Discipline, strong character and self-confidence to overcome challenges will guide you towards a glorious

been reported from any part

of Jammu and Kashmir, he

said a review meeting was

held in light of the recent

advisory issued by the Union

Health Ministry concerning

the new variant's emergence.

During the meeting,

Kumar asked all the heads of

departments and chief med-

ical officers to activate

COVID-19 testing facilities,

conduct ample testing by fol-

lowing the revised surveil-

lance strategy, and meticu-

lously report ILI (Influenza-

like Illnesses) and SARI

(Severe Acute Respiratory

Infections) cases while

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adhering to the

future, he said.

The Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration to provide necessary support to the Sainik School.

He also extended his felicitations to the Cadets of Sainik School Nagrota who excelled in the prestigious NDA examination.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor handed over the 32 seater school bus costing Rs 21.38 lakh, sponsored by the UT Administration, to the officials of the Sainik School.

Earlier, the Lt Governor received the ceremonial Guard of Honor from the students and presented the academic awards to meritorious cadets.

He also inaugurated Arts and Science Exhibition and visited the School's IT Computer Lab and Atal Tinkering Lab.

Students presented captivating performances on the theme of national integration and highlighting social

Construction worker falls to death from bridge pillar state times news

BANIHAL: A 26-year-old worker from Bihar was killed after he accidentally fell to

the ground from an under construction pillar of a bridge in Ramban district on Wednesday, police said. The labourer named

Mohammad Israil was working on the bridge pillar at Ramsoo along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway when he lost balance and

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Explosion in police compound in Surankote **STATE TIMES NEWS**

POONCH: An explosion occurred inside the compound of an armed police unit in Poonch district, prompting authorities to

Surankote area, they said.

Shah said the three bills -Bharatiya Nyaya (Second) launch a probe, officials said on Wednesday. Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Windows of some vehicles Suraksha (Second) Sanhita parked near the compound and the Bharatiya Sakshya were damaged due to the (Second) Bill -- also have a explosion that occurred on clear definition of terrorism the intervening night of and scrap sedition as a crime December 19 and 20 in while introducing a new sec-

Parliament passes Provisional Collection of Taxes Bill, 2023

NEW DELHI: Parliament on Wednesday passed the Provisional Collection of Taxes Bill, 2023, that gives statutory backing to the government to collect taxes from midnight as per the announcement made in the Union Budget.

The bill comes with provisions to refund taxes collected that have not been incorporated in the Finance Bill as per the budget for fiscal year starting April 1. It repeals The Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1931.

Explaining the importance of the bill, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said after announcing various provisions around taxes in the budget, which is on February 1, the government has to wait till April 1 for them to become effective which leads to a gap between the two dates and can result in various kind of speculations, exploitations etc.

"So, we start the collection of taxes from the midnight of that day. Otherwise, the speculation can hurt the market,

She said the bill has provision that the changes made in the taxes will have to be approved by Parliament within 75 days. "If that approval doesn't come, it ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

the State".

Members of the Congress, DMK, TMC and other opposition parties were not present during the debate after 97 of their colleagues were suspended from Lok Sabha for "unruly" behaviour in the

House. While many opposition parties have been critical of the bills that seek to replace the IPC, CrPC and the Evidence Act, only a handful of non-NDA members, including

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J&K calls for proactive measures amid concern over new COVID-19 variant

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Wednesday directed all stakeholders to take proactive measures to ensure full preparedness to handle any potential scenarios amid concern over the spread of a new COVID-19 variant in the country, an official said.

The directions were passed by Health and Medical Education Secretary Bhupinder Kumar, who reviewed the Covid situation and preparedness of the public health system across the Union Territory, the official

Though no JN.1 case has

Kashmir valley braces for harshest winter period

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The minimum temperature in Kashmir stayed several degrees below the freezing point as the valley braces for 'Chilla-i-Kalan' -- the 40-day harshest winter period, officials said on Wednesday.

Srinagar city -- the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir -- recorded a low of minus 4.4 degrees Celsius on Tuesday night, down from the previous night's minus 3.7 degree Celsius, the officials said.

in south Pahalgam Kashmir's Anantnag district, which serves as one of the base camps for the annual Amarnath Yatra, recorded a minimum temperature of minus 6.3 degrees Celsius, they said.

The famous ski resort of Gulmarg in Baramulla district recorded a low of minus 4.4 degrees Celsius, the offi-

Qazigund recorded a low of minus 4 degree Celsius, Kokernag town saw the minimum settle at minus 3.3 degrees Celsius

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 WEATHER Max: 21.0°C Max: 81 Max: 9.6°C

Court frames charges against two Ex-DCs, others in Fake gun License scam **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Special Judge CBI

Jammu Bala Joyti today framed charges against Faqir Chand Bhagat the then DC Rajouri, Javed Ahmed Khan the then DC Shopian and Parmod Kumar in fake gun license scam.

Prosecution case is that on the basis of complaint filed by K.K Sharma the then Addl. DG, BSF and on the basis of result of enquiry an FIR came to be registered by CBI. ACB Jammu bearing No. RC 0042017A0004 dated 28.09.2017 and wherein FIR, it is alleged that Pramod Kumar Sharma

Administration to ensure primary

school in every Panchayat: LG

LG Manoj Sinha taking pledge during Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

at Ballian Panchayat in Udhampur on Wednesday.

Governor Manoj Sinha on

Wednesday said that the

administration's mission is to

ensure primary school in

every Panchayat for quality

Joining the Viksit Bharat

education.

'M/S Nav Durga Gun House', Manhas Market Ploura Jammu (J&K) private person, Sukhwinder Singh, Faquir Commandant, Chand, the then District Magistrate Rajouri and unknown persons were part of criminal conspiracy during the year 2013 and in pursuance to said criminal conspiracy Sukhwinder Singh commandant by abusing his official position arranged the meeting of Parmod Kumar Sharma an ex-constable of BSF who is owner of M/S Nav Durga Gun House Jammu persuaded them to get private arms license in

lieu of Rs. 12,000/-each, the amount being higher than the requisite fee on the basis of false and forged documents knowingly using these documents as genuine. It is the case of prosecution that the then District Magistrate Rajouri (Now retired) by misusing his official position, issued all the questioned arms licenses in violation of existing rules and procedures and without due verification prior to issuance of arms license on the basis of false and forged documents. It is also the case of prosecution that constable Parmod Kumar Sharma ear-

Drug peddler booked under PSA

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A suspected drug peddler was arrested under the stringent Public Safety Act and sent to Central Jail-Kot Bhalwal on Wednesday, police said.

Gurdit Singh alias Prince alias Pindi -- a resident of Gangyal -- was wanted for his alleged involvement in drug peddling and other criminal activities, a police official said.

Four cases have been registered against Singh since 2018 under various sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and the Indian Penal Code at various

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lier served in BSF before coming into business of preparation of fake gun license whereas accused No.2 Faquir Chand Bhagat remained posted as District Magistrate (Deputy Commissioner) Rajouri from April 2013-Nov. 2013 Mohd. Aslam Bhatti was performing the duty of Judicial Clerk during his tenure at Rajouri whereas accused Mohd Javed Khan remained posted as District Magistrate (Deputy Commissioner) 'Shopian' and during this period all these accused persons namely Parmod Kumar Sharma

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Lok Sabha

on Wednesday passed three

key bills that seek to overhaul

the criminal justice system,

with Union Home Minister

Amit Shah asserting that the

focus is on delivering speedy

justice rather than handing

Replying to the debate,

tion titled "offences against

down punishment.

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Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link most difficult project: Vaishnaw STATE TIMES NEWS reply in the Lok Sabha.

NEW DELHI: The

Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail (USBRL) project is perhaps the most difficult new railway line project undertaken in the country post-Independence, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Wednesday.

"The USBRL project is perhaps the most difficult new railway line project undertaken in the country post-Independence. The terrain passes through young Himalayas, which are full of geological surprises and numerous problems," Vaishnaw said in a written Vaishnaw was responding

to questions raised by three BJP MPs, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, Bidyut Baran Mahato and Jugal Kishore Sharma, who asked the minister to provide details of the steps taken to extend the Indian Railways network in Jammu and Kashmir and how the said expansion is benefiting local communities and businesses.

"The work of the new line in Jammu and Kashmir is being undertaken under the USBRL project. Out of the total 272 km of the project, 161 km has already

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Atal Dulloo accorded rousing welcome at Srinagar Secretariat



CS Atal Dulloo accorded rousing welcome at Srinagar Secretariat on Wednesday.

Chief

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR:

Secretary, Atal Dulloo was on Wednesday given rousing welcome by hundreds of

employees on reaching Srinagar Civil Secretariat here for the first time after assuming the charge of

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Kheer Bhawani Temple Tullamulla GANDERBAL:

CS pays obeisance at

Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Wednesday evening paid obeisance at Kheer Bhawani Temple Tullamulla, here. CS prayed for peace, pros-

perity, happiness and wellbeing of people. ADDC Additional Ganderbal. Superintendent of Police, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Chief Planning Officer and other officers of Civil administration and Police were present during the visit of the CS to the Mandir.

Police raids 5 locations in Srinagar

Don Dawood dead or alive: Pakistan will neither confirm nor deny

Sankalp Yatra at Ballian

Panchayat in Udhampur, the

Lieutenant Governor empha-

sized on increasing the

female literacy rate and

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ensuring that no

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Panchayats,

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Observing

that every girl child deserves

a good education and it

should be the paramount

goal of community in

JAMMU: Mystery shrouds the 'poisoning' or 'death' of the world's most wanted terrorist and former Mumbai don Dawood Ibrahim in Karachi. Mainstream and social media across the world is agog with different theories and reports over the don's health status and stoic silence of Islamabad has further fueled and deepened the suspense. Reports suggesting the entire floor of a reputed hospital, housing ailing don, having been sanitized, internet services suspended, and security beefed up around the estates of the Mumbai serial bombing mastermind in the rogue country's commercial capital etc speak something fishy. But who will confirm? Those believing Pakistan to come up with facts betray their understanding of diplomacy. Islamabad will never speak a word about Dawood, as this will put Pakistan in dock for having sheltered

the most wanted terrorist on its soil. Therefore, Dawood, dead or alive,

Mysterious killings of wanted terrorists, one after another, by unidentified gunmen has created furor and fear across Pakistan, known as safe haven for unwanted elements. The 'element of fear' among absconding terrorists, mafias and dons in Pakistan or any other country, makes every Indian happy. This is the takeaway from stunning killings.

Pakistan is dumb stuck over mysterious killing of a dozen terrorists on its soil during the past two years, which include self-styled commanders of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Hizbul Mujahideen (HuM), or the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM). In November itself a close aide of Masood Azhar and the LeT's chief recruiter was assassinated despite having 'foolproof' ISI security cover.

They don't speak a word about the killing of Asim Jameel, son of Radical Islamic preacher Maulana Tariq Jameel by 'unknown gunmen' in the Tandlianwala area of Khanewal. Who is killing the terrorists in the terror haven? Nobody in Pakistan is willing to discuss it even India has several times asked

Pakistan to deport the terrorists harboured there but Islamabad continues to remain in denial mode. Dawood Ibrahim tops the list. The creator of syndicate D Company, founded in Mumbai in the 1970, Dawood is believed to be the mastermind of March 1993 bombings in the Mayanagri, which resulted in 257 fatalities and 1,400 injuries in a single day. He has been the kingpin of murders, extortions, targeted killings, drug trafficking and acts of terror. Absconding for nearly three decades, Dawood is credibly under-

stood to be headquartered in Karachi but keeping moving across continents under the tight security of ISI and his personal shooters. Though Islamabad has always denied his presence in Pakistan, veteran cricketer Javed Miandad, father in law of Dawood's daughter, is on record having confirmed about permanent residence of the Mumbai don in Karachi.

Despite repeated Indian pleas, Pakistan is in denial about any 'named terrorist' including Dawood Ibrahim, on its soil. However, the mysterious killing of wanted terrorists, one after another, across Pakistan has baffled Pakistani military junta, ISI and political establishments. The latest episode involving Mumbai don has sent shockwaves in Pakistan's military and civilian establishments. Who knows who is behind Dawood's killing, poisoning, whatever it is? This will always remain under wraps.

in multi-crore investment fraud STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Police has carried out raids at five locations in Srinagar as part of a probe into a multi-crore investment fraud, officials said on Wednesday.

Electronic gadgets and documents were seized during the raids by the cyber wing of the Jammu and Kashmir Police on Tuesday night, they said.

Inspired by the Hindi film 'Phir Hera Pheri', the fraudsters set up a company named 'Curative Survey' in the Karan Nagar area and duped several people of at least Rs 59 crore under the pretext of doubling their investment within two weeks. officials said.

The officials, however, said the amount might increase

as the investigation is still in

Initially, the company made good on its promise which brought in more investors and the scheme was promoted by at least two local YouTubers adding to its pop-

ularity. Soon after, the owners of the company disappeared, officials said, adding that they found the Karan Nagar

office locked. One of the YouTubers, Idris Mir, said he could not be held responsible for the fraud as he had featured the company on his channel as a paid pro-

"It was not only me who did it. There are others as well. We have our own checks to see whether the company is a legal entity. Only then

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Sunrise: 07:24 Hours

Max: 98

Min: 70