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Dr Jitendra addresses IIPA National Convention, UU emphasises citizen's role in decision making

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Committed to utilize abundant resources to foster industrial competitiveness, promote collaboration: LG



LG Manoj Sinha addressing the Special Session on 'Scope of Industry in Jammu Kashmir' at Kolkata on Friday.

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Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said the Jammu and Kashmir government is committed to utilize abundant resources to foster industrial competitiveness and promote collaboration.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, vigorous growth in all the sectors of economy is our mission", the Lieutenant

Governor said while addressing the Special Session on 'Scope of Industry in Jammu Kashmir', organized by the Calcutta Chamber Commerce

He invited the Industry leaders and potential investors to explore the prospects of profitable investments and economic opportunities in J&K.

The Lt Governor highlight-

for long-term future for investments in different sectors," he said. He said the comprehensive

approach of the UT Administration through new industrial scheme is aimed at creating a conducive and dynamic environment for growth in Agriculture, Health & Pharmaceuticals. Manufacturing, Tourism & development, Handicraft & Handloom and IT & Electronics.

Digitalization is one of the top priorities of the government to build e-society and ensure long-term prosperity. Research & Development is another key area with focus on making J&K one of the country's most dynamic R&D locations and strengthen the link between Industry and

The Lt Governor also answered the queries

ADGP Vijay Kumar gets Addl charge of Director ACB J&K

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JAMMU: The government assigned additional charge of the Director, Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB), J&KDirector Additional of Police (ADGP) Law and Order, Vijay Kumar, on Friday.

"In the interest of administration, it is ordered that Kumar, IPS (RR:97), Additional Director General Police (Law & Order), J&K, shall also hold the charge of the post of Director, Anti Corruption Bureau, J&K, in addition to his own duties, till further orders. relieving Anand Jain, IPS (RR:99), Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, of additional charge of the said post," reads an order issued by Verma, Commissioner Secretary General Administration

Search ops underway in Poonch; GoC, NIA team visit Ground Zero **STATE TIMES NEWS**

POONCH: Security forces Friday launched a massive cordon and search operation in the forest area of Poonch district and a National Investigation Agency team also visited there, a day after five army personnel were martyred and two others injured in a terrorist attack.

The General officer Commanding (GoC), XVI corps, Lt Gen Sandeep Jain visited Ground Zero and reviewed the situation with top army and police officers, officials said.

"Indian Army and White knight Corps salutes the bravery and supreme sacrifice of four soldiers in Surankote on yesterday while fighting the scourge of terrorism", White Knight Corps, or XVI corps, wrote

An official said aerial monitoring using helicopters is also being conducted

es, reduce case backlogs and

provide timely justice to

Chief Justice pledged to

provide all facilities to the

Lady Advocates in all the

subordinate courts of UTs of

J&K and Ladakh. He

impressed upon them to put

those in need.

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attack at Dhatyar Morh, between Dhera Ki Gali and Bufliaz, under the jurisdiction of the Surankote police station, the offi cials said. They said Safeer Hussain (43), Mohammad Showket (27) and Shabir Ahmad (32), all residents of Topa Peer village of

Three men found dead under mysterious

circumstances near encounter site

POONCH: Three men were found dead under suspicious cir

cumstances on Friday near the site of an ambush by terror-

ists on two Army vehicles in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch

district that left five soldiers martyred and two injured the

The deceased were among the eight people reportedly picked

up by the Army for questioning in connection with Thursday's

Bufliaz, died under mysterious ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Security experts call for strengthening of

intelligence network, LoC management in Rajouri-Poonch belt

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previous day, officials said.

JAMMU: Security and defence experts have called for immediate strengthening of the security management and intelligence network along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu region, which witnessed the killing of 59 people, including 24 security personnel and 28 terrorists, in terror incidents this

forth their suggestions in advancing and upgrading the A day after five soldiers infrastructure of subordinate were killed and two injured courts of J&K and Ladakh. when heavily armed terrorists ambushed two Army Chief Justice expressed gratitude to the Registry of vehicles in the border district High Court and all officers of of Poonch, they expressed R&B involved in time bound concern over the increasing footprints of terrorists in the

region.

Lt Gen Paramjit Singh (retd), who headed the Nagrota-based XVI corps of the army, acknowledged that the terrain where the incident took place is a difficult one. "But having said that one needs to be prepared for all eventualities," he said.

He said it was time for the top brass in the corps to go back to the drawing board and analyse the continuous "reverses" being witnessed in the area.

"This area also has an unholy nexus between smugglers, drug cartels and people in the system. There

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Asks Abdullah to stop spreading anti-national narrative the Army jawans, martyred in Poonch terror attack,

Chugh pays homage to martyrs

of Poonch terror attack



STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: BJP National

General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Friday asked former J&K Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah to stop spreading anti-national nar-

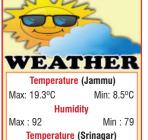
While paying his homage to Slight improvement in minimum temperature in Kashmir

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: There was a slight improvement in the minimum temperature across Kashmir on Friday -the second day of the Valley's $\,$ harshest winter period 'Chilla-i-Kalan' -- providing relief to the residents from the intense cold, officials said. The summer capital of Srinagar recorded a low of minus 3.3 degrees Celsius on Wednesday night, a notch up from the previous night, they

Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, which serves as one of the base camps for the annual Amarnath Yatra, recorded a minimum temperature of minus 4.8 degrees Celsius. also a notch up from the previous night, they said.

The famous ski resort of Gulmarg in Baramulla district recorded a low of minus 1.0 degrees Celsius, an improvement of two degrees from the previous night, the officials said. The resort was the warmest place in the Kashmir valley -- warmer

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Max: 7.6°C Min: 76 Max: 98 Sunset: 17:21 Hours

Sunrise: 07:25 Hours

Chugh said instead of standing by the armed forces, Farooq seems to be advocate of terrorists through his social media messages. Chugh said Pakistan spon-

sored forces would be decisively defeated in Jammu and Kashmir, but it is time Abdullahs, Muftis and Gandhis stop supporting

He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has turned a new leaf in J&K following which people here have started looking for peace and

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after Parliament gave

its nod to the three new

criminal justice laws,

Union Home Minister

Amit Shah on Friday

said that by December

2024, all Union territo-

ries in the country will

be ready to implement

He also said that by

all review meetings for the

implementation of the three

laws across the Union terri-

January 31 next year,

tories will be completed.

the new laws.

CHANDIGARH: A day

"J&K UT now adheres to the norm of red carpet and not red tape to ensure safety and growth of investment. ease of doing business, ease of living and a robust govern-

dented transformation in Jammu Kashmir, opportunities in various sectors, appropriate policies for investors, economic growth and employment generation in the Union Territory.

Academia, he said.

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HC Complex Srinagar gets exclusive Ladies Bar Room

CJ assures all facilities to Lady Advocates in subordinate courts of J&K, Ladakh

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SRINAGAR: The High Court complex, Srinagar, got an exclusive Ladies Bar Room with its formal inauguration by Chief Justice of High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, in presence of his companion Judges, Advocate General, members of Bar and officers of the Registry here on Friday.

While inaugurating the vital facility, Chief Justice emphasized the role and importance of Lady lawyers in a robust judicial system in

All UTs to be ready to implement new criminal

justice laws by Dec 2024: Amit Shah

have all the necessary infra-

structure, software, trained

human resources, and com-

pletely computerised courts



Room at High Court complex, Srinagar on Friday.

ensuring the Rule of Law and safeguarding the rights of the citizens

"By December next year, to readily implement the

the UTs of our nation will three newly passed criminal

Chief Justice applauded

justice system laws,"

The Union minister

later reviewed the func-

tioning of the UT

Chandigarh administra-

tion and took stock of the

available infrastructure

to implement the three

While Lok Sabha

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passed the Bharatiya

Nyaya (Second) Sanhita, the

Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha

Shah said here.

laws here.

the role of Lady Lawyers in the administration of justice and their contribution in

injured as mortar shell explodes

STATE TIMÉS NEWS SAMBA: A man was killed and another suffered injuries when a mortar shell exploded in Samba district on Friday

evening, officials said. Some persons were fiddling with an old mortar shell after picking it up from a forest area, resulting in the explosion in Sumb area, they said. The injured person has

hospitalised, police been Senior Samba Superintendent of Police

(SSP) Benam Tosh said it is a matter related to

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STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR:

completion of the project.

Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Friday said that the Ease of Doing Business (EODB) is a top priority of the government of Jammu and Kashmir to strengthen the industrial ecosystem in the

He made these remarks during an interaction with delegates and participants from various Trade and Travel Bodies in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that government is committed towards ease of doing business (EODB) in its true spirit and has taken



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo interacting with delegates of Trade and Travel Bodies at Srinagar

slew of measures to promote business in the UT besides providing ease of doing busiwith the required approvals.

heads and representatives from different Tour, Travel and Industrial Bodies presented a spectrum of issues before the Chief Secretary.

During the interaction, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Invite to Sonia from Ayodhya; Cong arrogance refuses to die down

(Second) Sanhita and

RAJ DALUJA

JAMMU: Finally, the first citizen of the Nehru-Gandhi clan Sonia, along with the Congress President Malikarjun Kharge and former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh have got the invitation to pay obeisance and participate in the consecration ceremony of Ram Mandir at Ayodhya on January 22, 2024. Normally, the invite should have put to rest 'the hue and cry' raised by most of the allies of INDI Alliance for not having been invited to the event, but the Congress would not let it go so immediately, reason being its inherent arrogance. The Congress is always after one or the other excuse to undermine Sanatan Dharma.

Congress leader Digvijay Singh has been 'kind enough' to react to the invitation and to say, Either she (Sonia Gandhi) will go or a delegation from her side will be attending the ceremony". It is sheer arrogance-the arrogance that has made the grand old party to lick the dust after being thrown out of power. Wolves may lose their teeth but not their nature. In a split second Diggy Raja undermined the invitation as if it had been extended to participate in some social gathering or a fashion show. They can not appreciate the sensitivity involved in the ceremony--an unscheduled Diwali

for Hindus in India and abroad.

That the Congress had scant regard for Lord Ram is evident from the affidavit filed in the Supreme Court by its government at the Centre on September 13, 2017 in a case related to Sethusamudram Project (Ram Setu), saying, "Valmiki Ramavana and Ramcharitmanas admittedly form an important part of ancient Indian literature, but these cannot be said to be historical records to incontrovertibly prove the existence of the characters and occurrences of events depicted

During the hearing of the Ram Mandir Case, a good number of lawyers affiliated to the Congress appeared for defendants. There is nothing bad or unethical for professionals to take up cases but perception matters a lot in politics. The Ayodhya case had taken extreme political dimensions with for temples and instead school or hospital should be constructed at the revered site of over a billion

have political and electoral repercussions'.

some politicians observing that there was no need Public memory is still afresh how Senior Advocate Kapil Sibbal, a senior Congress leader, appearing for Sunni Wakf Board, sought postponement of the Ram Janmbhoomi-Babri Masjid case after 2019

The other invitee to the Ram Janambhoomi Kharge, is on tape, released by the arch rivals BJP, suggesting that his (Prime Minister Narendra Modi) win in the elections would lead to the dominance of Sanatan Dharma and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. The INDI Alliance part ners-from DMK to Samajwadi Party-and Karnataka Minister Priyank Kharge (son of the present Congress President) to Member Parliament Kartik Chidambaram (son of former Home Minister P Chidambaram) are day in and day out 'ridiculing Sanatan Dharma. This being the mindset, how can the Congress claim to be sympathetic to the majority Hindus of India or their sentiments? First Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru had opposed President Rajendra Prasad's decision to attend the installation ceremony of Somnath Shivlinga on May 11, 1951. Nehru's plank was that such an act by the President of India would not be in keeping with India's policy of secularism. However, Rajendra Prasad had stuck to his decision to go there and open the temple formally. Pseudo-secularism has been the Mantra of

Will history repeat with the first citizen of the Lok Sabha elections, 'as the final verdict would Congress Sonia Gandhi preferring not to visit Avodhya?

Rare, ancient sculptors of Lord Shiva, Goddess Indrani found in Bhour Camp

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JAMMU: The Department of Archives, Archaeology and Museums on Friday has

rare ancient sculptors here in the Bhour Camp area.

As per the officials, the department was informed through sources about the existence of rare sculptures unearthed in the Bhour Camp area.

Accordingly, a team of the department, Archaeology under the guidance and supervision of Director Archives, Archaeology and Museums Pardeep Kumar, visited the site on December 19, 2023. The possession of the sculptures was taken by the team as per the provision of J&K c Act 1954.

Assistant Archaeology, Dr. Sangeeta

The team was led by



Joginder Kumar & Ashok Kumar

As per the preliminary findings it has been found that the sculptures are very rare dating back to 12th century A.D. These sculptures depict the human form of Goddess Indrani measuring 28"x 13.5" weighing

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