Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

10 Traffic advisory for New Year UL celebration

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Judicial Academy organizes workshop on 'Civil Trials' for Civil Judges

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J&K UT Rollball Championship concludes

POLITICAL RESOLUTION

BJP resolves to strive for majority in LA, its Chief Minister in J&K



Presidents, Vistaraks at party headquarter in Jammu on Saturday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party on Saturday resolved to strive for absolute majoriin the Legislative Assembly and to have a BJP Chief Minister in Jammu and Kashmir.

In an elaborate 18-point political agenda adopted at a meeting, the BJP also resolved that there should be no talks with Pakistan or the agents of Pakistan, including

the persons or organizations, which are 'preponders' or supporters of separatism in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Terror and talks cannot go together", the resolution says, adding that while the party will support all measures required to curb terrorism in J&K, it will reach out to the people and win their hearts and minds.

The resolution added that the BJP Government in J&K will work to instill the feeling of confidence and peace in the masses and to promote nationalistic spirit to fight terror supporters and those promoting separatism.

The resolution observed that though normalcy is fast returning to Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan is still trying to destabilize the Union Territory by subversive activities and unleashing a

Modi has given J&K a new sunrise; Abdullahs, Muftis must stop nefarious designs: Chugh

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Saturday said that the Viksit Bharat Sankalap Yatra would usher in a new era of welfare schemes for Jammu and

Addressing a meeting of the BJP office bearers here, Chugh said while cards for Rs 5 lakh insurance of every citizen would be distributed during the Yatra in J&K, at the same time new forms would be circulated among new beneficiaries of various schemes launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Chugh said a fresh wind of change has started in J&K where common man's interests and needs are being taken care of. In the past, he said, Abdullahs, Muftis

BJP will sweep LS polls in J&K: Raina

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP, under State President Ravinder Raina, held 1-day convention of state office bearers, District Prabharis, District and Morcha Presidents, and Vistaraks at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, on

BJP National General Secretary and J&K Prabhari Tarun Chugh, National Secretary Dr. Narinder Singh, General Secretary (org.) Ashok Koul, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, former MP Shamsher Singh Manhas, former minister Sat Sharma, general secretaries Vibodh Gupta and Dr. Devinder Manyal ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Sinha pledges to ensure sensitive, caring government machinery at all levels

JAMMU: Taking appraisal of the grievances received on JKIGRAMS, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday directed the officials for effective, efficient and speedy action on complaints and concerns of citizens.

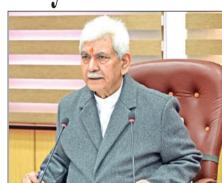
"It is my solemn pledge to ensure sensitive and caring government machinery at all levels to enhance overall well-being of common man," the Lt Governor said while interacting with citizens, through video conferencing during "LG's Mulaqaat"- Live Public Grievance Hearing programme, at the Civil Secretariat.

He said the focus of the administration on timely delivery of services, transparent and accountable system to address complaints promptly will prepare today's governance for tomorrow's challenge.

"We are ensuring citizens are heard and poorest of the poor enjoy the fruits of growth and get access to a life of dignity," the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor also commended the exemplary participation of youth, women, farmers, PRIs and officials in Viksit Bharat Sankalp

Responding to the complaint of Nazir Ahmad Dar from Wachi, Shopian pertaining to the completion of the work on Borewell in his locality, the Lt Governor directed the concerned officials to take a comprehensive



LG Manoj Sinha interacting with citizens through video conferencing during LG's Mulaqaat programme on Saturday.

review of optimal performance of borewells across the UT to ensure that people do not face any inconvenience in this regard.

On the grievance of complainant namely Bashir Ahmed, a resident of Parnote B, Ramban regarding the shortage of teaching staff in a primary school in his village, the Lt Governor directed the School Education Department to take concrete measures for the rationalization of teachers in schools and submit a report within 15 days. Rubaya Akhter from Kokernag, Anantnag expressed

LG hands over appointment letter to wife of Martyr Hav Abdul Majid



wife of Martyr Hav Abdul Majid.

STATE TIMES NEWS

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on handed over appointment letter to Sagera Bi, wife of martyr Havaldar

Police destroys

drugs worth crores

quantity of seized drugs

worth crores of rupees was

destroyed in Baramulla dis-

trict on Saturday, police

The district-level drug dis-

posal committee, Baramulla,

under the chairmanship of

SSP Amod Ashok Nagpure destroyed the seized drugs

and psychotropic substances

under section 52A (disposal

of seized narcotic drugs) of

the NDPS Act, a police

The seized contraband sub-

stances of 27 cases of police

stations in Uri, Boniyar,

Pattan, Kreeri, Kunzer and

Tangmarg of the north

Kashmir district were

destroyed, the spokesman

He said the seized sub-

stances included 6.30 kg of heroin, 63.41 kg of poppy straw, 207 gm of ganja, 652

gm of cannabis, 600 gm of

cannabis powder, 3.95 kg of

bang bosa, 953 gm of charas,

1.12 kg of charas powder

and 127 gm of fukki worth

WEATHER

Sunset: 17:26 Hours

Sunrise: 07:28 Hours

Max: 18.0°C

Max: 92

Max: 8.0°C

Max: 99

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Min: 76

crores of rupees. The

spokesman said.

STATE TIMES NEWS BARAMULLA: A huge Abdul Majid, Bhawan. The family members of the martyr were also present. The Lt Governor paid homage to the

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Not possible for all to reach Ayodhya on Jan 22; light Ram Jyotis at homes, visit later: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS

AYODHYA : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said while people are eager to come to Ayodhya on January 22 for the Ram temple consecration ceremony, it is not possible for everyone to reach the holy city on the day and they should visit later on according to their convenience. Addressing a public rally here after

inaugurating and laying the foundation stone of development projects worth more than Rs 15,700 crore, Modi said only those who have been invited should come for the event on the day.

"It is my 'karbaddh prarthana' (prayer with folded hands) because everyone wishes that they (people) themselves come to Ayodhya to witness the event on January 22. But you also know that it is not possible for everyone to come," he

"It is very difficult for everyone to reach Ayodhya (on that day). Therefore,



it is requested with folded hands to the devotees of (Lord) Ram across the country, and especially the devotees of (Lord) Ram from Uttar Pradesh, that after the programme is over with full rituals on January 22, they can come to Ayodhya after January 23 as per their convenience. Do not make up your mind to come to Ayodhya on January 22," Modi

He also said it was not possible for all to reach the city due to security reasons. "We devotees cannot do anything to

cause trouble to Prabhu Ram Ji. Prabhu Shri Ram ji is coming, so let us also wait for a few days. If you have waited for 550 years, then wait for a few more days. Therefore, from the point of view of security and arrangement, it is my repeated request to you all."

He said once the temple is open, people can have the 'darshan' of Lord Ram as per their time and convenience.

"You can have the 'darshan' of Lord Ram for centuries in Ayodhya's 'navya' ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Judges be allowed to decide on taking up post-retirement assignments: Justice Kaul bunals. People accept such

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: With opinions sharply divided over whether former judges of constitutional courts should take up post-retirement government assignments, exjudge of the Supreme Court Sanjay Kishan Kaul has expressed the view that those offered such employment should be allowed to take a

"Leave it to the constitutional court judge to decide what he wants to do," Justice Kaul said in an interview with PTI on Friday.

"There are two kinds of posts. One is tribunals where assignments. There is nothing wrong in it because that is how it has to happen," he

An apex court bench headed by Justice Kaul had in September 2023 dismissed a public interest litigation seeking a mandatory coolingoff period of two years for the retired judges before they accept such assignments. The bench had said it is not for the apex court to either stop a retired judge from accepting a post-retirement offer or to direct Parliament to frame a specific law to that effect.

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Committed to wipe out terrorism from Rajouri-Poonch belt: DGP



Director General of Police RR Swain addressing press conference at PHQ, Jammu on Saturday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Admitting to the presence of foreign terrorists Poonch belt, General of Police RR Swain on Saturday said security

'55 foreign terrorists among 76 neutralised in J&K in 2023'

JAMMU: A total of 76 terrorists, including 55 foreigners, were neutralised, 291 terrorist associates arrested and 201 overground workers booked under the Public Safety Act in Jammu and Kashmir this year, Director General of Police R R Swain said on Saturday.

Swain further said that only 31 local terrorists an all time ow - are left in the Union Territory, while the recruitment of locals into militancy has witnessed a drop of 80 per cent this year. "In 48 anti-terrorist operations, we have neutralised 76 terrorists, including 55 foreigners. The trend of foreign terrorists getting killed more starting ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

wiping out terrorism from the south of the Pir Panjal

The terrorists are operat-

the forests, with the support of some locals whose numbers are "very very limited",

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Second Vande Bharat Train for Katra to provide ease of travel to devotees, greater comfort to citizens: LG

PRADESH/ UTTAR KATRA: Describing this day as the historic day for Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said that the second Vande Bharat Train for Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra- New Delhi route will provide ease of travel to devotees and greater comfort for the citizens.

The Lieutenant Governor stated this while joining along with Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State, PMO the flag-off ceremony of the second Vande Bharat Train for Shri Mata



LG Manoj Sinha attending flag-off ceremony of 2nd Vande Bharat Train for Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra- New Delhi route at Katra Railway Station.

Vaishno Devi Katra- New Delhi Route by Prime Minister Narendra Modi through virtual mode from

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Railway Station. On

Fog cover reduces in Kashmir, minimum temperature improves

SRINAGAR: There was some relief from dense fog and intense cold conditions for people in Kashmir on Saturday as the mercury and visibility improved due to the impact of a feeble western disturbance, officials said The minimum temperature

across Kashmir improved a bit but still settled below the freezing point, they said. In Srinagar, it was recorded at minus 2.8 degrees Celsius up from the previous night's minus 3.3 degrees Celsius, they added.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district recorded a minimum temperature of minus 4.1 degrees Celsius on Thursday night -up from minus 5.4 degrees



Celsius the previous night, the officials said.

Gulmarg, a famous skiresort in Baramulla, recorded a low of minus 2.5 degrees

Qazigund recorded a low of minus 2.0 degrees Celsius, an improvement of over two

degrees, Kokernag town

minus 1.3 degrees Celsius and Kupwara minus 2.3 degrees Celsius, the officials

Kashmir is currently in the grip of the "Chilla-i-Kalan", a 40-day harsh winter period, when temperatures drop considerably leading to the

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STATE TIMES NEWS AHMEDABAD:

Home Minister Amit Shah said on Saturday that the consecration of Lord Ram's idol on January 22 and the beginning of India's Amrit Kaal' are not a mere coincidence but a sign that the country will rise to prominence on the world stage in the next 25 years.

Amrit Kaal, which roughly translates to golden era', refers to the 25-year period from 75 years to 100 years of India's independence.

About the grand event in Ayodhya next month, Shah said for several years, the country was unable to reconstruct the "holy place where Lord Ram was born and was destroyed 550 years ago". Over the years, Shah said,



Consecration of Lord Ram idol, sign of

India's rise: Amit Shah

Swaminarayan Gurukul Vishwavidya Pratishthanam in Ahmedabad on Saturday

"(Court) cases were made complicated and delayed.

Home Minister Amit Shah during Smriti Mahotsav at

many saints performed various kinds of penances and offered prayers for this country to awaken itself and return to its "age-old, eternal culture", but it was not hap-

January 22, Ram Lalla will sit in his house again," he said while addressing the

Then a government was

formed under the leadership

of Narendrabhai, and with

the blessings and inspira-

tions of saints, all the paths

became smooth, and on

Shri Purani Swami Smruti Mahotsav organised by Swaminarayan Gurukul Vishwavidya Pratishthanam (SGVP) here. "And it cannot be a coincidence that the restoration of

Ram Lalla in his home and the beginning of India's Amrit Kaal are happening together. It is not a coincidence, it is nature's sign that India is going to be on top (on the world stage) in the 25 years of its Amrit Kaal," he

The idol of Lord Ram will be installed in the Ayodhya temple at an auspicious time in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 22.

Shah said Ram Lalla will enter his house at a

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