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BJP's Assembly vote share higher than UU ruling party in J&K: Dr Jitendra

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36th JK UT Senior Volleyball Championship in full swing, QFs stage drawn

Our Govt strengthening Constitution, Cong repeatedly mutilated it after tasting blood: Modi

DELHI: Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday accused the Congress of repeatedly mutilating the Constitution, having "tasted blood" in its "greed" for power, as he asserted that his government's policies and decisions since 2014 have been aimed at boosting India's strength and unity in line with the vision of the Constitution.

Replying to a two-day discussion in the Lok Sabha on "The glorious journey of 75 years of the Constitution of India", he claimed that destroying the spirit of the Constitution is in the veins of the Congress, while his government holds its sacredness and integrity paramount.

With the opposition INDIA bloc running a campaign against his government for its alleged bid to weaken and change the Constitution. Modi put up a stout defence of his commitment to the



He said leaders like him and many others coming from ordinary families could never have reached where they did but for the strength of the Constitution, as he underlined his long adherence to its values.

"Our Constitution is the basis of our unity," he said, emphasising that unity is the

requirement to biggest achieve the goal of India

> try by 2047. He wrapped up his over 110-minute speech proposing 11 resolutions aimed at shaping India's future, including upholding existing reservations for marginalised sections and ruling out any religion-based quota.

> becoming a developed coun-

He said the Constituent

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: 'Shubhra Bhawan',

a state-of-the-art multi-utili-

ty complex with top-notch

amenities to pilgrims visiting

Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine

atop Trikuta hills in Jammu

and Kashmir's Reasi district.

will be dedicated to public

next week, an official said on

The newly constructed

facility, spans 18,000 square

feet and completed at a cost

of Rs 6.50 crore, is all set to

Sinha, who is also the chair-

inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor Manoj

Saturday.

Among Modi's 11 resolutions: Upholding

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday proposed 11 resolutions which include upholding existing reservations for marginalised sections but strongly opposing

Replying to a two-day debate in Lok Sabha on the 'Glorious Journey of 75 Years of the Constitution of India', Modi said the Constituent Assembly had decided against religion-based reservations after a thorough discussion, and alleged the

The 11 resolutions proposed by Modi towards the end of his over 110-minute speech also included a call for an end to dynastic politics, promoting meritocracy over nepotism in governance and a pledge for having zero tolerance to corrup-

The Prime Minister said these resolutions are aimed a

But Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav termed the 11 reso

"Today, we heard resolution of 11 'jumlas'. Doubling the income of farmers was jumla, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Assembly had taken a considered decision against religion-based reservation, but the Congress has been push-

bank, an apparent reference to Muslims. The 11 resolutions included a call for ending dynastic politics,

Amit Shah to chair high-level security meeting on J&K on December 19

almost five months after

Shah chaired a similar

high-level review meeting

on security scenario in

Jammu and Kashmir here

in the national capital on

The meeting is signifi-

June 16.

JAMMU: Union Home Minister Amit Shah is likely to chair a high-level security meeting in the national capital December 19, official sources said on Saturday.

The officials, privy to the development, told that the meeting will primarily focus on critical security issues, with a special emphasis on the situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha will also attend the meeting, which aims to review strategies to ensure peace and stability in Jammu and Kashmir, according to a national news agency.

Security National Advisor Ajit Doval, Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan, Director, of Intelligence Bureau Tapan Senior Army Officers including Chief of

tional route of the holy pil-

grimage, the Shubhra

Bhawan is the latest addition

to the shrine board's ongoing

efforts to enhance the com-

fort and convenience of devo-

tees visiting the revered

It offers a comprehensive range of amenities, including

a spacious 200-capacity wait-

ing lounge, a mothers' room,

a centralized information

and registration centre, sou-

venir shop, refreshment

kiosks, Bank and Water

ATMs and 18 modern resi-

dential quarters for the

cant in terms of Prime Staff General Upendra Dwivedi, Director Minister Narendra Modi-General of CAPFs, Chief led Central government's Secretary, DGP of Jammu committed to set an examand Kashmir and other ple by cracking down on terrorists through innovasenior officers are expected to attend the meeting tive means. In the previous meeting, which is being arranged

the Home Minister had directed security agencies to replicate the successes achieved in Kashmir valley through an area domination plan and zero terror plan in the Jammu divi-

Subsidised helicopter service approved for Jammu-Mendhar route

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a significant development for the people of Mendhar sector in Poonch district, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs has accorded approval to a new subsidized helicopter route connecting Jammu-Poonch-Mendhar with an additional option of Jammu-Mendhar-Jammu route.

An official communication from the MHA states, "The proposal of the UT of J&K to operate the Subsidized Helicopter services on new route of Jammu-Poonch-Mendhar with additional option of Jammu-Mendhar-Jammu has been examined

L K Advani admitted in ICU, condition stable

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Veteran BJF leader Lal Krishna Advani has been admitted in the



ICU of Indraprastha Apollo

"LK Advani ji, former deputy prime minister of India, has been admitted to the ICU of Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals for medical management and investigations," the hospital said in a statement.

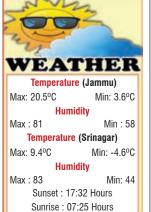
"He is under the care of Dr Vinit Suri and is currently stable." it added.

Suri is a senior consultant in the neurology department.

The hospital, however, did not disclose any information on the reason for his hospi-

A source said the 96-yearold was brought to the hospital about two days ago.

He had been admitted to the same hospital earlier this



in consultation with IFD and this Department has no objection for aforesaid

The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has been advised to claim the subsidy from the MHA within the approved budget allo-

Department, connecting remote area of Mendhar directly with the winter capital Jammu.

This decision follows a prosubmitted Secretary, Civil Aviation Mohammad Aijaz Asad for

In a statement, Aijaz Asad stated that the

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existing reservations, no to religion-based quota

any religion-based quota.

Congress is now promising it to appease its vote bank.

shaping India's future.

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near Mata Vaishno Devi shrine

▶ LG to inaugurate facility on Dec 18 €

ing for it to appease its vote

SMVDSB completes 'Shubhra Bhawan'

CIK conducts raids in J&K, searches Anantnag Jail in terror case investigation



STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: The Counter

Intelligence Kashmir (CIK) wing of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday conducted raids at multiple locations, including the district jail in Anantnag, in a terror-

in two terror-related cases

related case, officials said.

The CIK along with local police carried out searches at several sites across the union territory as a part of an ongoing investigation, they said. In south

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18, the official said man of the Shri Mata Implement strict measures to prevent unauthorized extraction, transportation of minerals: Dy CM

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: While emphasizing the urgent need to curb illegal mining in the region, the Deputy Chief Minister on Saturday directed the officials to implement strict measures to prevent unauthorised extraction and transportation of minerals.

The Deputy Chief Minister was chairing a high level review meeting of the Mining Department (Kashmir Division) today at the Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

MLAs Anantnag West, Majid Larmi, Sonawari, Hilal Lone and Chanapora Mushtaq Guru were also

present in the meeting The meeting was also

attended Commissioner/Secretary Department; Mining ${\bf Geology}$ J&K;Special Mining, Mining Secretary. Department; Joint Director, Geology and Mining (Kashmir) and all District Mineral Officers (DMOs) of Kashmir division.

The Deputy Chief Minister called for increased vigilance through deployment of modern technology, such as GPSenabled vehicles, CCTV sur-

asked the officials to conduct frequent and surprise inspection of mining sites to detect and deter illegal activities.

Vaishno Devi Shrine Board

(SMVDSB), on December

He emphasised the need for accurate and real time data entry on the e-market web portal to ensure all quantities extracted are properly accounted for. He stressed the importance of close collaboration between the Mining Department and law enforcement agencies to take swift action against illegal miners and transporters.

"Department launch awareness campaigns in local communities to

Night temperature dips in most parts of Kashmir

Located at Banganga

about half a kilometer from

Darshani Deodi, the conven-

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The minimum temperature dropped in most places in Kashmir on Saturday, with the Met office forecasting a cold wave in several places in the valley during the next three days. Srinagar city recorded a minimum temperature of minus 4.6 degrees Celsius -more than two notches lower than the previous night.

Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 7.6 degrees Celsius -up two degrees from the night before.

Pahalgam, which serves as the base camp for the annual Amarnath Yatra, recorded a

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Pak-based terrorist among 7 chargesheeted

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Seven people including a Pakistan-based terrorist, were chargesheeted by police in two separate militancy-related cases in the Doda district, a senior police officer said on Saturday.

The chargesheets were filed against the accused in the NIA court in Doda on Friday. Senior Superintendent of Police, Doda, Sandeep Mehta said, reaffirming the resolve of police to maintain peace and security by taking "decisive action" against those involved in unlawful activities and ensuring that perpe-

NIA files chargesheet against man nabbed in terror attack case in Reasi

JAMMU: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday filed a chargesheet against a person in a case related to a terrorist attack in June in Reasi district on a bus returning from Shiv Khori carrying pilgrims.

Nine people were killed and 41 pilgrims injured when terrorists opened fire on the bus near Jhandi Morh in Ransoo area of the district on June 9. The bus veered off the road following the attack and plunged into a gorge.

In its chargesheet filed before the NIA Special Court Jammu, the agency charged Hakam Khan alias 'Hakim Din' under various sections of Indian Penal Code and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, the federal **CONTD ON PAGE 9**

The officer said all the seven accused have "covertly or overtly" supported the terrorist groups in the hilly district by providing them food and other logistic things.

Special teams reach Jammu to assist in probe over 7 mysterious deaths in Rajouri

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Special teams of experts from three premier health institutions have reached here from different parts of the country to help in the ongoing investigations into the recent death of seven persons belonging to two families in a remote village in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, a senior doctor said on Saturday.

Seven persons -- a man and his four children, and two other siblings of another couple -- died in Badhaal village in Kotranka in two separate incidents on December 8 and 12 with the officials suspecting food poisoning as the cause of their mysterious death.

done to reach the conclusion (on the cause of the deaths). Team of experts from the Institute of Pune, PGI National Virology, Chandigarh and National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Delhi, have arrived here to assist in the investigations." Government Medical College (GMC) Principal Dr Ashutosh Gupta told reporters here.

required to finalize whether the deaths were caused by a virus outbreak or some tox-Dr Gupta, however, said

He said some more time is

trol and there is no need to panic. "A combined team of

veillance at mining sites low of minus 8.4 Justice Tashi Rabstan inaugurates 4th National Lok Adalat at Poonch

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: With the aim of resolving and providing quick, affordable as well as hassle free resolution of disas mandated under Constitution of India, the 4th and final National Lok Adalat of the calendar year 2024 was held on Saturday throughout the U.T of J&K under the patronage of Justice Tashi Rabstan, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh (Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority) and dynamic mentorship of Justice Sreedharan, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authorityasalso under the guidance Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Chairperson, High Court Legal

Services Committee. The Chief Justice, accompanied by Shahzad Azeem, Registrar General, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, and Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, inaugurated the National Lok Adalat at the District Court



at Poonch on Saturday.

Complex, Poonch. Upon his arrival, the Chief Justice was warmly welcomed by Ashwani Sharma, Principal

Vikas Kundal, Deputy Commissioner, Poonch; Superintendent of Police, Poonch;

2,33,048 cases settled across J&K

District and Sessions Judge, Poonch; Ahsan Ullah Parvez Malik, Additional District Judge, Poonch;

and Sarfaraz Nawaz, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Poonch.

In a gesture of appreciation, the

edging his unwavering commitment to justice delivery and his exemplary leadership in advancing alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. A ceremonial guard of honour was also accorded to the Chief Justice, marking the occasion with grandeur and During the Lok Adalat, Chief Justice inspected different benches

Poonch, along with Bar members,

felicitated the Chief Justice, acknowl-

and interacted with the Presiding officers, members of the benches, Advocates and litigants. While addressing a gathering, Justice Tashi Rabstan underscored the pivotal role of mediation and ADR mechanisms in the justice delivery system, highlighting their cost-effectiveness and ability to preserve relationships. Emphasizing the importance of deciding the matters of family disputes at the earliest, especially those of custody, he stated, "Child custody cases require ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

"Our preliminary investigation points to viral infection but more work needs to be

things are totally under con-

experts has been formed to carry forward the

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