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J&K clinches 62nd National Roller Skating Championship for 6th time

Improving transparency, efficiency of all services

LG reiterates SMVDSB's commitment to offer enriching experience to pilgrims

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday reiterated the commitment of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) to offer enriching experience to the visiting pilgrims by improving transparency and efficiency of all

Chairing the 73rd Meeting of SMVDSB at Raj Bhawan, the Lieutenant Governor. who is its Chairman, directed for detailed analyses of the services, security and disaster management: strengthening of mobile connectivity and enhancing pilgrim feedback mechanism.

The meeting was attended by Members of the Board. Mahamandleshwar Swami Vishveshvaranand Maharaj; Baleshwar Rai, Dr Ashok Bhan, Kul Bhushan Ahuja, Dr Neelam Sareen, K.K Sharma, Suresh Kumar



LG Manoj Sinha chairing 73rd Meeting of SMVDSB at Raj Bhawan on Wednesday.

>> LG chairs 73rd Meeting of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board; inaugurates various pilgrims-centric facilities

Dedicates 'Shubhra Bhawan' at Banganga; Yatri Facilitation Centre at Railway Station Katra to devotees; lays e-foundation stone for new Exit Track at Bhawan

Sharma and Raghu K. Mehta.

Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari. Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor and Anshul Garg, SMVDSB also attended the meeting.

sidelines of the On the meeting, the Lieutenant Railway Station Katra and

Governor inaugurated and dedicated various pilgrimscentric facilities including Yatri Facilitation Centre at

Accommodation Complex (Shubhra Bhawan) at Banganga.

He laid e-foundation stone of the new Exit Track at Bhawan aimed at decongesting the Bhawan area and also launched Digital initiatives of the Shrine Board including ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) system and AI-enabled Chatbot "Shakti" on the official website of the Board. Panchang Calendar 2025 and diary of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board were also released.

The Board held comprehensive and critical review of its past decisions, ratified the actions taken after its last Meeting and took several new decisions against 25 key Agenda Items having far reaching implications for functioning of the Board

Former DySP, 5 others suffocate to death as fire erupts in house

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA/JAMMU: A for mer Deputy Superintendent of Police and his three-yearold grandson were among six people who suffocated to death when their rented accommodation caught fire in Kathua district early on

Wednesday, an official said. Four other people injured in the incident were undergo-

ing treatment in a hospital. According to police, locals noticed the house on fire around 2:30 am and rushed to rescue its occupants. The house was filled with thick smoke, suffocating its occupants in their sleep, they

The victims were shifted to the Government Medical College (GMC) Hospital in Kathua where six of them. including two minors, were declared 'brought dead', officials said.

The deceased have been identified as 81-year-old

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CM expresses grief, assures best treatment for injured

NEW DELHI: The Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday expressed deep sorrow over the tragic loss of six lives n a devastating fire incident in Kathua district.

In his condolence message, the Chief Minister described the ncident as deeply painful, particularly as it claimed the lives of six people and injuring another four.

"It is heartbreaking to learn about this tragedy where six pre rious lives were lost. I pray for eternal peace to the departed souls and for the swift recovery of those injured in this unfortunate incident," he said. The Chief Minister extended his heartfelt sym pathies to the bereaved families, praying for strength and for pearance to help them endure this difficult time. He assured that the best possible medical care is being provided to the injured. "I have directed the concerned authorities to ensure that the injured receive best possible treatment for a smooth recovery," he said.

CB Jammu presents charge-sheet in fraud case

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Special Crime Wing of the Crime Branch (CB) Jammu has chargesheeted three individuals in fraud case.

As per a Crime Branch spokesperson, a written complaint was lodged against one Kulbir Singh who with criminal intention showed the complaint a piece of land told her that he is the owner of the same and is selling it in shape of plots. Accordingly, the deal was finalized for Rs. 15 lakhs of one plot and a proper agreement to sell was dully executed between Kulbir Singh and the complainant's son. But

Three shops gutted on Mata Vaishnodevi shrine track

STATE TIMES NEWS KATRA/JAMMU: Three

shops were gutted in a fire incident on the route to cave shrine of Mata Vaishnodevi in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district on Wednesday, officials said

The fire broke out in a shop at Churan Padika on the track and spread to other shops, they said.

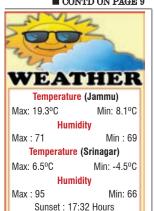
Police, personnel of fire service department and the shrine board doused the fire by carrying out an operation, the officials said, adding reason behind the fire is yet to be ascertained.

Surrender within 30 days or face attachment of properties: Police to absconders

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Police in the

Sopore area of the Baramulla district in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday gave 30 days to 10 absconding persons to surrender or face attachment of their properties. The cops pasted proclamation

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Sunrise: 07:28 Hours

STATE TIMES NEWS the accused could not provide

NEW DELHI: Union Home proper and genuine documents and possession of the After receiving the complaint, spokesperson said, a preliminary verification was conducted, and the fraud was found to have been commitsources said.

ted, accordingly, a case FIR Governor Lieutenant No. 02/2022 U/S 420, 465, 471, 468, 120-B RPC was registered at Police Station Crime Branch, Jammu for in-depth investigation. After a thorough investigation by the I/O, spokesperson attend the meeting.

proved against the accused person namely Kulbir ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

said, the case was finally

Minister Amit Shah on Thursday is likely to review the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir, the first such meeting after the last assembly elections held September-October,

Manoj Sinha, top officers of Army, paramilitary forces, JK administration, intelligence agencies and Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) are expected to "The Home Minister will

review the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir. He will be briefed about the pre-



Amit Shah likely to review J&K situation today

vailing situation in the Union Territory (UT) and the situation along the border areas," sources said.

This will be Shah's first meeting after the assembly

UT where a National Conference (NC) government, headed by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah assumed charge.

After the abrogation of the Article 370 and bifurcation

UTs in 2019, the law and order is the direct responsibility of the central govern-The Home Minister is like-

ly to have a detailed discussion on the security roadmap ahead for the 2025, the sources said. Sporadic incidents have

been continuing in Jammu and Kashmir. On October 20, seven people were killed in a terror attack in central Kashmir, Before that, there were attacks on outsiders working in Kashmir.

The meeting is expected to take note of recent terror incidents and possible

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from Saturday ■ STATE TIMES NEWS hold discussions with the NEW DELHI: Prime

PM on 2-day visit to Kuwait

Minister Narendra Modi will be on a two-day visit to Kuwait from Saturday in what will be the first trip to the Gulf nation by an Indian prime minister in 43 years.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), announcing the visit, said it will provide an opportunity to further strengthen the "multifaceted" ties between India and Kuwait.

Modi is paying the visit at the invitation of Kuwaiti Emir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, it said.

During the visit, Modi will

leadership of Kuwait and will also interact with the Indian community.

"India and Kuwait share traditionally close and friendly relations which are rooted in history and have been underpinned by economic and strong people to people linkages," the MEA

said in a statement. The last Indian prime minister to visit Kuwait was Indira Gandhi in 1981.

India is among the top trading partners of Kuwait. The Indian community is the largest expatriate community in Kuwait.

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No talk of any change in INDIA bloc leadership: Omar

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: There is no talk of any change in INDIA bloc leadership, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said on Wednesday, underlining that the meeting of the bloc is yet to take place. Talking to media-persons

on the sidelines of the 18th Annual Tourism Summit 2024 organised by the CII, he said the meeting of opposition INDIA bloc has not taken place yet and asked where the talk of leadership change came from.

"No, there is no talk of any leadership change," he said. Maintaining his stand on electronic voting machines,



2024 organised by CII at New Delhi on Wednesday.

he said if any one has any complaint about EVMs, the complaint should remain throughout.

"The complaint cannot be made when you lose the election. The complaint should be made when you win the

election as well. If not EVM then what? Should we go back to ballot papers? Have we forgotten what happened with ballot papers? How ballot papers were stuffed in the boxes. I haven't forgotten.

lot papers, my second election was also on ballot papers. If not EVM then what is the alternative?" he asked referring to his exclusive interview with PTI.

When asked about the Congress' criticism to his statement during the interview, saying that alliance leaders' tone changes when they become chief minister, he said, "In the same interview, I lauded the leadership of Sonia Gandhi. Is it the BJP language? I said that only the BJP and the Congress are two parties having pan India presence.

"If you go to any corner of the country you will find

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CBI plea for transfer of Rubaiya Sayeed kidnapping, Srinagar shootout cases

■ STATE TIMES NEWS DELHI: NEW

Supreme CourtWednesday gave six accused two weeks to respond to the CBI's plea to transfer the trial in the 1989 Rubaiya Sayeed kidnapping and the 1990 Srinagar shootout cases from Jammu to New

A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Manmohan took note of the fact that the six accused have not filed their replies to the Central Bureau of Investigation's plea and asked them to do the needful in two weeks. It listed the case for further hearing on

January 20, 2025. One case relates to the

killing of four Indian Air Force personnel on January 25, 1990 in Srinagar and the other to the abduction of Rubaiya Sayeed, daughter of then union home minister Mufti Mohammed Sayeed, on December 8, 1989.

Yasin Malik, chief of the banned organisation JKLF, is facing trial in both cases. While Malik has filed his response, six of the other 10 accused are yet to file their

replies to the CBI plea. "If trial is to be transferred then all accused have to be heard," the bench said.

Rafiq Pahloo passed away and the trial against him stood abated, the bench was informed. Besides Malik and Pahloo, 10 persons were made party

One accused Mohammed

to the CBI's plea. On November 28, the top court sought a response from Yasin Malik and others on the CBI's plea to transfer the

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the bench that Malik need not be physically taken to Jammu court for trial in the kidnapping case

as Tihar jail has a court

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Govt amends aircraft security rules amid hoax bomb threats to airline

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Against the backdrop of the recent spate of hoax bomb calls targeting airlines, the government has amended the aircraft security rules whereby perpetrators can face penalties and could even be barred from

The civil aviation ministry has amended the Aircraft (Security) Rules, 2023. Two new rules -- 29A and 30A -have been introduced.

October, airlines received 666 hoax bomb threats while the total number of such threats stood at 999 this year till November 14, as per official data.

Under the amended rules, now, the Director General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has powers to "refuse admission to any

person or group of persons in the aircraft".

Also, the DG can direct any person or group of persons to leave the aircraft," according to a notification.

In case the DG is satisfied that it is necessary or expedient in the interest of security, then the directions can be issued in writing under Rule 29A, the notification said.

Rule 30A pertains to prohibiting communication of false information that can jeopardise the safety and security of an aircraft, aerodrome or civil aviation facility or both.

The prohibition is also for spreading false information that can "cause panic among passengers, crew and ground personnel or the general public; or...disrupt the civil

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My first election was on bal-Maintaining peace, tranquillity in border areas important: India to China

tance of maintaining peace

and tranquillity in the border

areas to promote overall

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India on Wednesday emphasised the importance of maintaining peace and tranquillity along the Line of Actual Control to promote overall ties between New Delhi and Beijing as NSA Ajit Doval held extensive talks with Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi on the vexed boundary question.

The talks under the frameofRepresentatives dialogue took place in Beijing. Doval and Wang are

Representatives

(SRs) for the boundary talks. "The SRs reiterated the importance of maintaining a political perspective of the overall bilateral relationship while seeking a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable



Beijing for the 23rd round of Special Representatives' talks. framework for settlement of development of the India-

the boundary question, and China bilateral relationship. resolved to inject more vitali-"They emphasised the need ty into this process," the to ensure peaceful conditions Ministry of External Affairs on the ground so that issues (MEA) said. on the border do not hold It said both Doval and back the normal development Wang underlined the imporof bilateral relations," it said.

> from the events of 2020, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Blocked 18 OTT platforms for publishing obscene, vulgar content: Govt

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Government blocked 18 OTT platforms this year for publishing obscene and vulgar content, Minister of State for Information Broadcasting L Murugan told the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

In a reply to a question by Shiv Sena-UBT member Anil Desai, Murugan said the IT Rules of 2021 cast specific due diligence obligations on intermediaries to make reasonable efforts by themselves against displaying or spreading obscene or

pornographic content. The Rules also provide for a Code of Ethics for publishers of news and current "Drawing on the learnings affairs on digital media and publishers of online curated content (OTT platforms).

"The Information Broadcasting has taken action in coordination with various intermediaries, and blocked 18 OTT platforms on 14th March, 2024 for publishing obscene, vulgar, and, in some instances. pornographic content under these provisions," Murugan said. In a reply to a separate

question, Murugan said the Code of Ethics for digital news publishers requires such publishers to adhere to the 'Norms of Journalistic Conduct' of the Press Council of India, The Programme Code under the Cable Television (Network Regulation Act, 1995). Replying to another ques-

tion, Murugan said the

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