

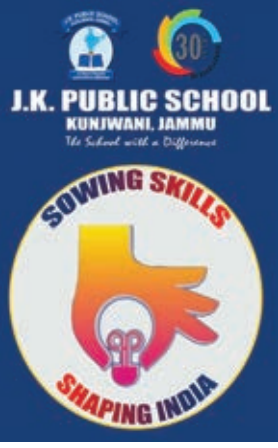


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Govt, oppn break impasse in Parliament Constitution debate to be held in LS, RS

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The government and opposition parties on Monday reached an agreement to break the impasse in Parliament with dates announced for discussions on the Constitution in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. The Lower House will take up the discussion on the Constitution to mark its 75th year of adoption on December 13 and 14, and the Upper House on December 16 and 17.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, who announced the dates, expressed confidence that both Houses will function

smoothly from Tuesday.

The breakthrough came at a meeting of Speaker Om Birla with floor leaders of different parties.

The opposition parties had demanded discussions in both Houses of Parliament to mark the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution by the Constituent Assembly.

Several opposition leaders, who attended the meeting, also echoed similar sentiments.

Asked about the opposition raising other issues such as Sambhal violence and Manipur, Rijiju said a decision will be taken in accor-

dance with the rules.

The Congress has been persistent in raising the issue of the indictment of US prosecutors of Adani Group chairperson Gautam Adani and other company officials on bribery and fraud charges.

This coupled with vociferous opposition protests over matters such as the Sambhal violence and Manipur unrest have resulted in constant adjournments of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha since the Winter Session began on November 25.

However, some other opposition parties, especially the TMC, have not attached the same priority to the Adani

row and want Parliament to discuss a host of different issues, including unemployment, prize rise and the Centre's alleged discrimination against opposition-ruled states in fund allocation.

The TMC has skipped opposition meetings to formulate the INDIA bloc's joint strategy during the Session.

A TMC source said his party cannot be there just to stamp its approval on the Congress' agenda.

The Congress and many of its allies have also been vocal in targeting the ruling BJP for its alleged attack on

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J&K HADP bags prestigious Skoch Gold award for excellence

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), a flagship initiative of J&K Agriculture Production Department, has been conferred with the Skoch Gold Award for Excellence in recognition of its impactful implementation and transformative outcome in the agricultural sector.

The conception of HADP was driven by the visionary leadership of Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, while the Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, Shailendra Kumar, has been the cornerstone behind its

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Launch of Uber Shikara services in Srinagar Creative ways of technology can enhance our cultural heritage: LG



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has congratulated all the stakeholders of the tourism sector of J&K on the launch of Uber Shikara services in Srinagar.

In a social media post, the Lieutenant Governor on Monday said the launch of the Uber Shikara services will provide visitors a seamless way to experience the timeless charm of Shikara

rides. Commending the Uber for their futuristic vision, he said the Uber Shikara in Srinagar is a testament to creative ways technology can enhance our cultural

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Mehbooba building fake narrative to revive terrorism: Chugh Minorities in Pak, Bangladesh, Afghanistan on verge of extinction

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh, who is also the party incharge for Jammu and Kashmir, on Monday slammed Peoples Democratic Party President Mehbooba Mufti for building a fake narrative to create a communal divide.

In a strongly-worded statement, Chugh took strong exception to the statement made by Mehbooba Mufti comparing the situation in



India with that of Bangladesh and termed it as a nefarious design to foment communal upsurge.

Chugh emphasised that while minorities are safe and protected in India, in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan minorities are being stifled to death.

He said at a time when Mehbooba has decisively lost the mandate of the people in J&K, she is only demonstrating her ideological bankruptcy and trying to poison the atmosphere.

"The Modi government has ushered in a new era

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Truck driver arrested with 211 Kgs of poppy

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police have arrested a truck driver from Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district on Monday for allegedly smuggling over 200 kilograms of poppy, officials said.

During a routine check, a police team intercepted a truck on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway at Jakhani and conducted a search, they said.

The search led to the recovery of 211 kilograms

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'Treat Muslims as equals' Govt should review reservation policy: Farooq

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: National Conference President Farooq Abdullah on Monday said the Centre should put a stop to activities that can spark communal tension in the country, and treat Muslims as equals.

"There is a need to stop (incidents like Sambhal). I will tell the government of India to stop (such acts) because they cannot throw the Muslims (of India) into the sea. Where will they throw 24 crore Muslims? Treat Muslims as equals, that

is what our Constitution stands for. If they fiddle with the Constitution, how will India survive," Abdullah asked while speaking to reporters here.

The National Conference (NC) president, who recently performed Umrah (minor Hajj pilgrimage) along with his son and chief minister Omar Abdullah and several of his colleagues, said no one was against the return of Kashmiri Pandits to the Valley. "Who is stopping Kashmiri Pandits from coming back? Every political party has said they should



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Former MLA Ch. Piara Singh passes away; LG expresses grief

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Ch. Piara Singh, a prominent political and social figure, and the father of BJP MLA from Bahu Constituency, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, passed away on Monday afternoon, leaving a profound void in the region. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has expressed



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