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Two IPS among seven police officers transferred

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Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh Hat tricks help Kerala, BSF register big wins



Modi Sarkar ki Guarantee

PM Matru Vandana Yojana ensuring safe motherhood

Support of ₹14 thousand crore given to 3 crore 20 lakh pregnant women and lactating mothers

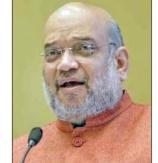


Modi Govt rebuilt J&K, ended era of terrorism; no stone pelting incident in 2023: Amit Shah

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said the Narendra Modi government has rebuilt Jammu and Kashmir, ending an era of terrorism and violence and giving wings to development by rolling out massive infrastructure and welfare

In a series of posts on X in both English and Hindi, accompanied #PragatisheelJammuKash mir hashtag, Shah also said Prime Minister Modi transformed Jammu and Kashmir by awakening a new hope



among youngsters.

He said the Modi government secured the dreams of the youngsters and gave new flight to their aspirations by strengthening education and skilling facilities

"The Modi government rebuilt Jammu and Kashmir, ending an era of terrorism and violence. The Modi government gave wings to the development of Jammu and Kashmir by rolling out massive infrastructure and welfare schemes and today it stands as a proud testimony to Bharat's powerful democracy," he said.

The home minister said the culture of Jammu and Kashmir is one of the country's most ancient and richest and, under the Modi government, the Union Territory's cultural heritage is being is once again increasing. He also alleged that the people of Jammu and Kashmir were untouched by development due to dynastic politics

Shah said the Modi government has strengthened the Panchayati Raj system in the Union Territory with the aim of providing development at the grassroots level, freeing governance from dynasty and bringing it to the common people. "Under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi ji, Jammu and Kashmir is now heaving a sigh of relief. After abolishing Article

8 dead, 7 injured after overloaded vehicle plunges into gorge in Uri

Two dead, 2 injured in road mishap in Warwan area

STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA/KISHT WAR: At least eight passengers died and seven others were injured in a tragic road accident in the Uri area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district, while two persons died in a separate road accident in Kishtwar district

They said that an overloaded vehicle skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge at BujthalanTatmulla Uri this afternoon. The impact of the crash resulted in the loss of seven lives and left eights others severely



Medical Officer Boniyar Uri, Dr. Khursheed Ahmad Khan said seven dead bodies are lying at Boniyar PHC and eight crit-

referred to GMC Baramulla in which condition of three injured is critical. Medical Superintendent,

GMC Baramulla said

accidents Baramulla & Kishtwar. My thoughts are with the families who have lost their

LG expresses grief,

announces ex-gratia of

Rs 5 lakh each to NoK

Governor Manoj Sinha

announced an ex-gratia of

Rs. 5 lakh each for the Next

of Kin of those who lost their

lives in the tragic road acci-

dents in Baramulla and

The Lt Governor tweeted:

"Deeply saddened by the

Kishtwar, on Wednesday.

Lieutenant

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Rs 200 Cr Bank Fraud case: ED Jammu conducts searches at 9 locations in J&K, UP & Punjab

STATE TIMES NEWS

Jammu Enforcement Directorate (ED) Office on Wednesday raided locations in Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh in the Rs 200 crore bank loan fraud case linked to the Bharat Papers Ltd. (BPL), official sources

Predicated on FIR of CBI Jammu RC0042020A0001 dated February 12, 2020 and under supervision of M Thangsuansang Director

Cache of ammunition recovered in Kupwara

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Security forces on Wednesday recovered a cache of ammunition in Kupwara district, the Army

ammunition was recovered during a search operation conducted in the Mangam area of the district.

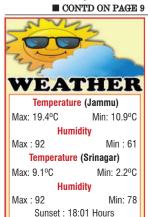
In a post on X, the Army's Chinar Corps said, "On specific intelligence a Joint Operation was launched on 31 Jan by #IndianArmy

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NHAI to extend KYC compliance deadline for FASTags by one month STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Indian Highways Management Company, an arm of stateowned NHAI, will extend the KYC compliance deadline for FASTags by one month, a senior government official said on Wednesday.

Earlier on January 15, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) said FASTags with valid balances but incomplete



Sunrise: 07:27 Hours

Jammu, at least nine premises in these regions are being searched by the central agency under the provisions of the Prevention of Money

Laundering Act (PMLA). Incorporated in September, 2006, the BPL is an associate of the Bharat Box Factory Industries Limited (BBFIL), a paper board packaging industry based in Jammu and Ludhiana.

The primary allegations against the company are that its directors have

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revived and its cultural pride ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 ically injured have been President lists Ram temple, economic reforms as key achievements of Modi Govt

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday said the centuries-old desire to build a Ram temple in Avodhva has now become reality as she listed the achievements of the Modi government over the past 10 years.

In her 75-minute address to the members of both Houses of Parliament assembled in the Lok Sabha chamber of the new Parliament building, Murmu also hailed the armed forces for giving a befitting reply to terrorism and expansionism, an apparent reference to Pakistan and China.

In her maiden address in the new



addressing Parliament on the opening of the Budget session at New Delhi.

Parliament building, the President listed out the economic reforms undertaken by the government that has transformed India from the group of "fragile five" to the "top five" economies in the world.

Murmu said the government's successful hosting of the G-20 summit had strengthened India's global standing and noted that Jammu and Kashmir, and the northeastern states hosted some international meetings of the grouping for the first time.

"This is the time for India to script the future for the coming centuries. Our ancestors have bequeathed us a legacy ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

FM Nirmala Sitharaman to present Budget today

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Finance Minister will on Sitharaman Thursday present the Modi 2.0 government's last Budget before the general elections, which is likely to contain a mix of measures for the economy and electorally signifi-

Peppered with political innuendos, her sixth straight Budget may present a political document with a snap-

and women.

cant segments like farmers

shot of the Modi government's triumphs over the last 10 years and pointers to how it wants to take the country forward. With pressure for populist measures off after recent emphatic wins in three states, she is expected to stick to being fiscally prudent while sprinkling sops on sectors like agriculture and engines of the economy that would create jobs and boost consumption.

The Budget she will

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PM has ushered in new era development in J&K: Chugh



addressing a gathering at Srinagar.

CS visits Tawi Riverfront Dev Project site, issues

directives for smooth management of project

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: National General Secretary of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and party incharge for Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and Ladakh, Tarun

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Secretary,

Atal Dulloo on Wednesday

took his maiden visit to the

project site of Tawi

Riverfront Development here

during which he inspected

the ongoing works and those

completed by the executing

agency followed-up by a

meeting regarding the same

During this visit he was

accompanied by ACS, Jal

Shakti Department, Shaleen

Mandeep Kaur; Divisional

Commissioner, JMC, Rahul

Yadav; DC Jammu, Sachin

besides other concerned offi-

Commissioner

H&UDD,

Jammu,

Kumar;

Chief

I&FC/UEED

at Civil Secretariat here.

Kabra;

Secretary,

Commissioner,

Kumar Vaishya;

cers and officials

Chugh on Wednesday said that a new era of development and growth has been ushered in with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra

Addressing a gathering

The Chief Secretary went

around the barrage site near

4th bridge and examined the

work done so far. He even

inspected the drawings and

designs of this project and

enquired about the final out-

lay to be dedicated to public.

the pace of work and deliver-

ing the project within the set

deadline. He took note of sev-

eral important decisions to

be taken for smooth opera-

tion of this Jammu city

He impressed upon making

a concrete plan about the

designation of an authority

which could look after the

entire project including the

real estate component of this

mega project. He also

advised the concerned to

beautification project.

He called for speeding up

here, Chugh said there is a new environment in the region and the age-old politics of Muftis and Abdullahs is being clearly rejected.

The meeting witnessed the participation of numerous senior party leaders, who engaged in extensive discussions regarding the election strategies that would be employed. Various leaders presented their suggestions, which were duly noted for consideration.

Chugh remarked on the political landscape in Kashmir, specifically pointing out the dual politics

Avalanche warning issued

for six J&K districts

SRINAGAR: Many areas in

the higher reaches of

Kashmir received fresh

snowfall, while the plains

were lashed by rains, offi-

The tourist resorts of

Gulmarg, Sonamarg and

Pahalgam received fresh

light to moderate snowfall

overnight, which was going

on when last reports came in,

They said the snowfall was

also recorded in Anantnag

Handwara in Kupwara, and

 Gurez in Bandipora district.

There are reports of fresh

snowfall in other areas in the

higher reaches of Jammu

and Kashmir, including

officials added. The

they said.

district's

cials said on Wednesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

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Bill on tackling exam malpractices likely in **Parliament on Monday** STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The government is likely to introduce a new bill in Parliament next week to deal sternly with malpractices and irregularities in competitive examinations, with sources saying it may propose a maximum jail term of 10 years and a fine up to Rs 1 crore.

The sources said the Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill, 2024 may be introduced on Monday but a final call is yet to be taken. The bill was cleared by the Union cabinet recently.

The sources said ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Ahead of Parliament's last session before the Lok Sabha polls, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted on Wednesday that the country is touching new heights of progress and its journey of "all-inclusive and all-round" development will continue with people's

blessings. In his customary remarks to journalists before the Budget Session's start, Modi greeted them with "Ram Ram" (an invocation of Lord Ram) and noted that there is a tradition of not presenting a full budget before the polls.

"We will follow the same tradition and present a full-



PM Narendra Modi addressing media ahead of Interim Budget Session 2024 at Parliament House, in New Delhi.

fledged budget before you after a new government is formed," he said, adding that Finance Minister Nirmala

et, to be tabled on Thursday, come out with measures showing a direction.

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Inaugurates Maharshi Sandipni Public School at Varanasi

NEP 2020 will take India's education system to greater heights: LG



Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha speaking after inaugurating Maharshi Sandipni Public School in Jalalpur, Varanasi.

STATE TIMES NEWS

VARANASI. UTTAR PRADESH: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said the better educational infrastructure and National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 will take India's education system to greater heights

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country's education sector witnessed radical reforms and enabling students to realize their dreams", the Lt Governor said after inaugurating the Maharshi Sandipni Public School in Jalalpur, Varanasi.

The Lt Governor highlighted the significant transformation taking place in the education ecosystem in the past few years. He also emphasized on making the teaching-learning process more engaging and encouraging critical thinking, creativity, problem solving and

collaboration among the students.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor congratulated and extended his best wishes to the management, staff and students of the school.

Guided by the vision of serving the underprivileged and marginalized sections of the society, I am confident that the Maharshi Sandipni Public School will continue to provide comprehensive and holistic education to the children, he said.

Educationist and social worker Jitendra Nath Singh; Members of the School Management, prominent citizens, staff, teachers and students of the school were present.

have a robust plan for ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

along the Zojila axis on the Srinagar-Leh highway, the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

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