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Good governance now reality in J&K: Sinha

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NEW DELHI: The sounds of gunfire and bombs have been replaced by the "noise of development" in Jammu and Kashmir following the abrogation of Article 370, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Saturday.

The article, which granted special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, was abrogated on August 5 in 2019 and the state bifurcated into union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Speaking at the ET Now Global Business Summit 2024 here, Sinha asserted that good governance has finally become a reality in Jammu and Kashmir.

Stone pelting and strikes at the behest of Pakistan is history and Jammu

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DM Jammu cancels three illegal land mutations, orders inquiry

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: District Magistrate Sachin Kumar Vaishya has cancelled set of three land mutations that were attested in a fraudulent manner, contrary to the provisions of Government Order No. 254-C of 1965.

After taking cognizance of the matter and seeking a status report from the Tehsildar, the order was issued by the DM on Saturday.

According to the order, the land mutations were related to Khasra No. 118, 210 and

Man booked under PSA for 'unlawful activities'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A man was booked under the stringent Public Safety Act for his alleged involvement in unlawful activities that posed threat to peace and order in Rajouri district, police said.

Mohammad Azam, a resident of Pukharni in Nowshera sub-division, was lodged in Rajouri district jail immediately after his arrest by police, a police spokesman said.

He said Azam's detention order was issued by the Rajouri DM based on a detailed report submitted by the district police office.

A number of criminal cases were registered against the accused at the Nowshera police station between 2013 and 2021, the spokesman said, adding despite being booked in a number of FIRs, the accused was still not mending his ways and was involved in "unlawful acts" and was posing a threat to peace and order.

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 21.5°C Min: 7.3°C

Humidity
Max: 84 Min: 49

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 13.1°C Min: -4.9°C

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Max: 95 Min: 42

Sunset : 18:10 Hours
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LG underscores J&K's transformational journey from mis-governance to good governance after Art 370 repeal

NEW DELHI: Highlighting the transformational journey of J&K from misgovernance to good governance under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi after the abrogation of Article 370, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Saturday



LG Manoj Sinha addressing at 'Sushasan Mahotsav 2024' in New Delhi on Saturday.

the Lt Governor said while addressing the 'Sushasan Mahotsav 2024' organized by Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini in New Delhi. J&K's 'Future Ready Governance'

of Article 370, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said Good Governance is the key to a Nation's progress.

"The mantra and the guiding principle of 'Citizen- First' of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has inspired and helped to evolve J&K's new model of Good Governance, which is called 'Future Ready Governance,'

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CAA rules before LS polls, citizenship to beneficiaries soon after: Amit Shah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The rules for implementing the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) will be issued before the coming Lok Sabha polls and the process to grant Indian nationality to the beneficiaries will start soon after, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said here on Saturday.

Under the CAA, the Modi government wants to grant Indian nationality to persecuted non-Muslim migrants - Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis and Christians - from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan who had come to India till December 31, 2014.



"The CAA is a law of the country and its notification will definitely be issued. It will be issued before the polls. The

CAA will be implemented before the elections. No one should have any confusion about it," Shah said at the ET NOW Global Business Summit 2024.

He said granting Indian citizenship to persecuted minorities of the neighbouring countries was a promise of the Congress leadership too.

"When the Partition happened - Hindus, Buddhists, Christians - all wanted to come to India after facing religious persecution there. They (Congress leaders) had promised to give citizenship to these people saying all of you are welcome. But the (Congress) leaders went

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Chugh receives massive backing from Pahari community

PM Modi's ST status decision revered as strong leadership move



Prominent Pahari leaders meeting BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Saturday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/NEW DELHI: In a resounding show of appreciation, prominent Pahari leaders gathered in Delhi on Saturday expressed profound gratitude

to BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh for facilitating a significant meeting, where they conveyed their heartfelt thanks to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the monumental

granting of Scheduled Tribe (ST) status to Paharis.

The leaders landed Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his visionary initiative, as the Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Bill, 2024 was successfully passed in the Lok Sabha.

This historic legislation aims to empower the Pahari Ethnic Group, Padari Tribes, Koli, and Gadda Brahmin communities by bestowing upon them the coveted Scheduled Tribe status, thereby fulfilling a longstanding demand in Jammu and Kashmir. Leaders present hailed this achievement as a watershed moment for the entire tribe, expressing utmost satisfaction with the

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If BJP crosses 400-mark in LS polls, those who failed to lead INDIA bloc will be responsible: Azad

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a veiled attack on the Congress, DPAP chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Saturday said if the BJP achieves its target of more than 400 seats in the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections, the party which failed to lead the opposition INDIA bloc would be responsible for it.

The former Congress leader also thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for conferring Bharat Ratna on his predecessors P V Narasimha Rao and Chaudhary Charan Singh and said they deserved the honours for their outstanding contribution to the country.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a public meeting at Garkhal in Pragwal near the International Border on the outskirts of Jammu, Azad said, "I am not an astrologer



DPDA Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing public meeting at Garkhal.

who could tell whether they (BJP) will cross the 400-mark (in the Lok Sabha polls). If it happens, those who failed to take everyone along will be responsible. I feel they all have

teamed up with them."

He was responding to a question about the possibility of the BJP crossing the 400 seat-mark in the upcoming elections and National

Conference vice president Omar Abdullah's concern over the health of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA).

"He (Omar) was a minister in the (A B Vajpayee-led) BJP government. He might have remembered his old loyalty," Azad said.

Azad, a former chief minister of J&K, said he is neither close to the Congress nor the BJP. "Let the Congress speak what they want. For me, if the BJP is doing anything wrong I am the first to criticize and likewise if Congress is doing anything right, I am giving credit to them."

Azad, who floated Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) in September 2022 after resigning from Congress, welcomed the decision of Prime Minister Modi to award Bharat Ratna

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NIA carries out raids at 15 locations in JEI terror funding case in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/SRINAGAR: National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday conducted raids at 15 locations across Jammu and Kashmir as part of its crack-down on the proscribed Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) in a terror funding case, an official said.

The raids in the twin capitals of Srinagar and Jammu along with Budgam and Kulgam and Anantnag in south Kashmir led to the seizure of incriminating documents and digital devices connected with the activities of JeI and its related Trusts and more than Rs 20 lakh, a spokesperson of the federal agency said.

However, official sources



said two persons were also detained in Jammu for questioning during the raids targeting a private school and its functionaries including chairman at Gujjar Nagar and Shaheedi chowk in Jammu.

They said the residences of

former Jamaat chief Sheikh Ghulam Hassan and another leader, Sayar Ahmad Reshi, in Kulgam district were among those raided.

The Jamaat-e-Islami Jammu and Kashmir was banned by the Centre for

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Ram temple issue takes centre stage on last day of budget session

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Ram temple construction took centre stage on the last day of Parliament's budget session Saturday with both houses holding a discussion on its consecration ceremony and Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying adoption of a laudatory resolution on it will give constitutional strength to the future generations to feel proud of the country's values.

Several members in both Lok Sabha and Rajya partic-

ipated in the discussion that lasted a few hours. The CPI-M staged a walk-out from Rajya Sabha.

Modi noted in Lok Sabha that the discussion on the Ram temple was important for the next generation.

In a swipe at the opposition which has constantly targeted the BJP over the temple issue, he said, "This is true that not everyone has the capacity for these things. Some people are brave to face it while others

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Art 370 abrogation, women's reservation among key highlights of 17th LS

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The curtains came down on Saturday on the 17th Lok Sabha, which was witness to landmark moments such as the abrogation of Article 370, the granting of 33 per cent reservation to women in Parliament and legislative assemblies, and the inauguration of the new Parliament building.

It also saw the suspension of 100 members in a span of four days for unruly conduct and a major security breach on the anniversary of the 2001 Parliament terror attack.

The December 13 incident, in which two intruders jumped into the Lok Sabha chamber from the public gallery and set-off smoke canisters while the House was in session, led to a review and stepping up of security measures in the Parliament complex.

The Budget session of Parliament, the last before the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, started on January 31 and ended on Saturday with a day-long discussion on the construction and consecration of the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

The 17th Lok Sabha also saw the passage of the controversial

Citizenship Amendment Bill in 2019, which led to massive protests in many parts of the country. Riots in northeast Delhi following a clash between those in support and against the law claimed several lives.

The passage of three farm bills during this Lok Sabha in 2020 led to a year-long protest on the threshold of Delhi, with demonstrators later entering the national capital. The government in 2021 rolled back the

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J&K Police announces cash rewards for persons providing information regarding anti-nation activities

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police has announced rewards to the persons for sharing information regarding anti-national activities.

Rs 5 lakh will be rewarded to whoever locates trans-border tunnel, used by ANEs to tranship terrorists, explosives, and contraband consignments besides Rs 3 lakh will be rewarded to whoever sights a drone flown from across the border to drop narcotics, arms/ammunition, or explosive materials and which leads to the recovery of the said dropped material; and whoever gives actionable intelligence about person connected with receiving

drone deliveries and/ or transporting arms/ ammunition/ narcotics from border/ LoC to hinterland or Punjab and the said intelligence gets corroborated during further action. Rs 2 lakh in each case will be rewarded to whoever provides information based on which inter-state narcotic modules is busted; whoever gives information about persons talking to Pakistan based terrorist handlers or separatists in jails in India which leads to successful discovery of facts including recoveries/busting of modules during investigations/enquiries that are initiated on receipt of the information; and whoever gives

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