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## Modi to inaugurate, lay foundation of projects worth over Rs 3,161 Cr in J&K next week

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate or lay the foundation of 209 projects worth over Rs 3,161 crore in Jammu and Kashmir on February 20, the Union Territory administration said on Friday.  
These projects will upgrade infrastructure, strengthen service delivery systems, general employment opportunities and spur progress and prosperity in the Union territory.  
The Prime Minister will inaugurate 85 projects and lay the foundation of 124 projects at an event at the M A Stadium in Jammu at 11 am on February 20.  
Modi is also scheduled to address a public rally, his second in the region after the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019. Earlier on April 24, 2022, he had



addressed a rally in Palli Panchayat in Samba district. The Union Territory administration published a full-page advertisement in some leading newspapers on the event, carrying the pictures of both Modi and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha with a captain "Viksit Bharat Viksit Jammu Kashmir Aman aur Tarakki

ki Nai 'Tasveer' (a new phase of peace and progress). The prime minister will inaugurate seven grid stations, three receiving stations and three transmission line projects in Jammu, Pulwama, Baramulla, Srinagar, Budgam, Ramban and Samba districts, 12 road projects and three

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## Cong used to call Lord Ram imaginary, are chanting 'Jai Siya Ram' now: PM

REWARI (HARYANA): Prime Minister Narendra Modi flayed the Congress on Friday over its stand on the Ram temple in Ayodhya, saying those who used to call Lord Ram imaginary and did not want a temple to be constructed are also chanting 'Jai Siya Ram' now.  
Addressing a public gathering after he laid the foundation of an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and inaugurated several projects in Rewari in Haryana, he said India has touched new heights in the world today and that it has been possible because of people's blessings.  
Referring to his visit to the UAE and Qatar this week, he said the respect that India now gets from every corner is not of Modi alone, but of every Indian.  
"Targeting the opposition Congress, Modi said those who used to call Lord Ram imaginary and did not want a temple to be built in Ayodhya are also chanting 'Jai Siya Ram' now. For decades, the Congress had created obstacles in the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, which accorded special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. He said he had given a guarantee and fulfilled it by scrapping Article 370.  
Modi said his first event after the BJP declared him as its prime ministerial candidate in the run-up to the 2014 general elections was in Rewari in September 2013. "As prime ministerial candidate, I had given

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## LG pays obeisance at Shri Martand Surya Temple J&K always promoted cultural ecosystem: Sinha



LG Manoj Sinha performing Pooja at Shri Martand Temple, Paloura, Jammu on Friday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Observing that Jammu and Kashmir is known since time immemorial as the land of spirituality and one of the main centres of learning and knowledge in the country, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said that it has always promoted inclusive cultural ecosystem and kept alive time-tested traditional wisdom.  
Paying obeisance to Lord Shri Martand at Shri Martand Surya Temple, Paloura, Jammu, on the holy occasion of Surya Saptami, the Lieutenant Governor called upon the people to rededicate themselves to pro-

mote social harmony and collectively work for the upliftment of the weaker sections of the society.  
He participated in the Mahayagya organised by Shri Martand Tirath Trust and prayed for the peace, progress and prosperity of one and all.  
The Lt Governor interacted with the people and extended his hearty greetings on the auspicious occasion.  
He said, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the vision of 'Vikas Bhi Virasat Bhi' has been transformed into a people's movement.  
AK Sidha, President, Shri Martand Tirath Trust; Avtar Krishan, Chairman; TK Tickoo, General Secretary, other members of Shri Martand Tirath Trust and people from different

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## Two IPS, four JKPS officers transferred

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
LEH: The Leh Government on Friday transferred two IPS and four JKPS officers.  
According to the order issued by Dr. Pawan Kotwal, Advisor to LG/ Administrative Secretary Home Department, Shiv Kumar, IPS under orders of transfer from the UT of J&K to the UT of Ladakh, has been posted as SSP Kargil; Shree Raam R, IPS (AGMUT:2019) awaiting orders of adjustment in PHQ, UT of Ladakh, has been posted as SP, Traffic,

UT of Ladakh. Majeeb-ur-Rehman, JKPS (2008), Dy. Commandant IRP 25th Bn with the additional duties of SP Traffic, UT of Ladakh has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP, District Kargil; Farhan Jehanzeb Naqash, JKPS (2011) upon deputation from the UT of J&K, has been posted as SO to ADGP/ In-charge IT, Cyber; PHQ, UT of Ladakh; Regzin Sangdup, JKPS (2011) DySP (Pers) PHQ, UT of Ladakh, has been transferred and posted as

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## DPAP to serve all communities irrespective of religion or caste: Azad

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), Ghulam Nabi Azad on Friday emphasized the importance of unity and outreach to the public.  
Addressing party workers' convention in Sunderbani, Rajouri, Azad underscored the need to ensure victory in both the Lok Sabha and assembly elections.  
Concluding his five-day tour of Rajouri and Poonch, he expressed gratitude for the overwhelming response received during public meet-



Chairman DPAP Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing party workers' convention at Sunderbani.

ings, citing people's trust in the party's track record of governance at both the state and national levels.  
Azad pledged to redouble efforts if elected, reaffirming DPAP's commitment to serving all communities, irrespec-

tive of religion or caste.  
Azad said, despite being approached by different political parties with offers for a Rajya Sabha seat, he made the conscious decision to prioritize serving his constituents and returned to his homeland.  
Azad articulated a comprehensive vision for development, promising to prioritize the establishment of colleges, the improvement of roads and healthcare infrastructure, and the creation of job opportunities.

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## J&K Resident Commission inks MoU with NYHT

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Aimed at facilitating the stay of residents of J&K in Delhi, the Jammu and Kashmir on Friday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Youth Hostel Trust (NYHT).  
The MoU, which has been inked as part of ongoing endeavours of Resident Commission of J&K under "SAMBHAAV UTSAV", was formally signed by Principal Resident Commissioner, Dr. Rashmi Singh and NYHT's OSD and Officiating

Secretary, J S Walia in presence of Chairman NYHT, Mohammad Shafi Pandit, at Chanakya Puri.  
The initiative would help the stay of residents of J&K in Delhi who visit the capital city due to various reasons like entrepreneurship, education and medical.  
Mohammad Shafi Pandit, who has recently been elected as the new Chairman of National Youth Hostel Trust, welcomed the proposal from J&K House to meet the growing demand for accommodation and also for

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## Police dispel rumours, say kids inadvertently spilt oil from lamp at Kargil monastery

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KARGIL: Police here on Friday said some children had inadvertently spilt oil from a lamp at a Buddhist monastery and urged people to maintain communal harmony and not pay heed to rumours stemming from a video of the purported incident.  
In a statement, police said a recent video showing children purportedly spilling oil from the lamp within the premises of the Buddhist monastery in Kargil town has garnered people's attention, leading to misconceptions and attempts to sensationalise the issue with communal undertones.

## Reshuffle in Finance Deptt; Dir Finance Sadar Treasury Jammu among 37 transferred

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The government on Friday transferred Director Finance Sadar Treasury Jammu among 37 officers of Finance Department.  
According to the order issued by Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Ashok Kumar, Director Finance, Sadar Treasury, Jammu has been posted as Director Finance, J&K Skill Development and youth Services & Sports vice Yasir Sharief; Yasir Sharief,

FA&CAO, J&K Skill Development and youth Services & Sports as Treasury Officer; Sadar Treasury Jammu; Jatindar Pandita, CAO, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K with additional charge of J&K KVIB as Treasury Officer; Civil Secretariat Treasury; Dalawar Singh, CAO, Treasury Officer; Civil Secretariat as Chief Accounts Officer; J&K Sports Council; Manohar Lal, Treasury Officer, District Treasury, Kathua as

FA&CAO, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K vice Jatindar Pandita. He shall also hold the charge of CAO, J&K KVIB in addition to his own duties till Shabina Kousar I/C CAO, returns from leave.  
Madan Lal, CAO, Directorate of Family Welfare, J&K with additional charge of J&K AIDS Control Society has been posted as Treasury Officer; Additional Treasury Talab Tillo; Pritpal Singh, FA&CAO/Treasury Officer; Additional Treasury,

Talab Tillo, Jammu as FA&CAO, Board of Professional Entrance Examination UT of J&K vice Qamar Rehman; Sonika Sharma, CAO, office of Director General of Accounts & Treasuries J&K as CAO, J&K Board of School Education; Dheeraj Jandial, FA&CAO J&K Board of School Education as Treasury Officer, District Treasury Udhampur; Tehleela Asmat, Treasury Officer District

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## Pakistani quadcopters found hovering near LoC in Poonch, Army opens fire

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Army troops guarding the Line of Control (LoC) on Friday opened fire to bring down Pakistani quadcopters at two different places in Poonch district, officials said.  
However, the flying objects returned to the Pakistan side after briefly hovering over the Indian territory in Balmoi-Mendhar and Gulpur sectors, they said.  
They said a search operation was launched in both the sectors to ensure there was



no dropping of weapons or narcotics by the quadcopters. Officials said troops noticed two quadcopters entering the Balmoi area of

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**WEATHER**  
Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 23.4°C Min: 9.2°C  
Humidity  
Max: 85 Min: 49  
Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 18.5°C Min: -1.6°C  
Humidity  
Max: 86 Min: 29  
Sunset: 18:15 Hours  
Sunrise: 07:13 Hours

## 50 detained ahead of protest in Lal Chowk in support of farmers' demands

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Friday detained 50 trade union leaders and activists who were planning to hold a protest at Lal Chowk here in support of the demands of agitating farmers.  
The protest was planned in response to the Samyukta Kisan Morcha's call for a 'Bharat Bandh' to press the government to accept the agitating farmers' demands, including a legal guarantee of minimum support price (MSP) for crops.

The leaders and activists were detained by police near Pratap Park on Residency Road as they were assembling for protests and taken to Kothibagh police station, officials said.  
CPI(M) leader M Y Tarigami condemned the police action.  
"Condemning in no uncertain terms the use of forces against the peaceful protest of Apple Farmers' Federation of India, scheme workers and CITU leaders organised in response to Grameen Bharat

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## Tarigami leads protest in Jammu in support of agitating farmers

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir unit of CITU and the Kisan Tehrik led by senior CPI(M) leader M Y Tarigami on Friday held a protest here in support of the farmers who have hit the streets demanding among other things a law guaranteeing a Minimum Support Price (MSP) for their produce. Tarigami, who is also the president of J&K

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## Higher education in law must be extended to remote areas, non-English speaking: CJI

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
PRAYAGRAJ (UP): Chief Justice of India Justice DY Chandrachud on Friday said university education in law should be extended to remote rural areas so that students from small towns are not deprived of the opportunity to become lawyers.  
Speaking at the inauguration event of the Dr Rajendra Prasad National Law University here, Chandrachud said, "Technology has given us the ability to reach out to far-flung students. Despite developments in legal education, the contemporary legal education system favours only English-speaking urban children."  
He said, "A survey conducted on diver-



sity in five law universities shows that children from diverse backgrounds are unable to get admission in these universities due to not being able to speak English."

Chandrachud, who was the chief guest of the programme, said, "Today, because of Bhashini software, we have translated about 36,000 judgments of the Supreme Court from 1950 to 2024. Its objective is to make these decisions for every citizen who does not know English and practises law in the district courts."  
He said that even such opportunities as moot courts, internships and competitions were traditionally designed keeping in mind children coming from elite families.  
"Law colleges and universities should design it keeping in mind children coming from diverse backgrounds," he said.  
The CJI also appealed to the varsity administration

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