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Sitharaman proposes Rs 1.18 lakh cr interim Budget for J&K for 2024-25

NEW DELHI: The Revised Estimates for 2023-24 and Interim Budget 2024-25 of Government of Jammu and Kashmir were on Monday placed before the Parliament by Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sithraman.

The two Appropriation Bills on the Supplementary Budget for 2023-24 and Vote on Account for 2024-25 will be considered by the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha in this regard.

Finance Department of the had drafted the Supplementary Budget for the current year and the Interim Budget for the next financial year. For this, the Department had assessed the revenue receipts of the UT Government from GST, motor spirit tax, excise, and stamp duty. Further, the nontax revenue from electricity and water supply, mining royalty, timber sales, annual rent from industrial lands, etc were also examined. The own revenue of the UT Government has been estimated at Rs. 20,867 crore. The UT Government also pursued Government of India for getting central financial assistance

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha and Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo led the UT's efforts in this direction. Crucial meetings were held in

Shab-i-Miraj holiday

postponed to Feb 8

JAMMU: The government

on Monday postponed the

holiday on the occasion of

Shab-i-Miraj to February 8

"In partial modification of

Government Order No.

 $1582\text{-}\mathrm{JK}(\mathrm{GAD}) \quad \mathrm{of} \quad 2023$

dated December 11, 2023, it

is ordered that the holiday on

account of Shab-i-Miraj shall

now be observed on 8th of

February, 2024 (Thursdav)

instead of 7th of February,

2024 (Wednesday), in the

Union Territory of Jammu

and Kashmir," reads an

order issued by Sanjeev

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J&K, Jatin to Delhi

JAMMU: The Ministry of Home Affairs on Monday

posted Rajiv Omprakash Pande IPS to Jammu and

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Deputation, Jatin Narwal,

IPS (AGMUT:2006) has

been posted to Delhi and

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Rajiv Omprakash

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Secretary, GAD.

Kashmir.

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instead of February 07.

and January 2024 in Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Finance to review these demands of the UT Government. Union Home Minister and Union Finance Minister personally reviewed the fiscal management of the UT Government in recent months Accordingly, the Central

August 2023, October 2023

Government has agreed to provide Rs 41751.44 Cr to the UT Government in this financial year and Rs 37277.74 Cr in the next financial year. These assistance figures have been duly captured in the Revised Estimates of 2023-24 and the Budget Estimates of 2024-25 of the Union Government. This assistance will be provided under the MHA's demand no 58 for assistance to the UT. This assistance includes the normal assistance (resource gap) to the UT Government, equity contribution for hydropower projects at Kiru, Kwar and Rattle, etc. These assistance figures are captured in the Union Budget which is already before the Parliament and the same will be taken up for discussion before the UT's interim

budget. Building Government of Jammu and Kashmir drafted Supplementary Budget for 2023-24and Vote Account for2024-25.Finance Department also

LG lauds Interim Budget 2024-25, expresses gratitude to PM Narendra Modi & FM Nirmala Sitharaman

- >> J&K UT's interim budget is dedicated to farmers, women, youth, marginalized section of society and seeks to strengthen the grass-root democracy in the Union Territory
- >> The Interim Budget of J&K highlights the government's commitment of rapid economic growth and it ensures that the growth is socially inclusive and sustainable
- >> J&K's interim budget focuses on fast expansion of agricultural economy & addresses the issue of regional imbalances and seeks to bridge rural-urban divide
- **▶** The budget creates an enabling environment for investment and seeks to accelerate industrial growth
- The budget will ensure that industries generate more employment, provide support to thrust areas identified for investment and it will encourage start-up ecosystem in UT
- Budget focuses on skill development and employment of Nari Shakti
- >> J&K Budget seeks to ensure that benefits of rapid economic growth flow equitably to the women in rural & urban areas, SHGs are empowered & women-owned business enterprises are provided access to resources & networks

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha lauded J&K UT's Interim Budget 2024-25 and expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Nirmala

The Lt Governor tweeted: "Grateful to Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji & Hon'ble FM Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman Ji for J&K's interim Budget 2024-25, which is dedicated to farmers, women, youth, marginalized section of society and seeks to strengthen the grass-root democracy in the Union Territory.

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and Vote on Account) for Appropriation (Supplementary Demands

Parliament. The revised

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<u>HIGHLIGHTS</u>

- Rs 2959 Cr provisioned for tap-water connectivity for rural areas under Jal Jeevan Mission with Rs 532 crore as UT Share.
- Rs 934 Cr for transforming agriculture and allied sectors of the UT through the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), including provisions for IFAD funded J&K Comprehensive Investment Plan (JKCIP).
- Rs 1907 Cr for rejuvenating school education infrastructure and services through funding under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan.
- 4) Provision of improving road connectivity with Rs 1683 Cr for PMGSY roadsRs 300 Cr for CRF roads, and Rs 1000 Cr NABARD scheme.
- Rs 1313 Cr for strengthening decentralized gover nance by providing for local area works of panchayat and urban local bodies
- Rs 1271 Cr for strengthening infrastructure and serv ices in the health sector under National Health Mission mechanism.
- 7) Rs 1093 Cr for rural housing under PM Awas Yojana-Grameen scheme.
- Rs 1000 Cr for comprehensive social security coverage for Old aged, Widow and Disabled pensions by saturation approach.
- Rs 660 Cr for J&K's equity for in the hydro electric projects at Ratle, Kwar, and Kiru, which would provide stable revenue source and cheaper power. 10) Rs 505Cr for timely procurement of machinery, equip-
- ments, prosthetic aids and drugs in Health sector through the 11) Rs 500 Cr for capitalization of the banks, including
- Cooperative Banks, Rural Banks, J&K Bank, etc. Rs 450 Cr for infrastructure of new Colleges and
- Universities as per NEP vision. Rs 430 Cr for women empowerment intervention
- ofLadliBeti and Marriage Assistance.
- 14) Rs 400 Cr for construction of Transit accommodations
- for Kashmiri Pandit employees. 15) Rs 400 Cr for development of Industrial Estates and
- related infrastructure.
- **16)** Rs 370 Cr under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Urban)

No compromise on India's border security: Amit Shah

NEW DELHI: The government wants friendly relations with all countries but it will not compromise with India's border security and the safety of its people, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on

Shah also said that the Modi government has successfully tackled the three internal security hotspots --'Jammu and Kashmir, the Northeast and the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas'? -- in its 10 years of

"Our external and internal policy is clear. We want friendly relations with other



countries. But there will be no compromise on the country's border security and the security of its people," he said while participating in a discussion on the subject 'Security Beyond Tomorrow:

Forging India's Resilient Future here. Shah said other countries

have respected this policy of the government. He said due to the appeare-

ment policy, the previous governments have created many internal security problems. The three internal security

hotspots of the country 'Jammu and Kashmir, Northeast and LWE affected areas'? had come up due to the wrong policies of the previous government, he said.

"These three hotspots were successfully brought under control by the Modi government and the areas were

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Road advisory for National Highway

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: It is to inform to the general public that the Highway National (Jammu- Srinagar) shall remain closed on February 6, 2024 from 0800 hours till February 7, 2024, 0800 hours in connection with widening work at Kishtwari Pathar and

No vehicular movement shall be allowed towards Kashmir during this peri-

Dhalwas.

General public planning $_{
m visit}$ towards Kashmir is advised to abstain from taking journey on the National Highway during the men-

Congress 'ready' to divide country into pieces: Chugh

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CHANDIGARH: Lashing out at Congress President Malikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi for their silence over unfortunate demand of a separate country by a Congress MP, BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Monday said this sinister move lies the intention and policy of the Congress to divide and rule the country.

"The silence of Kharge, Sonia and Rahul Gandhi on the statement demanding a separate country makes it clear that Congress is still conspiring to divide India," he said adding that three



days ago the Congress MP D.K. Suresh demanded to create a separate country.

Chugh said that for the Bharatiya Janata Party, the entire country from Kashmir to Kanyakumari is one.

"We do not make any distinction between North and

Even Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge did not say a word on this issue in Rajya Sabha yesterday, he Behind this, Chugh added,

the intention and policy of Congress to divide the country is clearly visible. Congress should clarify its answer in this regard, he Chugh said that during the

Congress tenure, India's image was that of a corrupt and backward, country that could not stand on its own feet and had compromised its self-respect but respected Prime Minister

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J&K suffered due to Nehru's mistake: Modi

Predicts 370 seats for BJP

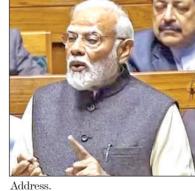
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NEW DELHI: Prime Narendra Modi on Monday made repeated attacks on India's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru, saying the people of Kashmir and of the country had to suffer because of his mistakes.

During his speech in the Lok Sabha, the Prime Minister claimed that the Congress leaders thought Indians were lazy and of low intelligence.

Modi's nearly 100-minute speech was laced with sharp attacks on the Congress and the Gandhi family, and he said the party "never trusted India's potential".

"The Congress got stuck in one family. They could never see and would never be able to see people's aspirations and achievements. The Congress never trusted India's potential. They always considered themselves rulers and belittled people," Modi said while replying to the debate in the Lok Sabha on the Motion of Thanks on the President's



Quoting an Independence Day speech by Nehru from the ramparts of the Red Fort, Modi said, "Nehru had said 'we do not work as hard the Europeans, Japanese, Chinese, Russians or the Americans. Do not think that these communities became prosperous by some magic. They have achieved this by hardwork and smartness'."

"He (Nehru) is giving a certificate to

those people to belittle Indians. This shows that Nehru ji's thinking about Indians was that they are lazy and of low intelligence. He did not trust their potential," the prime minister said.

Former prime minister Indira Gandhi did not think differently either, Modi

"Indira ji had said from (the ramparts of) Red Fort, 'Unfortunately, it is our habit that when a good work is approaching completion, we become complacent. And when an obstacle comes, we lose hope. Sometimes it seems the whole nation has accepted defeat'. Looking at Congress people today, it appears that Indira ji may not have been able to assess the people of the country correctly, but she had done an exact evaluation of the Congress," he

This was the thinking of the "royal family" of the Congress about Indians, he said. The same thinking is visible

LG emphasises on importance of self-discovery, dream, aspirations of youth



LG Manoj Sinha interacting with NCC cadets, who took part in Republic Day Parade in New Delhi. is the only power that is

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JAMMU: Exchanging ideas with the NCC cadets on the role of youth in nation-building, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday emphasised on importance of self-discovery, dream and aspirations of youth.

"I want youth to hold the rein of change because Youth

future-oriented, in sync with reality and equipped with skills to contribute in journey of Viksit Bharat," the Lt Governor said while interacting with the NCC cadets, who took part in the Republic Day Parade 2024 in New Delhi.

On the occasion, the Cadets

shared their experience about the spectacular march on the Kartavva Path, interaction with youth from all over the country and wonderful exposure about the regimented way of life they had at the Republic Day camp. The Lt Governor congratu-

lated the Cadets of

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Max: 18.9°C Max: 94 Temperature (Srinagar) Max: 7.0°C Max: 95 Min: 61

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Sunset: 18:06 Hours Sunrise: 07:23 Hours