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LG exhorts people to work towards fulfilling dream of modern India



LG Manoj Sinha addressing gathering at National Convention of All India Galav Purva Tyagi Brahmin Mahasabha at Agra.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday exhorted the people to work towards fulfilling the dream of modern India. "We must protect and promote our rich culture, strive for reform in education, empower youth and give back to society," the Lieutenant Governor said in his key note address at the 46th National Convention of All India Galav Purva Tyagi Brahmin Mahasabha at Dr Karan Singh Inter College, Agra.

The Lieutenant Governor asked the youth to act as a bridge between the govern-

ment and the public and drive the economic growth and social change in the country. "Youth are our greatest wealth and strength. I also want our youth to work with dedication to improve the lives of the underprivileged and strengthen the foundation of the ideals of fraternity and harmony," the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor further called upon the young generation to remain committed to provide solutions to future challenges. On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor paid tributes to prominent free-

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dom fighters and political figures, who have devoted their entire life to selflessly serving the country.

He also highlighted the

important role of social organizations in ensuring maximum participation of women and youth in nation building.

Pak intruder held along LoC

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAJOURI/JAMMU: A 40-year-old resident of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) was apprehended near the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district on Sunday, officials said. Abdul Rehman, a resident of Seri village of Kotli district, was under the influence of drugs when he was intercepted by the Indian Army shortly after he intruded into this side in Lam area of Nowshera sector, they said. The officials said that no incriminating material was recovered from the possession of the individual, who was being questioned.

No Indian citizen will lose life after end of Naxalism by March 31, 2026: Amit Shah



■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Sunday that Naxals will be eradicated by March 31, 2026 and no citizen of the country has to lose his life due to it. Shah said this after the security forces killed 31

Naxals in Chhattisgarh. "I also reiterate my resolve that before 31 March, 2026, we will completely eradicate Naxalism from the country so that no citizen of the country has to lose his life due to it," he wrote on 'X' in Hindi. The home minister said in the direction of making India

Naxal-free, the security forces have achieved a big success in Bijapur, Chhattisgarh. He said that 31 Naxalites were killed in this operation and a huge amount of arms and explosives were also recovered. Shah said the security forces have also lost two of its brave soldiers "in the effort to end anti-human Naxalism" and the country will always be indebted to these heroes. "I express my heartfelt condolences to the families of the martyred soldiers," he said. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai said the end of

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Ration cards without e-KYC verification unacceptable, no extension after Feb 15 deadline: Minister

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
BHUBANESWAR: Odisha food supplies and consumer welfare minister Krushna Chandra Patra on Sunday said there will be no further extension of the deadline for e-KYC update, and those who do not upgrade their data will be denied benefits under the Public Distribution System (PDS). Stating that the deadline for the e-KYC (know your

customer) verification of ration cards ends on February 15, the minister said, "There will be no further extension, and strict action will be taken against the fraudulent beneficiaries who hold ration cards." The minister said so far, 37,85,496 people have not updated their e-KYC. "Failing to update the e-KYC by February 15 will be considered as surrendering the

ration cards," Patra said, expressing wonder and mentioning that around 8 lakh income tax payers had obtained ration cards in their names. He also said some people had obtained the ration cards to be eligible for the free health service being provided by the state government. "After the cancellation of the ration cards, their

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Forest fire triggers four landmine explosions along in Poonch

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
MENDHAR/JAMMU: At least four landmines exploded due to a forest fire along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district on Sunday, but there was no casualty, officials said. The fire broke out in Lanjote forest in Balakote sector of Mendhar sub-division around 1 pm and set off the landmines, they said. The forward areas along

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Delhi rejects plunderers, toolkit agents; gets freedom from AAP-da

JAMMU: Delhi's historic poll verdict on February 8, 2025 marks the beginning of a larger national trend. The rejection of AAP, which the Prime Minister calls AAP-da (disaster) and Congress, the decisive mandate for BJP indicate a transformation in voter expectations. As India moves forward, governance will be increasingly defined by transparency, nationalism, and public welfare rather than populist gimmicks or ideological appeasement. The Delhi electorate has decisively rejected what they perceive as corrupt, conspiratorial, anti-national and deceptive politics, marking a new chapter in



governance and accountability. Delhi's voters have sent a strong message against corruption and misgovernance, likening the ousted leadership to historical plunderers such as Ahmad Shah Abdali, Muhammad Ghori, and Ibrahim Lodhi. In the address to celebrate the BJP's return in Delhi after over 26 years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's declaration that wealth accumulated through corruption will be retrieved and redi-

rected toward public welfare schemes reassures Delhiites that their mandate will translate into tangible benefits. This stance reflects his commitment to eradicating systemic corruption and ensuring that governance serves the common people rather than vested interests. In an exclusive interview with **STATE TIMES**, BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh rights observed: "Congress has faced consistent electoral defeats in Delhi, having been rejected half a dozen times. The public has punished the party for aligning with elements that propagate divisive ideologies, such as Kanhaiya Kumar, who was infamously associated with slogans like 'Bharat Tere Tukde Honge, Inshallah Inshallah' and 'Afzal Hum

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More than 7,000 women have taken sanyas initiation during Maha Kumbh

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
MAHAKUMBH NAGAR: More than 7,000 women have taken sanyas initiation in various akharas during the ongoing Maha Kumbh to protect the Sanatan Dharma, a statement released by the Uttar Pradesh government said. According to the official statement, the number of women joining to protect Sanatan under the leadership of Acharya Mahamandaleshwar Swami Avdheshanand Giri of Juna Akhara, Acharya Mahamandaleshwar Swami Arun Giri of Shri Panchdashnam Awahan Akhara and Dharmacharyas of Vaishnav saints was high. More than 7,000 women took 'Guru Diksha' in all the major akharas and pledged to serve Sanatan.

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 24.2°C Min: 7.7°C

Humidity
Max: 72 Min: 42

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 16.6°C Min: 0.8°C

Humidity
Max: 81 Min: 36

Sunset : 18:10 Hours
Sunrise : 07:19 Hours

Nadda meets Shah as BJP gets down to picking new Delhi CM

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: BJP president JP Nadda met Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday as the party's exercise to pick the new Delhi chief minister gathered pace, a day after it won the assembly polls and ended a more than 26-year spell out of power. Senior leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, had held consultations at the BJP headquarters on Saturday as well after Modi delivered a victory speech to jubilant party workers. With the BJP making impressive gains in every

region and among most communities in the polls, it has been left with a wide pool of potential chief ministerial candidates. With larger political messaging often guiding the party's choices in choosing its chief ministers in different states, political watchers believe that Delhi would be no exception. While visible faces such as Parvesh Verma, a leader from the Jat community who defeated AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal, and seasoned organisational leaders like Satish Upadhyay, Vijender Gupta, Ashish Sood

and Pawan Sharma are being talked about, the BJP has a history of elevating leaders with a relatively low public profile. A BJP leader said the party could also consider an MLA with 'Purvanchal' background, a Sikh, or a woman, depending on the political calculations guiding its top brass. Past experience, including in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan in 2023, and Odisha last year, leave little room for speculation on such matters, he added. The BJP picked Mohan Yadav

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