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LG calls upon youth to work collectively to build strong, Viksit Bharat

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday called upon the youth to work collectively to build a strong and Viksit Bharat.

"I want our youth to focus on the needs and aspirations of weaker and vulnerable sections of the society so that they are able to participate in the development process and contribute to all-round progress," the Lieutenant Governor said while interacting with the youth from North-Eastern states visiting Jammu under ABVP's Students' Experience in Inter-State Living (SEIL) initiative, at Convention Centre.

The Lieutenant Governor commended the initiative by the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) aimed at promoting oneness and providing opportunities to youth to experience Unity in Diversity.

The Lieutenant Governor said, "I am extremely proud that as the world's largest



LG Manoj Sinha interacting with youth from North-Eastern states visiting Jammu under ABVP's Students' Experience in Inter-State Living (SEIL) initiative on Thursday.

student organization, the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, since its inception, is making a significant contribution in strengthening the spirit of unity and brotherhood by eliminating geographical distance and has connected the youth with the cultural roots of India.

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■ Says, "I want our youth to focus on needs and aspirations of weaker and vulnerable sections of society so that they are able to participate in development process and contribute to all-round progress"

■ Lauds efforts of ABVP, everyone associated with SEIL programme for creating an emotional bridge between youth of North-East region, rest of country

■ This wonderful initiative of SEIL with its motto- One Nation - One People - One Culture is playing a pivotal role in realizing the vision of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat", enabling youth to live and understand Unity in Diversity in real sense

Govt working for ‘Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas’: PM Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The BJP-led Union government is working on the principle of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas', Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday as he accused the Congress of practising appeasement politics to get votes.

Replying to the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President's address in the Rajya Sabha, the prime minister said the Congress' priority was "family first" and its policies had been focused around it.

Modi also accused the Congress of being against the architect of India's Constitution B R Ambedkar, and recalled the Emergency of 1975-77 as well as incidents of alleged suppression of freedom of expression under the earlier regimes of Congress. He said his government has worked for upliftment of the poor, and it stands with the middle class and the "neo-middle class" in the country.

"Nation first is the BJP's priority..." Modi said.



TRAIN TO BARAMULLA

Highlighting the completion of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla railway line in Jammu and Kashmir, the Prime Minister remarked that the project was approved in 1994 but remained stalled for decades. Finally, after three decades, it was completed in 2025, he added.

"I say it with a lot of pride... For five to six decades, there was no alternative model for the people. After a long time, after 2014, the country got to witness a new model, which is not based on appeasement but 'san-tushtikaran' (satisfaction of all)," he said.

"The earlier model, espe-

cially under the Congress, was appeasement in everything. This became the crux of its politics. It would give something to small groups and deprive others. At the time of elections, it would give false hope. It ran its politics by fooling people," he said.

Modi said the BJP-led gov-

ernment was focused on optimum utilisation of resources.

"We adopted the approach of saturation. The schemes should be delivered 100 per cent, no one should be deprived and pushed towards hopelessness. In the past decade, at every level, we have tried to implement 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'. We can now see the impact," he said.

Modi also claimed attempts were being made to spread casteism.

"Attempts are being made to spread the poison of casteism. For three decades, OBC MPs of both Houses from all parties kept demanding a commission for OBCs but it was rejected because, perhaps, it did not suit its politics at that time. We gave constitutional status to this OBC commission," Modi said.

"Whenever the issue of reservation came up, it was done to create a rift in the country..." he said.

"For the first time, we gave a model, we gave 10 per

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Probe ordered into suicide of 26-yr-old man

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA/JAMMU: Taking serious note of the suicide incident in Billawar, the District Magistrate of Kathua has ordered a magisterial inquiry into the death of Makhan, son of Murid.

"A magisterial probe is required in this case to ascertain the cause of death," the DM said in an order.

According to the order issued on Thursday, Anil Kumar, Tehsildar Lohai Malhar, has been appointed as the inquiry magistrate to investigate the case. He has been directed to submit a detailed report within five days.

The inquiry will involve recording statements of all relevant individuals and following all necessary legal procedures, the order said.

Police have also ordered a time bound probe into the matter, led by the Deputy Inspector General (DIG), officials said.

"With regard to the death (by suicide) of a person named Makhan, son of Mureed, resident of Salli, District Kathua, a fact-finding enquiry is ordered which shall be conducted by Shiv Kumar, IPS DIG J&K Range," read an order issued by Staff Officer to

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CM holds another round of pre-budget consultation with public representatives

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: On the second straight day, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday continued pre-budget consultation with stakeholders, emphasizing that feedback from public representatives is crucial as they remain directly connected with the people.

As part of this exercise, the Chief Minister held a series of consultative meetings with District Development Council (DDC) Chairpersons and Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) from Baramulla, Udhampur, Kulgam and



CM Omar Abdullah chairing pre-budget consultation meeting with public representatives.

Ramban districts.

Addressing the participants, the Chief Minister reiterated the government's commitment to an inclusive, budget-making process. "The

Assembly may pass the budget, but it should not be framed in isolation. Our aim is to ensure that the proposals of people's representatives, including DDC

Chairpersons and MLAs, are considered and their needs and aspirations are reflected in the budget," he stated. He further highlighted that

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Three more exit polls predict BJP victory in Delhi assembly

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Three exit polls on Thursday predicted a sweep for the BJP in the Delhi assembly elections with vote share in the range of 48-49 per cent and 45-61 seats in the 70-member House.

Axis My India, which got its numbers right in the 2020 Delhi elections, has given a 48 per cent vote share for the BJP-led alliance as against 42 per cent for the ruling AAP.

In terms of seats, the Axis My India has projected the BJP winning 45-55 seats, the AAP 15-25 seats and the Congress 0-1. It also shows others winning 0-1 seats.

Today's Chanakya has projected the BJP winning a 49 per cent vote share with 45-57 seats (51 with an error margin of six), while AAP may get 13-25 seats with 41 per cent vote share. Others are projected to get 0-3 seats.

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 21.2°C Min: 6.8°C

Humidity
Max: 74 Min: 49

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 12.3°C Min: -1.0°C

Humidity
Max: 78 Min: 35

Sunset: 18:07 Hours
Sunrise: 07:22 Hours

Saints played key role in protecting India's culture, unity: Amit Shah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DONGARGARH (CHHATTISGARH): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said India's saints played a significant role in preserving the country's culture, unity and in spreading knowledge.

Speaking at the 'First Samadhi Mahotsav' of Chhattisgarh's Rajnandgaon district, he said Jain Acharyas and Munis (monks and seers) worked towards uniting the entire country.

Post-independence, when the country and the government started getting influenced by western thoughts,



Jain seer late Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj was the only saint who continued to protect India, Indianness, Indian culture, religion and

languages, Shah said.

The messages, discourses and writings of Acharya Vidyasagar Ji are a precious heritage for the Jain community as well as the entire nation, the Union minister asserted.

"The saint tradition of our country is very rich. Whenever the need arose, the saint tradition in India played its role in protecting the country's culture. The saints have created knowledge and kept the

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Truck driver killed in Army firing after jumping check post

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A truck driver was killed in Army firing when he allegedly refused to stop his vehicle at a check post in Baramulla district despite repeated warnings, officials said on Thursday.

The check post was set up at Sangrama Chowk on Wednesday following inputs about the movement of terrorists in the area, they said.

"On 05 Feb 2025, based on a specific intelligence input about move of terrorists, a Mobile Vehicle Check Post (MVCP) was established by Security Forces. One speeding suspicious civil truck

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CS reviews admin efforts towards safeguarding Badhal residents

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Thursday again chaired a meeting of all the concerned from Health and Police Departments along with the representatives of nationally reputed institutions to take assessment of the efforts made to safeguard the lives there besides identifying the causes behind these deaths.

The meeting besides Principal Secretary, Home and Secretary, H&ME was attended by ADGP, CID; Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; IGP, Jammu; IGP, CID; DC, Rajouri; SSP,



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting in Jammu.

Rajouri; Principal, GMC Jammu and other local health experts.

It was also joined by Director, AIIMS; Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh; DG, ICMR; Director, Indian Institute of Toxicology

Research (IITR), Lucknow; Director, CFSL; Experts from National Institute of Virology (NIV), DRD, Gwalior and experts from other reputed laboratories carrying out investigation

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Pakistan's crude attempt to hide its atrocities in PoJK



On Wednesday, Pakistan military . The resources of the land have been diverted to benefit mainland of Pakistan, particularly Punjab province, leaving the people in the occupied territory high and dry.

Contrasts and comparisons between Jammu and Kashmir and PoJK are so striking that this exercise in itself is futile.

In today's Jammu and Kashmir , there is a hope and optimism for future as opportunities have opened aplenty for the residents . Jammu and Kashmir is a transformed landscape where peace has come back, though at a cost, as the Indian army and other wings of security forces had to fight Pakistan sponsored terrorism with their lives. Jammu and Kashmir is bubbling with new hopes in which it is walking lockstep with the rest of the country in journey toward excellence and one of the most developed economic in the world . India's ascendancy toward emerging superpower in the world

has been recognized by the world . The latest evidence comes from the eagerness with which the United States is waiting to host the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi sometime this month.

In the scheduled meetings between the US President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Modi , not only the bilateral relations of the two countries would

be discussed, but also the global affairs , the shape of the conflicts that have ripped apart the stability and economy of the world . This is particularly in reference to the Ukraine-Russia and Israel-Palestine conflicts . Though a ceasefire has been affected in the Middle-East but the instability and possibility of re-eruption of the conflict continued to stare . PM Modi is the only leader in the world at the moment who has good relations and credibility with

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all sides, and the world is looking up to him for the resolution of all these problems. That's why Trump has invited him to the White House for discussions on big subjects .

Pakistan is frustrated. It is suffering from global isolation. Pakistan is seen as a country that is headed toward its disintegration with so many internal conflicts dotting its geography and politics. There is a government that is working under the thumb of military and has no voice of its own. There is yet another conflict raging in its backyard where terrorism that it had grown is consuming it. Faced with all these crises, Pakistan thinks that it can redeem itself by raking up the so-called Kashmir issue, which in fact is non-existent as the people in the Valley have aligned themselves completely with the idea of India and they are active participants in this

Pakistan's worries have multiplied as PoJK is posing serious problems . There

is civil unrest and signals of civil disobedience are beaming all over. The people there have taken to streets to protest against highly atrocious treatment meted out to them by Pakistan's government and military establishment. The PoJK people are now worried about the grabbing of their natural resources, water and forests by mainland Pakistan. Their protests were met with brute use of force. Pakistani army soldiers showered bullets on protestors .

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