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## Focus on massive infra development is towards building Aatm-Nirbhar J&K: LG

### "Capex achieved 102 pc growth in 2023-24 compared to 2018-19"



LG Manoj Sinha chairing a review meeting with senior officials on the budgetary expenditure in Jammu on Friday.

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said that the Union Territory is touching greater heights today as the focus on massive infrastructure development is towards meeting

the aspirations of people and building Aatm-Nirbhar Jammu and Kashmir.

Chairing a review meeting on Budgetary Expenditure in the UT of Jammu Kashmir, at Civil Secretariat, the Lt Governor took appraisal of

the department-wise progress achieved in the Financial Year 2023-24 and called upon the officials for 100% utilization of funds available under Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Capex.

The meeting was attended by Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Dheeraj Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary Forests; Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Administrative Secretaries and senior officials.

It is heartening to see that capital expenditure has achieved 102 percent growth in 2023-24 as compared to 2018-19. We have also registered an impressive increase in Excise and other Tax & non-tax Revenue. These are the indicators of a streamlined financial prudence system in place in the Union Territory, he said. He asked the Administrative

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Govt grants 3-day leave to migrant, PM package employees for Mahashivratri

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Friday granted three-day special leave for Jammu-based migrant and PM Package employees who are working in Kashmir in light of Mahashivratri.

"Sanction is accorded to the grant of three

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#### Veterinary Assistant Surgeon terminated

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government of Jammu and Kashmir's Agriculture Production Department has taken decisive action by terminating the services of Dr. Shalibaz Manzoor, a Veterinary Assistant Surgeon. This move comes after a prolonged series of deliberations and attempts to resolve

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## We will win over 400 seats in LS polls: Modi

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

B A R W A A D A (JHARKHAND): Prime

Minister Narendra Modi on Friday asserted that the NDA will win over 400 seats in the elections relying on "Modi's guarantee" and hit out at the JMM-led ruling dispensation for "corruption", "dynastic governance" and "extortion".

Accusing opposition bloc INDIA of creating hurdles in the implementation of schemes, Modi claimed that the ruling JMM-led government has become a synonym for "Jam Kar Khao (devour all)" with corruption at its peak and indulged in appeasement that fuelled infiltration.

"Abki bar 400 par (this time we will win over 400 seats) in the Lok Sabha polls



The hard work of the people of Jharkhand will not go in vain and they will be repaid with full interest, he said.

"No matter how much mud they (INDIA bloc) throw, (BJP symbol) lotus will bloom everywhere," Modi who greeted people with "Johar" (tribal salutation and welcome) said.

The ruling Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) is neck-deep in corruption and its appeasement policies have resulted in infiltration, Modi alleged.

"JMM stands for Jam Kar Khao. Appeasement is on the increase, extortion is at

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## CEO reviews preparedness for LS election 2024



CEO J&K, Pandurang Kondbarao Pole chairing a meeting.

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Jammu and Kashmir, Pandurang Kondbarao Pole, on Friday a meeting of officers to review preparations being made for General Lok Sabha Election

2024. A detailed review of the District Election Management Plans for Pulwama, Budgam, Ganderbal and Srinagar districts was undertaken. The meeting was attended by

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#### IPS Tejinder posted as DIG R-P Range

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Friday transferred an IPS officer.

"Tejinder Singh, IPS, upon repatriation to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, is posted as DIG, Rajouri-Poonch Range, against an available vacancy, relieving Sunil Gupta, IPS, of the additional charge of the aforesaid post," reads an order issued by santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary, Home Department.

#### Journalist arrested two days after being released

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two days after Kashmiri journalist Asif Sultan was released from a five-year detention, he has been rearrested here in another case, officials said on Friday. "Sultan was rearrested late Thursday

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 18.3°C Min: 14.3°C

Humidity  
Max: 73 Min: 58

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 7.6°C Min: 4.5°C

Humidity  
Max: 85 Min: 91

Sunset : 18:27 Hours  
Sunrise : 06:58 Hours

## Historic Ranbireshwar temple to be opened for devotees in Jammu next week

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The iconic Shri Ranbireshwar temple here would be opened for devotees on Mahashivratri festival next week, trustee of Jammu and Kashmir Dharmarth Trust Vikramaditya Singh said on Friday.

Singh, grandson of last Dogra ruler Maharaja Hari Singh, announced the reopening of the temple after undertaking a visit to assess the progress of ongoing restoration efforts within the temple premises at Shalimar



road in the heart of the city.

The historic temple dedicated to lord Shiva, built by Maharaja Ranbir Singh in 1983, faced natural damage

due to excessive rains and a thunderstorm on October 17 last year.

A lightning bolt struck the temple, causing significant

#### Driver killed as fuel tanker falls into gorge along Jammu-Srinagar NH

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BANIHAL: A driver of a fuel tanker was charred to death after the vehicle skidded off the road and plunged into an over 1000-feet gorge along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway on Friday, officials said.

The incident took place at Battery Cheshma in Ramban district when the Bharat Petroleum tanker was travelling from Jammu to Srinagar, they said.

The tanker met with an accident when its driver

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## J&K Admin committed to provide vibrant ecosystem for industrial growth: Sinha



LG Manoj Sinha addressing at the inaugural ceremony of industrial unit of Bloomtex Industries Pvt Ltd in Jammu.

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on

## HC directs UT Govt to constitute Tribunal as mandated under Wakaf Act

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a landmark judgment on various petitions, Justice Sanjeev Kumar of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court on Friday directed Government of Union Territory to constitute one or more Tribunals as mandated under Wakaf Act.

The petitioners in all these petitions are in occupation of Waqf properties as licensees thereof and have essentially raised a dispute with regard to an arbitrary, irrational and exorbitant enhancement of monthly rent.

"Till the Government constitutes Tribunal/Tribunals in terms of Section 83 of the Act, there shall be status quo with regard to the subject matter of these writ petitions", the Court observed.

The star argument of the counsel, appearing for the petitioners is that the Waqf Board being an instrumentality of the State is expected to act fairly and in public interest.

The Waqf Board increased the rentals of the properties under occupation of the

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## My Govt will uplift, protect KPs: Azad

### Pledges Govt jobs; free electricity, ration

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), Ghulam Nabi Azad, on Friday visited Jagti township in Nagrota here and interacted with the displaced Kashmiri Pandits. He also listened to the various concerns flagged by the displaced community.

Azad pledged to raise various pressing issues faced by the migrants, including enhancing employee security and reinstating free ration and electricity for low-income



Chairman DPAP Ghulam Nabi Azad interacting with displaced Kashmiri Pandits at Jagti township on Friday.

employees at appropriate forums.

He reaffirmed his commitment to the settlement of Kashmiri Pandits.

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## Higher reaches of Jammu experienced fresh snowfall; rains in plains

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The high altitude areas of Jammu region recorded fresh snowfall, while the plains including the winter capital city were lashed by rains on Friday, resulting in appreciable drop in the mercury, officials said. The strategic 270-km Jammu-Srinagar national highway remained open for one-way traffic despite rains, a landslide blocked Batote-Kishtwar highway near Pakki Hatti, the officials said.

They said the winter vacation in schools, which were supposed to open in the winter zone of Jammu region including Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban on March 1, was extended by two days in view of the prediction of heavy snowfall and avalanche warnings.

"In an effort to ensure the safety and well-being of students, Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder



Singh has directed the closure of all educational institutions, both government and private, for two days across the district.

"However, the practical examinations will be conducted as per schedule," Doda cluster head of schools Nazir Ahmed told PTI.

He said the classwork in all the schools of winter zone of Jammu province was supposed to resume from March 1 after two-and-a-half month winter vacation, but the schools will now reopen on March 4.

The Meteorological department said widespread moderate rain or

snow is expected over most places of the Union Territory till March 3 with peak activity on March 1 night to March 2 night.

"Few places may experience heavy to very heavy snow particularly over higher reaches of north, central and south Kashmir and Pirpanjal range of Jammu division during this period.

"The plains of Kashmir may receive moderate rain or snow while the plains of Jammu may receive moderate rain with a possibility of heavy rain over Ramban, Udhampur and Reasi districts. Few places may experience thunder, lightning or hailstorms accompanied by gusty winds," it said.

A traffic department official said the one-way traffic on Jammu-Srinagar national highway, the only all weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, was moving smoothly

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## Tourism Deptt working on renewed plan to make J&K a world famous tourist destination



CS Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting in Jammu on Friday.

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a meeting on Friday called to take a peek into the renewed tourism development plan by the Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, several new innovative steps were highlighted by the concerned department to make J&K the most popular tourist destination in the

country.

Commissioner Secretary, Tourism, Yasha Mudgal elucidated several aspects of this strategy under development for the cognizance of the Chief Secretary.

During this meeting it was made out that the Department is in a

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