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Manufacturing ecosystem growing in J&K to give boost to Aatmanirbhar UT: LG



LG Manoj Sinha virtually inaugurating Superior Polymers India Pvt Ltd's manufacturing unit at Kathua on Monday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday virtually inaugurated the Manufacturing Unit of Superior Polymer India Private Limited at Kathua.

The Lieutenant Governor congratulated the Superior Group of Industries and the members of Superior Polymer India Private Limited on their new venture and conveyed his best wishes.

He said the commencement of this greenfield project is an important milestone, promising a positive impact on the local economy and employment generation, and a significant push to the industrial development of the region.

"UT's manufacturing ecosystem is growing and today's project dedicated to the industrial development will give momentum to the mission of Aatmanirbhar J&K," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor reiterated that, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, we are committed to the advancement of the industrial sector in Jammu and Kashmir.

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- ▶ **Under guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, we are committed to the advancement of industrial sector in J&K**
- ▶ **Progressive Industrial Policy and several key interventions in last few years have strengthened investors' confidence in the UT of J&K**
- ▶ **We have ensured a workforce prepared for industrial jobs. We have empowered marginalized sections of society to broaden skilled workforce. Our Handloom and Handicraft exports surged after building industrial ecosystem**

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Azad dissolves DPAP units across all levels

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Ghulam Nabi Azad, one of the most secular leader of Jammu and Kashmir and former Chief Minister of the erstwhile state besides Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha on Monday dissolved all the units of his Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) from the towering state committees down to the grassroots block-level teams.

After resigning from the Congress, Azad had formed the new party in Jammu and Kashmir along with senior Congress leaders.

The decision, formally announced from the party headquarters in Hyderabad, Srinagar, impacts all organizational wings including provincial, zonal, district, and block committees. Notably, even the Chief Spokesperson and other spokespersons have been relieved of their roles.

"This reorganization is part of a larger vision to rebuild and revitalize the party from the ground up," the release read.

It further clarified that the committees would be reconstituted "in due course of time" with the Chairman's approval.

The order was issued by Bashir Aarif, Secretary to the Chairman.



Country saw blackouts under Cong rule, now exporting electricity: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS
YAMUNANAGAR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said there were blackouts under the Congress rule before 2014 but India's power production has doubled in the last decade and it is now exporting electricity.

Addressing a gathering after laying the foundation stone of an 800-MW ultra-supercritical modern thermal power unit at the Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram Thermal Power Plant here, the prime minister said Haryana is seeing "double speed" of the BJP's double-engine government.

The thermal power unit, spread across 233 acres



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J&K plans to develop 9 new tourism destinations with World Bank funding: CM

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday said his government is planning to develop nine new tourism destinations across the Union Territory, expressing hope that the World Bank will put aside its "traditional sort of reluctance" to fund any project in J&K.

Seeking support of tourism players in promoting the industry back home, Abdullah highlighted the challenges posed by "ridiculous prices" of air tickets to and from Kashmir and hoped for a relief by the inauguration of direct train by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in coming days.

"We have nine new destinations in mind that we hope to get funded through a



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Omar urges MEA to use diplomatic might to remove negative travel advisories for J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday said the Ministry of External Affairs should influence western countries to withdraw advisories asking their citizens not to visit Jammu and Kashmir, saying it will be the biggest proof that the situation has changed for better in the region.

He said his government would be working with the Centre, particularly the MEA, to focus on those countries that have "very firm" travel advisories.

Attending a tourism event in the national capital, Abdullah, who also holds the Tourism portfolio in the Union territory government, said he is increasingly of the view that J-K needs to be repositioned, not as a destination for "volume tourism", but one for "value tourism". "First, we will review the tourism policy in light of whatever has

Babasaheb Ambedkar never accepted Article 370: MP CM

STATE TIMES NEWS
MHOW (MP): Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Monday hailed Babasaheb Ambedkar on his birth anniversary and said the chief architect of the Constitution never accepted Article 370 that gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

Babasaheb Ambedkar's remarkable efforts removed the anomalies of 1000 years of slavery and on the basis of these India has become the largest democracy in

Car bomb blast, house attack: Salman Khan gets fresh death threat

STATE TIMES NEWS
MUMBAI: An unidentified person has threatened to blow up actor Salman Khan's car with a bomb and assault the Y-Plus-protected by entering his residence, prompting the Mumbai Police to tighten security and register a case.

The unidentified person sent the message to the Mumbai Traffic Police's WhatsApp helpline on Sunday morning, officials said on Monday. The sender threatened to blow up Khan's car and assault him at his residence, according to a police official.

Police in Worli registered a case against the unidentified individual under Section 351(2)(3) (criminal intimidation) of the

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Humidity
Max: 49 Min: 33

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 29.0°C Min: 10.0°C

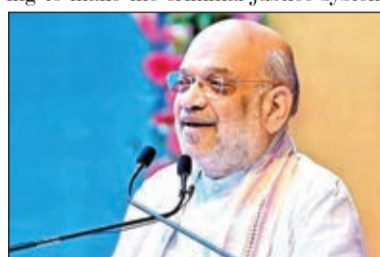
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Max: 57 Min: 27

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Importance of forensic science has increases manifold with crime becoming borderless: Shah

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The importance of forensic science has increased manifold with crime becoming borderless and criminals often breaching the boundaries of states and countries, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said Monday, highlighting that the Modi government has made forensic science a part of the criminal justice system.

The government also is working to ensure people get justice in time and to their satisfaction, he said at the All India Forensic Science Summit 2025, fire



"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, the government is striving to make the criminal justice system

fraction of getting justice," he said.

The home minister said forensic science is very useful to strengthen the country's criminal justice system.

"Prime Minister Modi's vision has worked to change the landscape of the criminal justice system of this country. We have made forensic science a part of the criminal justice system so that justice is not only delivered and guilty is punished but at the same time ensuring that no innocent suffers," he said.

Shah said the Summit will prove to be very useful in bringing experts on one platform, discussing policies, formulating and

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One killed, 10 injured as mini truck falls into ditch in Ramban

STATE TIMES NEWS
BANIHAL/JAMMU: A 75-year-old woman was killed and 10 of her relatives were injured after a mini-load carrier fell into a ditch in Ramban district early Monday, police said.

The members of the extended family belonging to the Bakerwal nomadic community were heading for Kashmir from Teryath village in Rajouri district as part of their bi-annual migration in search of green-



er pastures for their animals,

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BJP should walk the talk on its roadmap with focus on Jammu's issues

ANCHOR
DOST KHAN

JAMMU: Jammu has a right to have its own roadmap for emotional, political and development reconstruction. In all fairness, the region is still in search of its roadmap. This is, despite, Jammu's almost complete support to BJP to articulate its problems and seek their solution. BJP should lead the way.

At this point in time, the BJP leadership is busy in pinning the National Conference government to fulfill its election time agenda enshrined in its manifesto. As the only opposition party of consequence with 28 MLAs in the current House of 88 - two seats being vacant; the saffron party is entitled to hold the government to account. But there is some-

thing more, which the BJP should ponder as it is the only party that was given majority of vote's and seats by the people of this region to set the narrative of its own.

Recently, leader of opposition in J&K Assembly and senior leader of BJP Sunil Sharma questioned the Omar Abdullah government about promises that it had made in the Manifesto -2024. His questions to the Chief Minister and his government were a comparison between what was written in the manifesto and the delivery so far. Obviously, there are gaps. The whole thing about 200 units of free power, doubling the ration and other welfare measures is restricted to the people falling in category of AAY. - Anty Anna Yolanda . The BJP leader questioned, why it is not for all the citizens in J&K, as promised.

Sunil Sharma was angry that the discussions on the subject of regularization of

daily wagers, jobs for the unemployed and the statehood for J&K, was washed out because of the ruckus created over the Waqbf Act by NC members in the last three days of the budget session from April 7 to 9. These are fair questions, but there is a different and more relevant issues at stake. That was reflection on

Jammu-specific issues, though there is no denying the fact that all these questions put to the government concerned both the Valley and Jammu region in equal measure.

Jammu is facing renewed threat of revival of terrorism from across the border. Security forces and J&K police have foiled many attempts, and are battling those who have intruded. There is a question mark on the situation. Today, securi-

ty forces are in much better position to tackle the situation created by Pakistani terrorists inside and on the borders. The effort requires political support not the skirmishes. BJP must enrich its own narrative on this count so that others follow it. Pakistan is the main enemy and its designs can be fought only if all the political parties are on the same page. BJP can lead in doing so.

BJP can take lead in moving among the people, making them aware about the emerging dangers. That will set a template for others to follow. It needs to work on focusing and targeting enemy's plan. That would help other parties to follow the suit as the current mood is in favour of pursuing and furthering national interest.

A glimpse at "Sankalp Patra" - BJP's manifesto for the 2024 elections, reveals that even if the party were to miss bus in forming the government in J&K, it had

certain responsibilities to fulfill. BJP was clear from the very beginning that the elections will not change the status of J&K, because the party was privy to the fact that the Centre will not confer status of statehood anytime soon. So the law and order will remain with Ministry of Home Affairs and the powers will be exercised through Lieutenant Governor. The party also knew that LG will be wielding more powers in running the state of affairs. That makes it a party to running the UT. Therefore, because of its access in the corridors of power in Delhi and J&K, it also could have enhanced the scope of peace and delivery in the UT by employing narrative of achievements of the Modi government with specifics. It will find its own efforts were short of its own expectations.

BJP has a role to devise an alternative roadmap for J&K till the time it is in Opposition.

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