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Punya Bhumi Samaran Sabha: Tributes paid to PoJK martyrs at a mega rally in Jammu on Sunday. (Pics by Shilpa Thakur,

JAMMU: The Article 370 of the constitution has become a history, senior Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) leader Surendra Jain said on Sunday as he raised a pitch for reclaiming parts of Jammu and Kashmir under the "illegal occupation of Pakistan and China", saying it will become a reality soon

Jain, Union Joint General Secretary of VHP, was speaking at a rally 'Punya Bhumi Samaran Sabha' organized at Padamshri Padma Sachdeva PG College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu on Sunday by RSS-Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Forum here to pay collective tributes to those who were killed in Pakistani onslaught on October 22, 1947 and reiterate a pledge to reclaim the lost areas

Senior BJP leaders led Tiranga Yatra' from different parts of the city to join the rally which was attended Pakistan-occupied and Kashmir (PoJK) displaced persons from within and outside Jammu and Kashmir besides Peethadheeshwar Sri Sri 1008 Sri Swami Vishwatmanand Saraswati Maharaj, Mahamandaleshwar Swami Dharmadev, film actor and producer Mukesh Rishi. Amid chants for liberation

of PoJK, the VHP leader said whether you want compensation or land of your ancestors and religious places like Sharada Peeth the pledge you have taken is shortly becoming a reality,

Jain said it is not an issue related to Hindus and Muslims as many nationalist Muslims were also killed by the Pakistani raiders in

Without naming National Conference, Congress and PDP, he said the role of a few families who ruled J&K in past decades is over. Now only the writ of the country and the people of J&K will run in J&K.

The one who cannot chant the slogans in praise of the motherland India has Pakistan zindabad' inscribed somewhere in his or her heart, he said adding a new J&K is emerging under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi who revoked the Article 370 without caring for the "threats and blackmails.

The VHP leader said "the

Article 370 is done away and its restoration is not possible. It has become part of a history and so are the questions which were being raised time and again over the legality of the accession of J&K with India even as the Maharaja Hari Singh, the last Dogra ruler, had signed the same accession document like the rulers of other princely states.

He said the only issue is the fulfilment of the resolution passed unanimously by the Parliament on February 22, 1994, emphasizing that Pakistan must vacate parts of Jammu and Kashmir under its illegal occupation.

The area left with us is 46 per cent of the total area of Jammu and Kashmir merged by Maharaja with India, while the major chunk

occupation of Pakistan and China. Reclaiming the land and uniting it with India is our right and our pledge," he said, adding "the area under illegal occupation of China is not out of our pledge"

Asserting that India is incomplete without the lost parts of J&K, he said we have a strong Prime Minister and his government is determined to bring back what belongs to the country. We request the government to speed up the process and make it a reality in the

tation commission recommendations for reservation of assembly seats for PoJK. The delimitation commission on J&K submitted its final report and it is heartening that it did not touched the 24 seats reserved for PoJK thus conveying a mes-

Asking displaced persons

of PoJK settled in different

parts of the country to get

their domicile certificates

prepared in Jammu and

Kashmir to play an active

role in its future, the VHP

leader welcomed the delimi-

exodus from the valley in I would like the film director (Vivek Agnihotri) to make a movie on the exodus of PoJK refugees as well to educate the people of the country about the atrocities

up our claim. We are deter-

mined to reclaim the lost

area, he said and requested

the central government to

defreeze at least eight seats

for the displaced community

to give them due representa-

Jain also referred to the

Kashmir Files movie and

said it highlighted the problems faced by the Kashmiri

pandits which led to their

faced by them, he said. PoJK refugees said that they will take back areas that are under illegal occupation of Pakistan. "We want to meet our relatives at the other end of the border,'

they said. Refugees participated in the Mega rally and said that they want Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir areas back. People living

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Value of vote of MPs likely to go down to 700 from 708 in July presidential elections

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The value of the vote of a Member of Parliament is likely to go down to 700 from 708 in the presidential polls scheduled in July due to the absence of a legislative assembly in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Saturday.

The value of the vote of an MP in a presidential election is based on the number of elected members in legislative assemblies of states and union territories, including Delhi, Puducherry and Jammu and Kashmir.

The Electoral College for

2 teenage boys feared

drowned in Chenab

BANIHAL/JAMMU: Two

teenage boys, who had gone

for a bath in the Chenab in

Ramban district, are feared

to have drowned in the river.

A rescue operation is

underway but there was no

trace of the boys who might

have been swept away by the

strong current while taking a

Two hybrid terrorists

arrested from Bandipora

SRINAGAR: Two 'hybrid'

Mujahideen (HM) were arrested in Bandipora dis-

trict and arms and ammuni-

tion were recovered from

their possession, police said

On a specific input regard-

ing movement of terrorists

from Bandipora to Srinagar,

a checkpoint was established

Temperature (Srinagar)

Sunset: 18:52 Hours

Sunrise: 06:10 Hours

Min: 36

Max: 31.8°C

Max: 74

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on Sunday.

by security forces

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bath near the Julla bridge

police said on Sunday.

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prises the members of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and those of the legislative assemblies of states and union territories including Delhi, Puducherry and Jammu and Kashmir.

the presidential election com-

Before it was bifurcated into two union territories of Ladakh, and Jammu & Kashmir in August 2019, the erstwhile state of J&K had 83 assembly seats. According to the Jammu

and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, the Union Territory of J&K will have a

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Top LeT 'Commander' Haider among 2 terrorists killed in Kulgam terrorist was part of groups

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A Pakistani Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist was among two ultras killed in an encounter with security forces in Kulgam district on Sunday, police

The gunfight in the Chevan Devsar area of the south Kashmir district broke out security after forces launched a cordon and search operation there following inputs about the presence of terrorists, a police official said.

In the ensuing exchange of fire, two terrorists were killed, he said.



Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said one of the slain ultras was a Pakistani named

As per police records

Haider had been a categorized terrorist, who was active for more than two vears in North Kashmir and had recently shifted his base to South Kashmir. The killed

Girl among 4 drug addicts beaten by locals at Ragoora, handed-over to police ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Three boys and a girl drug-addict, who had gone to Ragoora area in Sidhra to purchase Chitta (drugs) for themselves were beaten up by locals and thereafter handed-over to

Expressing resentment over action of locals, who thrashed them for visiting their area to buy drugs, the drug-addicts blamed drugpeddlers for making them addicts. "Unfortunately, we have now become drug addicts and are unable to

involved in several terror crimes, civilian atrocities and various killings including martyrdom of police personnel SgCT Mohammad Sultan and Ct Fayaz Ahmad on November 10, 2021 at Gulshan Chowk Bandipora. Besides, he was also involved in an attack on Naka party near Nishat Park Bandipora on February 11, 2022 in which SPO Zubair Ahmad

got injured. The other killed ultra Shahbaz Shah was a

attained martyrdom while as

four other security personnel

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Army's Vice Chief visits forward locations along LoC in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Vice Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General B S Raju on Sunday visited forward locations along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir and reviewed the security situation and operational preparedness, spokesman said.

Lt Gen Raju reached the Northern Army headquarters in Udhampur on Saturday to take part in a North Tech two-day Symposium, which saw participants from the Army and the defence manufacturing industry discussing policies and procedures for expeditious procurement and selfreliance in defence initia-

On the second day of the symposium on Saturday, an

exhibition was organised.

wherein 162 companies from the Indian defence industry, including MSMEs, DRDO and DPSU, participated and exhibited their products. In addition, 42 innovative solutions by Army establish-

ments towards enhancement of their combat potential were on display. The spokesman said Lt

Gen Raju visited the forward locations along the LoC in Sunderbani and

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Thick smoke engulfed entire area

Panic gripped Bishnah town as over 150 Bitumen drums gutted in fire

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A massive fire gutted several bitumen drums at Mehmoodpur village in Bishnah area of Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday, Several fire tenders have been mobilized to douse the fire that has caused thick plumes of smoke to engulf the region.

A team of police officials and fire-fighters reached the spot to douse the fire that gutted around 150 bitumen drums. All the drums were kept close to each other which resulted in an explo-



Massive fire gutted several bitumen drums at Mehmoodpur village in Bishnah area on Sunday

Modi now template for what it means,

takes to be national leader: Amit Shah

sion. Locals with a team of

■ STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is now the template for what it

means and takes to "national leader", Home Minister Amit Shah has said, asserting that the label was earlier handed out to even politicians of 🛚

no proven merit and only capable of winning election from one or two safe Lok Sabha seats.

While national leaders were identified in the immediate

aftermath of the independence movement by their "name recall" across regions because of their participation in the freedom struggle, in the latter decades, notably at the height of the coalition era, the expression came to

be much abused, he said, adding that Delhi media generously distributed the status "friends to

favourites". Writing in the book "Modi@20 Dreams Delivery", brought out by Rupa Publications and to be launched on May

11, Shah said such "facile and insincere manufacturing of national leaders' was shown up for what it was after Modi led the BJP to its biggest Lok Sabha win in 2014 before repeating the feat with a bigger margin in

A confidant of the prime minister for over three decades. Shah wrote that the best teacher for a leader is travelling to ordinary

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Eight women workers at Beer factory hospitalised after falling unconscious 'Action against manufacturer if any spurious substance found'

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Eight women workers of Dewan Modern Beverages, Manufacturing Company in Phase-II of Industrial Area of District Samba were admitted to the District Hospital Samba after complaining of uneasiness and unconsciousness Sunday.

The women workers were cleaning empty bottles in the factory before comsea and vomiting. They were taken to the district

They have been identified as Babli, Raini Devi, Poonam Devi, Ritu Devi, Janaki Devi, Shakuntla Devi, Reema Devi and Reena Devi.

DC Samba, Anuradha Gupta, who arrived at District Hospital to ascertain the condition of women, while talking to reporters said that this incident took place at Dewan Modern Beer Factory

in IGC Samba Phase-II.

facturer, if use of any spuri-

Only eight women were present in this wing of the factory and investigation is on to ascertain the cause of the incident, DC Samba

FIR and started further

The matter is under investigation and a strict action will be taken against the manuous substances is ascer-

Police has also registered an

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LG participates in Navgrah Ashtamangalam Pooja at ancient Martand Sun Temple in Mattan

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

ANANTNAG: Lieutenant Governor, Manoi Sinha on Sunday visited Anantnag and took part in the auspicious Navgrah Ashtamangalam Pooja at the ancient Martand Sun temple in

The Pooja was held in the presence of saints, members of Kashmiri Pandit community and local residents. The Lt Governor termed the event a truly divine experience

Pertinently, the 8th Century Martand Temple is the oldest of the Sun temples in India and a symbol of invaluable ancient spiritual heritage On the occasion, the Lt Governor reit-

erated the Government's commitment to protect and develop ancient sites of cultural and spiritual significance. The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is home to rich and diverse

religious and cultural influences and is

the seat of knowledge in the country.



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha participating in auspicious Navgrah Ashtamangalam Pooja at the ancient Martand Sun Temple in Mattan.

We are making dedicated efforts to us on the path of righteousness and transform historical spiritual places of J&K into vibrant centers that will guide

blesses this beautiful land with peace, happiness and prosperity, the Lt

briefed about the historical-religious importance of the temple. Discussion was also held on tapping the tourism potential of the region. Legislator,

The Lt Governor also prayed for

strength, courage and determination

for every citizen of J&K UT so that

they can continue with their efforts to

build a just, compassionate and equal

Later, the Lt Governor also reviewed

the facilities at the temple. He was

Ambardar, besides prominent Saints from different regions of the country were present on the occasion. Pandurang K. Pole, Divisional

Commissioner Kashmir; Vijay Kumar, IGP Kashmir; Dr. Piyush Singla, Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, besides senior officials of Police and District Administration were also present.