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## Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams dedicated to devotees at Jammu

### LG Sinha, Union Minister Reddy, Union MoS Dr Jitendra attend Maha Samprokshanam ceremony



LG Manoj Sinha along with Union Ministers G. Kishan Reddy and Dr Jitendra Singh during Maha Samprokshanam of Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams in Jammu on Thursday.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, along with G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, and Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State attended the Maha Samprokshanam of Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams at Jammu, on Thursday.

After paying their obeisance at the sanctity sanctum, the dignitaries attended the dedication ceremony of Sri Venkateswara Swamy

**Narendra Modi**  
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This will celebrate the richness of our heritage and will deepen the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.'

Chairman and Board members of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams that Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple is completed in a short span. Now, the devotees of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi and other prominent religious places can also seek

Journey of J&K and the country.

"The dedication of Lord Venkateswara temple will strengthen religious tourism circuit in J&K. It will give a boost to spiritual tourism and a major fillip to the economic development and employment opportunities in the Union Territory," said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor expressed gratitude to Prime Minister, Narendra Modi and G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of Culture

► Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple spreads the message in the world that Kashmir to Kanyakumari, India is one. This will be a centre of spirituality and Sanatan traditions: Union Minister

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► Under the guidance of Narendra Modi, J&K is witnessing faster economic development and revival of culture in Amrit Kaal. The Union Territory is touching new heights of glory, divinity and development in its eternal journey: LG

► This Vikas Tirth is a celebration of India's unity in diversity and also signifies PM's vision of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat: Dr Jitendra

## J&K tops in Food Safety Index for consecutive 3rd year

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: In a significant achievement, Jammu and Kashmir has maintained its first rank in the UT category in Food Safety Index 2022-23.

The Department of Food and Drugs Administration, J&K received the award third time in a row for 2021, 2022 and 2023.

The index is released annually by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to measure the performance of states and UTs on various parameters of food safety. The award was received by Food Safety Commissioner Shakeel-ul-

## Revocation of Article 370 was very crucial for national security: Jaishankar

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: India will not tolerate cross-border terrorist activities and it cannot keep aside terrorism to improve ties with Islamabad under its neighbourhood first policy, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Thursday.

He said if Pakistan wants to take the relations forward, it knows what to do, adding India has de-legitimised the cross-border terrorism.

The external affairs minister also described the revocation of Article 370 of the Constitution from Jammu and Kashmir in 2019 as a long-awaited step, saying it was very crucial for national security.

"I do think that what was done in 2019 was a very very crucial step in a long-



awaited step for national security. The whole world used it against us. They saw it as a point of vulnerability," Jaishankar said at a press conference.

"They saw it as something they should

keep pressing and keep using and keep turning as a way of keeping India off-balance. If we do not get it right, how do you expect the world to get it right," he said.

The Article 370 gave special powers to Jammu and Kashmir.

"For us, the first thing was to remedy it at home and that is what we did in 2019. Once you sorted it out at home, then the question was how does the world react to it," Jaishankar added.

He said many countries around the world now understand India's perspective on the issue.

On August 5, 2019, India announced the withdrawal of the special powers of Jammu and Kashmir and its decision to bifurcate the state into two union territories.

## DGP orders freezing of bank accounts of drug traders & smugglers

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Director General of Police, Dilbag Singh directed to attach properties acquired through drug trade, besides stressing for freezing of bank accounts of drug traders and smugglers in border areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

The DGP made these remarks while chairing a review meeting of Narco Coordination Centre



(NCORD) at Police Headquarters. The course of action to uproot the drug menace and narcotic trade from J&K was discussed during the meeting.

The DGP during the meeting took a detailed review of the measures undertaken for combating illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and its consumption in the UT to save youth from the dangerous affects of the drugs.

## Raghav, Piyush nominated as nodal officers for Amarnath Yatra 2023

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Government on Thursday nominated two senior officers as nodal officers for smooth conduct of Amarnath Yatra, which will commence from July 01.

According to an order, Dr Raghav Langer, Secretary, Planning, Development

## CUET-UG to continue till June 17, results expected in July: Officials

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The Common University Entrance Test (CUET-UG) will continue till June 17 with more than 65,000 candidates yet to take the exam, according to officials. This will be the second extension of the undergraduate admission entrance test. The

**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 37.6°C Min: 21.1°C

Humidity  
Max: 39 Min: 33

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 28.0°C Min: 11.2°C

Humidity  
Max: 75 Min: 33

Sunset: 19:33 Hours  
Sunrise: 05:15 Hours

## Chugh lauds PM for hiking MSP on Kharif PM protects farmers' interest



country, has seen a hike of 7 per cent, with MSP of common paddy fixed at Rs 2,183 per quintal for 2023-24 - a 7.01 per cent increase over

## Dr B Srinivasan Commandant General, J&K HG/CD&SDRF appointed as DGP Puducherry

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Senior IPS officer B Srinivasan, who has been instrumental in strengthening of intelligence wing in the Jammu and Kashmir Police, was on Thursday appointed as Director General of Puducherry Police.

The Ministry of Home Affairs also appointed IPS officer Anil Shukla as police chief of Mizoram.

Srinivasan, a 1990 batch IPS officer, who was the intelligence chief when the Centre abrogated the special status of the erstwhile state, is the second officer to be posted out of the Union terri-

last year's Rs 2,040 per quintal. For paddy-grade A, MSP has been announced at Rs 2,203 per quintal, which is 6.94 per cent more than last year's Rs 2,060 per quintal.

This reflects Prime Minister Narendra Modi's pro-farmer policies aimed at doubling farmers' income.

Chugh said the Prime Minister has always kept farmers' interest uppermost in mind following which the increase in MSP has been highest during the last nine years. This decision would go a long way to a bridge

## Amit Sharma, Secy J&K Mining Deptt transferred to Ladakh UT; SSP Ramban Mohita Sharma posted to Delhi; Four IAS/IPS reshuffled

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Thursday transferred two IAS and three IPS officers from Jammu and Kashmir.

According to an order, IAS officer, Amit Sharma has been transferred from J&K to Ladakh and IAS officer Sagar D Dattatray from J&K to DNH&DD while IPS officers Ashish Kumar Mishra, Sudhanshu Verma and Mohita Sharma from J&K to Delhi. According to the order, Anuj Kumar,

## Modi Govt overhauled India's health infrastructure: Amit Shah

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said in the last nine years, the Modi government has overhauled the country's health infrastructure from primary to tertiary level while ensuring free treatment of up to Rs 5 lakh for the poor.

In tweets, Shah said under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has embraced a future where healthcare is no longer a privilege.

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HealthForAll' India overhauled its health infrastructure from primary to tertiary

"Whether it is Covid Vaccination, telemedicine, hospital registration, or accessing health records, healthcare now is at the fingertips of citizens," he said.

The Modi government's major initiative for healthcare is implementation of the Ayushman Bharat scheme under which those eligible will have a defined benefit cover of Rs 5 lakh per family per year, officials said. This

## BJP bats for conducting Assembly elections in J&K

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir unit of the BJP Thursday batted for holding Assembly elections in the Union Territory, saying the Assembly is the only forum to make laws which the local bodies or district development councils (DDCs) cannot.

"Assembly is a forum where laws are made. A DDC chairman will not make laws, panchs will not make laws," General Secretary (organisation), J&K BJP, Ashok Koul, told reporters here.

Koul said the party will contest the polls on a large scale and put up a good show.

"We will have a good show in this election. The government will be formed after elections... Assembly platform will come here very soon," he said.

The unit organised an outreach programme here in which the party leaders threw light on development activities which have taken place in the last nine years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government.

Koul said Jammu and

## CB arrests 2 absconders in rape charges after 7 years

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: The Crime Branch of Jammu and Kashmir police on Thursday arrested two brothers involved in an alleged rape case in Kathua district.

Those arrested have been identified as Bittu Singh and Kewal Krishan. The duo had been absconding since 2017, SSP Crime Branch Shailender Singh said. They have been arrested after well-coordinated and integrated efforts put in by a vigilant team of the crime branch of Jammu constituted for this purpose, officials said.

The case owes its origin to the complaint lodged by one

Kashmir has witnessed massive development activities and lags behind none across the country in terms of development.

"Whatever has happened in entire country has happened in Jammu and Kashmir. It is not as if Jammu and Kashmir has got anything less," he said.

Pointing out the development activities, the BJP leader said Doda will become a hub in hydroelectric electricity manufacturing as four mega power projects

Bali Ram with police station Basohli on the allegation of rape. The case was then transferred to the crime branch in Jammu for an in-depth investigation, they said.

After conducting the investigation substantial evidence was collected, including foreign science laboratory (FSL) report, following which opinion and allegations levelled against the brothers were proved, they said, adding that a charge sheet of the case was produced against the accused persons in the court of law.

However, a charge