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Hope J&K will have operating & delivering RERA before next Real Estate Summit is held in Srinagar

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Media plays a constructive role in J&K to normalize situation after abrogation of Article 370

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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

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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 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

Temple, spread across over 62 acres of land, to the devo-

G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of Culture and Tourism congratulated the people, J&K Government and all the devotees of Sri Venkateswara. The temple at Jammu will carry the message in the world that Kashmir to Kanyakumari, India is one. This will be a centre of spirituality and Sanatan traditions, he said.

It is the result of the devotion and commitment of the Lt Governor of J&K and Narendra Modi 🌼 @narendramodi

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 Swamy Venkateswara Temple is completed in a short span. Now, the devotees of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi and other prominent religious places can also seek

Venkateswara Swamy at Jammu, said the Union Minister.

Governor Lieutenant Manoj Sinha said the inauguration of Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple is a historic

Journey of J&K and the

"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, Minister of Culture

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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-

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 formance of states and UTs on various parameters of food safety. The award was received by Food Safety Commissioner Shakeel-ul-

Raghay, 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

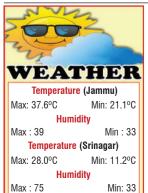
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CUET-UG to continue till June 17, results expected

in July: Officials STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: University Common 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

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Sunset: 19:33 Hours

Sunrise: 05:15 Hours

Rehman from Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, in presence of Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar and Professor Satya Pal Singh Baghel, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Chairman FSSAI, Rajesh Bhushan and CEO Kamala Vardhana Rao.

The Jammu and Kashmir also won first prize for having maximum number of Eat Right Mela districts in the country. These districts have implemented various initiatives of FSSAI to promote healthy and safe food

Chugh lauds PM for hiking MSP on Kharif

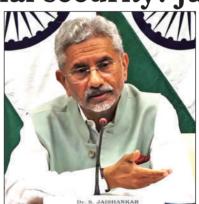
Revocation of Article 370 was very crucial for national security: Jaishankar

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

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 offbalanced. If we do not get it right, how do you expect the world to get it right,"

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 perspec-

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 terri-

DGP orders freezing of bank accounts of drug traders & smugglers (NCORD)

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Director General of Police, Dilbag Singh directed to attach properties acquired through drug trade,

besides stressing for freezing bank accounts of d r u g traders and smugglers areas

Coordination

Kashmir. The DGP made these remarks while chairing a review meeting of Narco

Headquarters. The course of action to uproof the drug menace and narcotic trade from J&K was discussed during the meet-

took a detailed review of the measures undertaken for combating illicit trafficking of narcot-

chotropic substances and its consumption in the UT to save youth from the dangerous affects of the drugs.

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BJP bats for conducting Assembly elections in J&K

Koul said the party will

contest the polls on a large

scale and put up a good show.

in this election. The govern-

ment will be formed after

elections... Assembly plat-

"We will have a good show

PM protects farmers' interest

STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Thursday hailed the Centre's decision to increase the MSP of Kharif crops which, he said, would help farmers in a big way in Punjab.

Chugh said while the MSP for paddy (common) has been fixed at Rs 2,183 per quintal, 7 per cent higher than the last season, the MSP for Moong has been fixed at Rs 8,558 per quintal, an increase of Rs 803.

He said MSP of paddy, the most cultivated crop in the

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NEW DELHI: Senior IPS

officer B Srinivasan, who has

strengthening of intelligence

wing in the Jammu and

Kashmir Police, was on

Thursday appointed as

The Ministry of Home

Affairs also appointed IPS

officer Anil Shukla as police

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-

Director

Puducherry Police.

chief of Mizoram.

instrumental in

General

This

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

year's Rs 2,060 per quintal. reflects 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 ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Deptt transferred to Ladakh UT: SSP Ramban Mohita Sharma posted to Delhi: Four IAS/IPS reshuffled ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

Amit Sharma, Secy J&K Mining

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,

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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) can-

"Assembly is a forum where panchs will not make laws. told reporters here.

laws are made. A DDC chairman will not make laws, General Secretary (organisation), J&K BJP, Ashok Koul, form 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

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

opment. 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

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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, CrimeBranch Shailender Singh said. They have been arrested after wellcoordinated and integrated efforts put in by a vigilant

The case owes its origin to the complaint lodged by one

purpose, officials said.

team of the crime branch of

Jammu constituted for this

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

After conducting the invespersons in the court of law. However, a charge

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Dr B Srinivasan Commandant General, J&K Modi Govt overhauled India's HG/CD&SDRF appointed as DGP Puducherry tory after the Jammu and Kashmir cadre was merged STATE TIMES NEWS

Lalatendu Mohanty was posted in the Delhi Police. Srinivasan replaces Manoj Kumar Lal who has been

with AGMUT cadre. Earlier,

called to Delhi for further posting. another transfer, Shukla, a 1996 batch IPS officer of AGMUT cadre, was posted as Director General of Mizoram Police.

He was serving in Andaman and Nicobar Islands as Inspector General of Police. Shukla, during his stint in the National Investigation Agency, was heading

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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 Prime Minister Narendra Modi's pro-farmer policies aimed at

health infrastructure: Amit Shah

HealthForAll' India over-

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said in the last nine years, the Modi government has STC1 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. #9YearsOf

while ensuring free treatment up to ?5 lakh for the poor," he said.

The home minister said the prime minister has har-

hauled its health infrastrucpower of technology making ture from primary to tertiary healthcare accessible. "Whether it is Covid

Vaccination, telemedicine, hospital registration, or accessing health records, healthcare now is at the fingertips of citizens," he

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

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tigation 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