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himself dead

district on Wednesday, offi-

Omkar Nath used his own

muzzle loading gun to end

his life inside his house at

Nichla village in Ghagwal

They said Nath's family

Bollywood film-maker,

legislators call on LG

Film-maker, Raj Kumar

Lieutenant Governor Manoj

He was accompanied by

Pradeep Sharma, Founder

and Rahul Nehra, Founder &

Managing Director of Citara

The delegation discussed

with the Lieutenant

Governor about promotion of

film-related activities in

called

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Sinha, on Wednesday.

SRINAGAR:

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district, the officials said.

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cials said.

Nine men trapped in swollen **Tawi river rescued**

Kashmir gets relief from heat after rains

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/SRINAGAR: Nine men were rescued Wednesday in a joint operation by police and SDRF teams after they were trapped in the Tawi river following a sudden rise in the water level due to rains that lashed many parts of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said

Heavy rains also disrupted along traffic Jammu Srinagar national highway for over three hours this morning, while a couple of vehicles were also washed away due to overflowing of a stream in Rajouri district, the officials said.

Madan Lal (52), a labourer, had gone for sand extraction in the Tawi around 8.45 am but got trapped due to sudden rise in the water level near Jewel chowk bridge in the city.

He was rescued by State Disaster Response Force personnel who

"Today, we have gathered

here to remember a dark



dropped a ladder from the bridge and managed to pull him out after remaining trapped for around two hours, the officials said.

Eight more people, including some who had gone for "Pind Daan', were rescued in a joint operation by police, traffic cops, SDRF and local volunteers, the officials said. Several trapped horses were also rescued during the operation, the officials said. A traffic department triggered by heavy rains blocked Jammu-Srinagar national highway at Mehad and T2 tunnel in Ramban area around 6.30 am, forcing suspension of traffic from both sides. However the traffic

spokesman said mudslides

resumed after the concerned road clearance agencies removed the debris within three hours, he said. The officials said an

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(CBSE) has approved the

norms for conducting board

exams twice a year for Class-

10, a move recommended in

the new National Education

"The first phase will be con-

ducted in February and sec-

ond in May. The results for

the two phases will be

Policy (NEP).

Samvidhan Hatya Diwas **VDG member shoots Emergency most inhuman act of** STATE TIMES NEWS SAMBA/JAMMU: A 47year-old Village Defence **Indian democratic history: LG** Guard (VDG) allegedly shoot himself dead in Samba



LG Manoj Sinha addressing at 'Samvidhan Hatya Diwas' programme in Jammu.

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JAMMU: The Jammu &

Kashmir Anti-Corruption

Bureau (ACB) presented a

charge sheet in the case

against then Incharge ZEO

Kunzer Abdul Hamid and

Noor Mohd Parrey and other

Misappropriation/Embezzle

ment of funds to the tune of

Rs.26 lakh during the period

2007-2010 before the Court

of Special Judge Anti-

"A verification was con-

ducted by J&K Anti

Corruption Bureau on the

basis of an Audit report per-

Corruption, Baramulla.

officials

JAMMU: On the occasion of "Samvidhan Hatya Diwas", the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday inaugurated the 1975 Emergency Exhibition at Convention Centre, Jammu.

Commemorating the torturous events of the darkest chapter in the history of Independent India, the Lieutenant Governor honoured the victims of Emergency who made numerous sacrifices to safeguard constitutional values. "I consider Emergency to be the most

Misappropriation/Embezzlement of Funds

ACB presents charge-sheet against

ex-Incharge ZEO Kunzer, other officials

for

inhuman act of Indian democratic history and today's observation of 'Samvidhan Hatva Diwas' is also an opportunity for deep reflection and reaffirmation of commitment to democratic values and constitutional morality," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that the commemoration of imposition of Emergency on 25th June 1975, is not merely a date for historical remembrance, but a call to action to resist any future attempts to undermine India's democratic fabric, CONTD ON PAGE 9

- **Inaugurates 1975 Emergency Exhibition** at Convention Centre, Jammu
- Honours victims of Emergency who made numerous sacrifices to safeguard constitutional values
- Says, 'Samvidhan Hatya Diwas' an opportunity for deep reflection and reaffirmation of commitment to democratic values, constitutional morality
- We must learn from those incidents and prepare young generations to prevent such atrocities in future. It is also an opportunity to create awareness about constitutional values in every section of society so that no dictatorial mentality can repeat it in future

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never forget the injustice and

atrocities committed by the

Emergency that was pro-

claimed on this day 50 years

ago and hence Prime

Minister Narendra Modi has

Minister Narendra Modi's

decision to observe June 25

Diwas" serves as a solemn

reminder of the horrors that

unfolded when hunger for

power overrides constitution-

the result of a national crisis.

It was not driven by any

external or internal threat. It

was a consequence of dictato-

rial arrogance and a desper-

ate attempt to cling to power.

It wasn't an emergency-it

was an era of injustice. It

was Congress's 'Anyaykaal',"

Chugh said. He

"The Emergency was not

al morality.

"Samvidhan Hatya

during

the

Congress

Must keep memories of Emergency alive: Amit Shah

Group.

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Describing the Emergency as a dark chapter in the history of post-Independence India, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said memories of the event must be kept alive so that no one impose dictatorial can thoughts on the country.

Addressing an event organised on 50th anniversary of proclamation of Emergency, Shah also said that when it comes to social and national life, such events must be remembered eternally so that the country's youth and adolescents are aware and prepared to resist injustice.

He said the country will CONTD ON PAGE 9

rightly decided to observe the

(SDRF) CONTD ON PAGE 9



chapter in the history of post-Independence India. We must keep the memories of the Emergency alive so that it is never repeated, and so that the youth of the nation (grow up) cultured and organised.

"It is said that some bad events should be forgotten and this is true too. But when it comes to society and the national life, bad events should be remembered forever...so that their repetition never happens," he said. The home minister said Prime Minister Modi took a

decision to observe June Secondary CONTD ON PAGE 9

CBSE Class-10 board exams twice a year from 2026

First phase mandatory, second optional

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: From 2026, Class-10 students will be able to take CBSE board exams twice in an academic session but it will be mandatory for them to appear for the first phase in February, officials said on Wednesday.

The second phase scheduled in May will be optional for students who wish to improve their performance. In case a student appears for both the phases, the best score of the two will be retained, they said.

The Central Board of Education

announced in April and June, respectively," CBSE Controller Examination Sanyam Bhardwaj said.

"It will be mandatory (for students) to appear for the first phase while the second phase will be



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day as 'Samvidhan Hatya

The Indira Gandhi govern-

ment had imposed the

Emergency on June 25,

1975. The Modi government

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Govt disburses **Rs 21,534 Cr under** 12 PLI schemes so far STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The government has disbursed Rs 21,534 crore under Production-Linked Incentive schemes for 12 sectors. including electronics and pharma, since the launch of the support measure to boost domestic manufacturing, an official statement said on Wednesday.

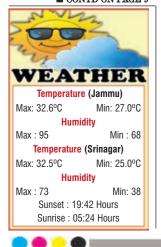
In 2021, the government Productionannounced Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes for 14 sectors with an outlay of Rs 1.97 lakh crore.

"Cumulative incentive amount of Rs 21,534 crore has been disbursed under PLI schemes for 12 sectors. the commerce and industry ministry said.

These sectors include Large-Scale Electronics Manufacturing, IT

Hardware, Bulk Drugs, Medical Devices, Pharma, Telecom, Food Processing, White Goods, Automobiles, Specialty Steel, Textiles and Drones

Reviewing the progress CONTD ON PAGE 9



'Hatya' of Constitution shamed India in world: Chugh

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taining to Special Audit &

Inspection of accounts of the

office of Zonal Education

Officer Kunzer for the period

4/2007 to 3/2012 conducted

by a team of officers from

the office of Deputy Director

Kashmir,." ACB official said

and added, "the aforesaid

Audit Report was forwarded

by Chief Education Officer

Commissioner of Vigilance

for investigation, as the

inspection conducted by the

department had revealed

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Inspections

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Baramulla

grave financial

CHANDIGARH/NEW DELHI: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Wednesday termed the Emergency imposed by Indira Gandhi on June 25, 1975, as the darkest chapter in India's democratic history which saw complete "Hatva ' of the Constitution.

In a statement, he said it was a night when the Constitution was paralysed to victimise the leaders of the Opposition and to stifle the voice of dissent coming from newspapers or social leaders. Taking strong exception to



tion in Lok Sabha has been flaunting the copy of Constitution; Chugh said it's time for the Gandhi family to recall how it has been violating Constitution to stay in power the manner leader of opposi-

Chugh said that Prime

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arrangements in place for **Amarnath Yatra: IGP STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Multi-layered in-depth security and arrangements have been put in place for the upcoming annual Amarnath Yatra to ensure safe and smooth pilgrimage, Kashmir Police chief V K Birdi said on Wednesday

"The Shri Amarnath Yatra this year is starting next week. Jammu-Kashmir Police and other security forces have made all security arrangements for the yatra. Compared to last year, this time there are multi-layered and in-depth security arrangements so as to

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Anti-Emergency movement was learning experience for me: Modi

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STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: With a book chronicling his role in the Emergency being released on Wednesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the period was a learning experience for him and reaffirmed the vitality of preserving the democratic framework.

'The Emergency Diaries Years that Forged a Leader', which highlights Modi's fight for the "the ideals of democracy", is published by BlueKraft.

Modi said the book chronicles his journey during the Emergency years. It brought back many memories from

those dark days of the He said on X, "I call upon Emergency or those all those who remember CONTD ON PAGE 9

Shubhanshu Shukla enroute ISS, India returns to human spaceflight after 41 years; 'Kamaal ki ride thi'

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla was on Wednesday headed to the International Space Station (ISS) on a historic odyssey marking India's return to human spaceflight after a gap of 41 years following a successful launch of the Axiom Space mission in the US with a four-member multi-country crew

After multiple delays, Elon Musk's SpaceX launch vehicle with Crew Dragon spacecraft atop a Falcon-9 rocket blasted off from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida at 12:01 pm(IST) carrying mission pilot Shukla, a Group Captain in the Indian Air Force(IAF), former NASA astronaut Commander Peggy Whitson and mission specialists Tibor Kapu of Hungary and Slawosz



Uznanski-Wisniewski of Poland. Family members, scores of well wishers and space enthusiasts gathered at watch parties across India, Poland, Hungary and the US burst into cheers as the rocket soared into the Florida sky from the same spot from where

American astronaut Neil Armstrong, who was the first person to set foot on the moon, took off on the Apollo-11 mission in July 1969.

"Kya kamaal ki ride thi (what an amazing ride)," India's astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla remarked as

SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft entered the orbit around the earth within 10 minutes of launch from NASA's spaceport in Florida.

Shukla, who became the second Indian to travel to space, spoke in chaste Hindi to announce India's return to space after a gap of 41 years, and urged everyone to be a part of his journey.

"The Tiranga (Tricolour) on my shoulders tells me that I am not alone and I am with all of you," the 39-year-old fighter pilot-turnedastronaut said in his first remarks from the earth's orbit.

"Namaskar, my dear countrymen. What a ride! We have returned to space after a gap of 41 years and what an amazing ride it was ('kya kamaal ki ride thi')," he said

"We are orbiting the earth at a speed of 7.5 km per second... This journey to the International Space

Union Cabinet wishes Shubhanshu Shukla's mission success

NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday welcomed the success ful launch of the Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station featuring Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla and three others.

Shukla and three other astronauts embarked on a journey to the International Space Station onboard the Dragon spacecraft that was placed in an orbit around the Earth by the Falcon-9 rocket of SpaceX.

"We welcome the successful launch of the Space Mission carrying astronauts from India, Hungary, Poland and the US," read the resolution adopted at the meeting of the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Union Cabinet noted that Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla is on the way to becoming the first Indian to go to the International Space Station, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, reading from the resolution.

"He carries with him the wishes, hopes and aspirations of 1.4 billion Indians. Wish him and other astronauts all the success," the Cabinet resolution said. The astronauts are expected to dock at the International Space Station on Thursday evening.

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