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Reviews arrangements for PM's public meeting at Katra

Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail link a historic leap for J&K: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATRA: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inspected arrangements in Katra on Thursday ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled Public Meeting on 6th June.

The Lieutenant Governor reviewed the preparations to ensure the smooth conduct of the event and directed the officials for strict security, safety measures and seamless coordination among all departments. Prime Minister will dedicate the iconic Chenab Bridge, the tallest railway bridge in the world, Country's first cable-stayed Anji rail bridge and Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project to the nation.

"Dedication of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is a historic leap for Jammu Kashmir Union Territory.



LG Manoj Sinha inspecting arrangements at Katra on Thursday ahead of PM Narendra Modi's scheduled public meeting on Friday.

J&K UT is stronger, prosperous than ever and witnessed unprecedented growth under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Inauguration and foundation stone laying of key infrastructure projects are examples of his commitment to J&K to

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► J&K UT is stronger, prosperous than ever and witnessed unprecedented growth under the leadership of PM Modi

► Much-awaited inauguration of Chenab and Anji Rail Bridge and flag-off of the Vande Bharat Trains by Prime Minister will mark a historic moment for the nation and it will shape the future of J&K UT and future of its citizens: LG Sinha

NIA court frames charges against 4 accused in UAPA case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A special NIA court on Thursday framed charges against four men for allegedly aiding terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district.

The charges have been framed against Muneer Hussain of Malwas, Tanveer Ahmed of Kulhand, Noor Alam of Baggar-Assar and Kunj Lal of Herani, who were booked under various sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) by the Dessa police station on July 16 last year.

Hearing the case under the

UAPA, the additional district and sessions judge (fast track) of the NIA court framed the charges against the accused, police said.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Doda, Sandeep Mehta, said a case under sections 103 (murder), 147 (waging war against the government of India), 149 (unlawful assembly) and 315 (dishonest misappropriation of property) of the BNS, besides sections 13 (unlawful activity), 16 (terrorist acts), 19 (harbouring a terrorist) and 20 (member of a terrorist gang) of the UAPA, was registered at the Dessa

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Cyber crime case solved; chargesheet filed against 2 accused

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police Station Cyber Crime Investigation Center for Excellence (CICE) Jammu has successfully solved a cybercrime and blackmailing case involving the creation of a fake Instagram profile and the circulation of obscene content.

The accused Kunal Bharti (currently residing in Dubai) and Tirok Chand Yadav, resident of Ajmer; Rajasthan involved in the case have been chargesheeted following a comprehensive and professional investigation led by Inspector Jagdeep Singh.

The case originated from a complaint lodged by a distressed mother alleging that her daughter had fallen victim to online harassment.

As per the complaint, unknown persons had created a fake Instagram profile using a pornographic display picture (DP) of the victim. The perpetrators continued to harass and blackmail the girl by posting obscene material through

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 35.3°C Min: 21.3°C

Humidity
Max: 53 Min: 41

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 26.1°C Min: 10.4°C

Humidity
Max: 76 Min: 61

Sunset : 19:35 Hours
Sunrise : 05:22 Hours

PM's visit: Dr Jitendra, Omar visit Chenab bridge, review arrangements

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATRA/JAMMU: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh along with Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah reached Katra in Reasi district on Thursday to review arrangements a day ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit, officials said.

Singh and Abdullah together visited the iconic Chenab bridge site and other venues of the prime minister's day-long programme to review the arrangements.

"Last minute touches at the site of the inauguration of the world's highest railway



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh along with CM Omar Abdullah taking stock of arrangements in Reasi district.

bridge, the Chenab Bridge, by PM Narendra Modi tomorrow," Dr Jitendra Singh wrote on X, also shar-

ing pictures of his visit to the bridge along with Abdullah. Union minister

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Ram Temple moves towards completion, idol of 'Raja Ram' consecrated

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AYODHYA: The idol of Raja Ram was consecrated and the Ram Darbar inaugurated at the Ram Jannabhoomi complex on Thursday, a major step towards completion of a grand temple that has been at the intersection of political and religious discourse for three decades.

The city was festooned and lit up as priests gathered at the first floor of the Ram temple to install the almost five-feet white marbled statue of Raja Ram, the god in his royal form, amid the chanting of hymns and elaborate rituals.

The Ram Darbar also features the idols of Sita, Lakshman, Bharat, Shatrughn and Hanuman. The day, chosen to coincide with the occasion of Ganga Dussehra, comes 16 months after the consecration of Ram Lalla, the child god, on January 22, 2024.

While Prime Minister Narendra

Modi, the top government brass and a host of celebrities were present at the high octane occasion then, the event this time was quieter.

Among those conducting the ceremony today were Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, also the head priest of the Gorakhnath Mutt in Gorakhpur, along with other priests. Devotees, unmindful of curbs, stood outside the temple complex, singing, dancing and chanting 'Jai Shri Ram' all the while.

Restrictions on vehicular movement during the inauguration ceremony by the administration and the temple trust's decision to not issue temple entry passes to visitors between 9 am to 3 pm on Thursday failed to deter the devotees, some who had come from as far as Nepal.

Gogan Prasad, from Nepal's capital Kathmandu, was one such devotee.



"I have waited for this moment for long. I had been praying for more than a year for an opportunity to have darshan of Lord Ram. Now that wish will be granted," said Prasad who had come from Nepal with a large group of devo-

tees who also appeared overwhelmed on the occasion.

Also in the crowd was Alamin, a Muslim woman dressed in a traditional black burqa, waiting along with the others to be allowed to enter the temple. She was seen

PM's political will led to completion of Kashmir rail project: Vaishnaw

KATRA: Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Thursday said the political will shown by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in over a decade led to the completion of the 272-km Udhampur-Baramulla-Srinagar Railway link (USBRL) project to connect Kashmir with rest of the country.

On Friday, the prime minister is scheduled to inaugurate the world's tallest railway bridge over Chenab and the country's first cable-stayed railway Anji Bridge before flagging off two Vande Bharat trains - one from Katra to Srinagar and another from Kashmir to Katra.

Modi will also lay the foundation of and dedicate to the nation multiple development projects worth over Rs 46,000 crore at Katra, the base camp for the pilgrims visiting the Vaishno Devi shrine atop the Trikuta hills.

"When you have to do a project like USBRL, it needs political will. From 2004 to 2014, the project saw the completion of railway tracks in plain areas with no work done in difficult zones. "Modi demonstrated the political will, guidance and support to the technical teams and that is the reason, this long-standing dream is fulfilled today," Vaishnaw told reporters here.

The work on the dream project to link Kashmir by train was started in 1997. The project missed several deadlines given the geological, topographical and meteorological challenges, leading to cost escalation and its completion at a cost of over Rs 41,000 crore.

Out of the total 272-km USBRL project, 209 km was commissioned in phases with the first phase of the 118-km Qazigund-Baramulla section commissioned in October 2009 followed by 18-km Banihal-Qazigund in June 2013, 25-km Udhampur-Katra in July 2014 and 48.1-km Banihal-Sangaldan stretch in February last year. The work on the

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Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw at the Jammu Railway Station.

ACB books ex-TSO in DA case in Ramban distt

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday registered a case against a former Tehsil Supply Officer (TSO) for allegedly amassing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income in the Ramban district, an official said.

The case was registered under the Prevention of Corruption Act and the value of movable and immovable properties owned by former TSO Nazir Ahmed Wani is worth over a crore rupees, an ACB spokesperson said.

Wani, who worked as the TSO in the Consumer

Affairs and Public Distribution Department at Banihal, faces charges of acquiring movable and immovable assets beyond his declared earnings, the spokesperson said.

The case was initiated following a secret verification conducted by the ACB into allegations that the said official had acquired disproportionate assets (DA) during his tenure of service, he said.

"Wani has accumulated significant assets including a residential house at Gujjar Nagar, Jammu; double storey house at Maitra Ramban, a residential

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NIA raids 32 locations in J&K to probe conspiracy by Pak-based terror outfits

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) carried out searches at 32 locations across Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday to probe a conspiracy hatched by Pakistan-based terror outfits, officials said.

The locations were residential premises of hybrid terrorists and overground workers associated with these Pakistan-based offshoots, such as The Resistance Front (TRF), United Liberation Front Jammu and Kashmir (ULFJ&K), Mujahideen Gazwat-ul-Hind (MGH), Jammu and Kashmir



Freedom Fighters (JKFF), Kashmir Tigers, People's Anti-Fascist Front (PAFF) and others, they said.

All of these outfits are affiliated to proscribed terrorist organisations, such as

Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Al-Badr etc., the officials said.

The raids were carried out in Pulwama, Kulgam,

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Proud and historic moment: PM Modi

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said Ayodhya has witnessed another proud and historic moment following the consecration of 'Ram Darbar' -- Lord Rama in his royal form -- along with the installation of idols in eight newly built temples inside the Ram Jannabhoomi complex.

The ritual was the second major consecration ceremony at the temple, the first being that of Ram Lalla on January 22, 2024, in the presence of the prime minister.

In a post on X, Modi said the auspicious occasion of the consecration of the divine and grand 'Ram Darbar' will fill the devotees of Ram with devotion and joy.

The PM said he hopes that Lord Ram bestows his blessings of happiness, health and prosperity upon the countrymen.

singing devotional songs, drawing much attention.

The BJP, which is in power at the Centre and in Uttar Pradesh, said in a post on X, "The second festival of Ram Mandir Pran Pratishtha concluded today in Ayodhya. A step towards Ram Raja."

The ceremony took place during the Abhijit Muhurat, considered

one of the most auspicious moments in the Hindu calendar.

The consecration of the deities began with prayers at the 'yajna mandap' at 6.30 am, followed by a 'havan' at 9 am, which lasted an hour. Thereafter, centralised rituals began simultaneously across all temple shrines, aided by visual technology like cameras and large screens,

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