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## Massive Infra development stimulating rapid economic growth of J&K: LG

'UT to soon become principal market of north'



LG Manoj Sinha addressing gathering after laying foundation stone of Dhunseri Polyfilm Ltd Industrial Unit in Kathua.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday laid the foundation stone of Dhunseri Polyfilm Limited Industrial Unit in Dohlian Jattan Village in Kathua. In his address, the Lieutenant Governor extended his felicitations to the Chairman, Dhunseri Group of Industries, Chandra Kumar Dhanuka, all the members of the Dhunseri group, officials of J&K Industries Department and the District Administration and conveyed his best wishes for the upcoming state-of-the-art BOPP Production unit in Kathua.

He said the project will create thousands of jobs for local youths, foster local economic upliftment and create massive business opportunities in the surrounding rural areas. The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that, in the last few years, J&K has witnessed a completely new work culture focussed on Industrial growth that benefits all sections of society. "Massive Infrastructure development is stimulating rapid economic growth of J&K, which will soon become the principal market of north, a manufacturing hub and a competitive provider of services," the

Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that the Young and Skilled work force of J&K is our strength and they will drive the future growth of our economy. "We are witnessing an era of rising aspirations. Our youth are dedicated to creating a vibrant and industrious society and they have taken their destiny into their own hands and are shaping a brighter future for UT," he further said. The Lieutenant Governor reiterated his commitment to decentralizing the industrial infrastructure and creating

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» From policy initiative to implementation on the ground, incredible achievements have been made for Industrial growth of J&K. We have placed special emphasis on industries that will empower local economy

## In 2026, NDA will form governments in TN, West Bengal: Amit Shah

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MADURAI (TAMIL NADU): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday asserted that the NDA would form governments in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal. Addressing party office bearers, he hailed Madurai as a city of 'Parivartan' and said his party's Karyakarta Sammelan (workers meet) would lead to change as well, of dislodging the DMK from power. The DMK's corrupt rule has affected the poor, women and children in Tamil Nadu, Shah alleged, and urged his party members to resolve to dislodge the Stalin-led Dravidian party government from the seat of power. At least two classrooms in each school across Tamil Nadu could have been built with sum equivalent to TASMAC irregularities. Also, the Union Home Minister dared Stalin to explain if he has fulfilled all of DMK's 2021 poll assurances.



In the 2026 Assembly election, BJP-AIADMK will form the NDA government in Tamil Nadu and people will defeat the DMK in 2026 polls and the DMK is 100 per cent failure government. "In 2026, in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, the NDA will form governments." Shah said the BJP government at the Centre provided Rs 6.80 lakh crore in 10 years, and yet Chief Minister M K Stalin asks what has Centre done to TN. Shah, before addressing the state, district and mandal level office bearers, chaired the meeting of the state core

committee of the Tamil Nadu BJP. Ahead of leading the core panel parleys, he worshipped at the Madurai Meenakshi temple. During his April visit to Tamil Nadu, Shah announced the revival of ties with the AIADMK. In his address, B-JP state president Nainar Nagendran hit out at the DMK regime over the law and order scenario and questioned the police over targeted killings of elderly people in villages in the western Kongu region. He appealed to cadres to work with determination

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## Air travellers vying to click Chenab bridge pic after pilots make special announcement

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NEW DELHI: The world's highest rail bridge on the Chenab river in Jammu and Kashmir, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 6, has become a craze among air travellers flying to Srinagar. According to a press statement issued by the railway ministry, flight pilots are making special announcements and passengers are showing eagerness to capture photographs of the Chenab Bridge, the world's highest railway-arch bridge. "The Chenab Bridge draws admiration from every alti-



tude, where pride rises from the earth and echoes through the clouds," Dilip Kumar, Executive Director, Information and Publicity, Railway Board, said on Sunday.

"These days, every flight that passes over the majestic valleys of Jammu and Kashmir witnesses a truly special moment. As the aircraft approaches the

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Cyber Police cautions netizens against circulating unverified reports on social media

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Cyber Police in Kashmir has warned netizens against circulating false and unverified reports on social media that can incite unrest or disturb peace. "It has come to attention that certain media outlets and individuals on social media platforms are circulating false and unverified reports, thereby, creating deliberate attempt to incite unrest and disturb peace and public order," the Cyber Police Kashmir said in a series of posts on X on Sunday.

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## NDA Govt redefined women-led development in 11 years: PM Modi

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NEW DELHI: A day before his government marks its first anniversary in third term, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday that the ruling BJP-led National Democratic Alliance has redefined women-led development in its 11 years in power. In all sectors, including science, education, sports, start ups and the armed forces, women are excellent and inspiring several people, Modi said on X. He cited a number of welfare programmes which, he noted, have benefitted



women immensely. Various initiatives, from ensuring dignity through Swachh Bharat to financial inclusion via Jan Dhan accounts, the focus has been on empowering the women,

he said. If 'Ujjwala Yojana' brought smoke-free kitchens running on gas cylinders to the poor households, 'MUDRA' loans enabled lakhs of women entrepreneurs to pursue

dreams on their own terms. Houses under the women's name in PM Awas Yojana too have made a remarkable impact, he added. 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' (save daughter, educate daughter) programme ignited a national movement to protect the girl child, he said. The prime minister shared a thread of a government-run citizenship engagement platform, which listed benefits brought to women by several government schemes. It said the maternal mortality ratio declined to 93 per lakh live births in

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India poised to benefit from FTAs, says RAI CEO

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SINGAPORE: India has emerged as a "great place" to use the advantages accruing from Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), a senior retail industry official said as he highlighted the success of Make in India programme. "We are among the most attractive markets, with a growing young population that makes us one of the world's largest consumer markets with insatiable demand for the best in the world," said Retailers Association of India (RAI) CEO Kumar Rajagopalan at an event here. FTAs will also give Indians access to items that get manufactured abroad at a more convenient pricing, he added. But he was also quick to dismiss notions of dumping cheap inferior goods into the Indian market, pointing out that the country has created laws that can protect against such trade-damaging practices, and that can be

## Arun Gupta re-elected CCI President, Manish Secy Gen

Sr Vice President Anil Gupta; Jr Vice President Rajeev Gupta; Secretary Rajesh Gupta (Rinku); Treasurer Rajesh Gupta (Raju)

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Arun Gupta has been re-elected as President for the third consecutive term while Manish Gupta as Secretary General of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI), Jammu, the election for which held on Sunday. The Biennial Elections of Chamber of Commerce and Industry for the term 2025-27 were conducted at Chamber House under the supervision of election committee headed by Shiv Partap Gupta. Arun Gupta was declared elected as President for the third consecutive term. He secured 1461 votes and defeated Rakesh Gupta with the margin of 171 votes. Rakesh bagged 1290 votes. Anil Gupta was elected as Senior Vice President. He

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New elected President of CCI Arun Gupta along with his team posing for photograph after winning elections. (Pic by Ashok Anand)

## Need to reach out to every home, unite Hindus: RSS Chief

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KANPUR (UP): RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday exhorted its members to reach out to every family and work to unite all Hindus, asserting that the goal is to build a society that is free of inequalities like casteism and is aware of its responsibility towards the nation. The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief, who arrived here on Saturday on a two-day visit, made the remarks while speaking to volunteers at the

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya School in Nawabganj. "We should have contact



with every family in the 'shakha' area. "Work has to be done to unite all Hindus. There should be 'sanskar' (values) in every household and har-

mony in families so that the Sanatan tradition can be re-established in every home," he said. On Sunday, Bhagwat held four meetings with Sangh officials where the functioning of 'shakhahs' and service work conducted among students were discussed along with other issues. Bhagwat said that the RSS "works for person-ality development. Personal development means realising one's responsibility towards the family as well as society, nation

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 42.7°C Min: 26.3°C

Humidity  
Max: 52 Min: 33

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 31.9°C Min: 16.8°C

Humidity  
Max: 52 Min: 40

Sunset : 19:36 Hours  
Sunrise : 05:22 Hours

## Developing, modernising every town, village in Jammu Div continues unhindered: LG

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KATHUA: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday inaugurated the Kathua Waterfront and dedicated the landmark urban rejuvenation project to the people of Kathua. In his address, the Lieutenant Governor congratulated the District Administration Kathua for providing a unique public space that will foster community interaction and cultural activities in the beautiful and historical city of Kathua. He said, the 1200-meter stretch along Kathua Canal in the heart of the city will shape urban landscape, economy, and social fabric and enhance the city's identity and livability. "Kathua Waterfront blends recreation, wellness, and community interaction-marking a significant step toward enhancing the

quality of life in the city. The Walking track, Restaurants and Cafes, Yoga Spots will become a new social and cultural hub and it will play a key role in supporting environmental sustainability," the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor observed that, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the J&K Administration is resolved to bring about a transformative change in the urban landscape. "While providing basic amenities across UT and implementing the policies related to urban rejuvenation in the cities, I have always emphasised that every infrastructure should become the foundation of a strong future of our towns and villages. Smart City is all about smart and responsible citizens. I want other cities to have healthy compe-



LG Manoj Sinha at the inauguration of Kathua Waterfront on Sunday.

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» Kathua Waterfront has provided direct employment to around 150 individuals. Among these, most of the beneficiaries are our Nari Shakti and I am happy that this mission of urban rejuvenation has also ensured women empowerment

biodiversity and empower the cities to tackle the challenges of climate change," the Lieutenant Governor

said. The Lieutenant Governor noted that the Kathua Waterfront has provided

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