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Regd. No. L-29/JK-346/22-24 **Are frequent Parliament** logjams justified?

Baithak' here, Nadda said

BJP is the only party in the

country which has a vision,

leadership, intention, workers and people's trust.

"Be prepared for the

(assembly) elections and

ensure the win of the party,"

the BJP national president,

who is also Union health minister, told the gathering

which was among others

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# Gear up for J&K Assembly polls: Nadda tells BJP workers

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: BJP national president J P Nadda on Saturday asked party workers to be ready for the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, saying the NDA government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has a vision to make the country a third economic power in the world in near future.

He lashed out at the Congress and said the party

attended by BJP's election > Chugh credits PM Modi for correcting historical mistakes and establishing peace, prosperity in J&K.

**▶** Modi government fulfilled Dr Shyama Prasad Mookerjee's ideology: Dr Jitendra

which has failed to win 100 seats for the third time in general elections in a row is raising questions on the winners of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls despite the fact that it is standing only with the help of

Addressing hundreds of party delegates at the concluding session of two-day

incharge in J-K and Union minister G Kishan Reddy, Union minister Udhampur Lok Sabha MP Jitendra Singh, National General Secretary, incharge J-K, Tarun Chugh and BJP J-K president Ravinder Raina.

Nadda was accorded a



BJP National President J P Nadda being welcomed by senior party leaders in Jammu on Saturday. National General Secretary Tarun Chugh, Union MoS Dr Jitendra Singh also seen.

workers on his arrival in Jammu this afternoon and he was taken in a procession to the venue of the meeting where he paid rich tributes to ideologue Syama Prasad Mookerjee on his 123rd birth anniversary.

Mookerjee was one of the founders of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, the forerunner to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Mookerjee, who strongly opposed to now scrapped Article 370 providing special status to Jammu and Kashmir, died under mysterious circumstances in 1953

Jammu and Kashmir following his agitation for "Ek desh mein do Vidhan, do pradhan aur, do nishan nahi challenge" (A single country cannot have two constitutions, two prime ministers, and two national emblems).

Describing Jammu and

#### Take pledge to ensure J&K gets first BJP CM: Raina

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina on Saturday urged workers and leaders to work together to ensure that the Union Territory gets its first chief minister from the saffron party by winning the next assembly elections on its own.

Addressing hundreds of party delegates attending the two-day 'Vistarit Karyasamiti Baithak that began at Mishriwala near here on Friday, Raina slammed the Congress and the National Conference for allegedly exploiting different sections of people for vote bank politics.

Union Ministers G Kishan Reddy and Jitendra Singh, National General Secretary, in charge J&K, Tarun Chugh and other prominent leaders of the BJP including former deputy chief ministers Nirmal Singh and Kavinder Gupta attended the meeting which commenced at BJF headquarters here.

BJP national president and Union Minister J P Nadda is also attending the meeting in the econd half to discuss the party's roadmap for upcoming elections in Jammu and Kashmir. "We have to take a pledge before leaving this meeting that we will work with a goal to achieve a majority in the next assembly elections. Our pledge is to form the next government on our own and have a BJP chief minister and we have to work together to achieve this goal," Raina said. The meeting started with the participants paying rich tributes to BJP ideologue Syama Prasad Mookerjee on his 123rd birth anniversary. Mookerjee was one of the founders of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, the forerunner to the Bharatiya ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

plaint of discrimination or

injustice from anywhere.

Nadda said before 2014, the people of Jammu and Ladakh were used to talk about "discrimination and injustice" but the Modi-led government provided justice to all sections of the society, especially those who have been left deprived by the pre-

He said the BJP-led gov-This happened because of the ernment lived true to its slo-Modi government." gan of 'sabka saath, sabka He said two crore tourists vikas and sabka vishwas' and visited Jammu and Kashmir "today Jammu and Kashmir last year, showing the along with Ladakh is marchimproved situation in the ing ahead with the rest of the aftermath of the abrogation country without any comof Article 370 of the constitu-

> tion. "Unlike in the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

#### Advocate murder case: Ex-Bar President sent to 14-day judicial custody

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A NIA court here on Saturday sent former president of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association's Srinagar wing Mian Abdul Qayoom to 14day judicial custody for his alleged involvement in the murder conspiracy of a fellow advocate in 2020.

Advocate Babar Qadri, a human rights expert who frequently appeared on television debates, was fatally shot by terrorists at his residence in the Hawal area of Srinagar in September 2020. He had narrowly survived an assassination attempt in

#### Heavy rains lash Jammu; woman drowns, 3 injured STATE TIMES NEWS

MENDHAR/JAMMU: A woman drowned, and three people were injured in separate incidents as heavy rains lashed parts of Jammu overnight, officials said on

The deceased was identified as Rozi Kouser (30), they said.

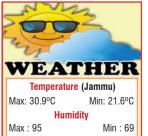
Kouser's body was recovered from a stream in Keri Kangra in the Gursai area of Mendhar sub-division in Poonch district on Friday night, the officials said.

They said the cause of her death was not known immediately, but the area had witnessed heavy rains, and the woman might have slipped into the fast-flowing stream.

In another incident, three people were injured when their mud-house collapsed due to heavy rains at village Hansu in the Kotliwala area of Udhampur district, the officials said.

Heavy rains lashed parts of the Jammu region overnight, with Jammu city recording the highest 69.4 mm

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Max: 29.7°C Max: 67 Min: 48 Sunset: 19:42 Hours

Sunrise: 05:28 Hours

heritage of J&K prosperous

Qayoom, arrested by the State Investigation Agency (SIA) in Srinagar on June 25, was produced before the court of special judge Jatinder Singh Jamwal on the expiry of his second remand. The court has sent him to judicial custody till July 20, officials said.

Courts designated to hear cases of anti-terror agency NIA also takes up cases of the SIA, a wing of the Jammu and Kashmir Police Territory.

Police had claimed that a Lashkar-e-Taiba commander, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on

Saturday held a meeting to

review status of different

ongoing projects of Smart City Mission (SCM) here in

twin cities of Srinagar and

Jammu besides assessing

other schemes of Housing &

under implementation in

Present in the meeting

Secretary, H&UDD, VC,

LCMA, CEO, JSCL, HoDs

besides other concerned offi-

Development

(H&UDD)

Commissioner

SRINAGAR:

Department

J&K

were

that enforces counter-terrorism laws in the Union Four terrorists eliminated in Kulgam; soldier martyred

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

SRINAGAR: At least four terrorists were killed and a soldier laid down his life in twin encounters in Kulgam district on Saturday, officials said.

They said contact with terrorists was established during a cordon and search operation in the Frisal Chinnigam area of Kulgam. In the exchange of fire there so far, four terrorists have been killed, the officials said, adding their bodies have been sighted.

Drone footage of the encounter site has shown four bodies lying there, but they could not be retrieved yet as firing was still going

CS assesses progress on Smart City

works, other schemes of H&UDD

The Chief Secretary had a

detailed project-wise assess-

ment of smart city works

currently under progress in

twin cities of Srinagar and

Regarding the operation of

100 e-buses by the concerned

smart city authorities, the

Jammu.



on, the officials said. The operation is on, the officials added.

Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, V K Birdhi, who visited the encounter site, said the operation will continue.

CS Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting at Srinagar on Saturday.

"Some bodies (of terrorists) have been sighted, but the encounter has not concluded yet," he told reporters.

The site of the encounter is not near the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway

#### Two BSF personnel die in mishaps

**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: Two Border Security Force (BSF) perincluding Sub-Inspector, were killed in separate road accidents in Kathua and Udhampur districts

Saturday, officials said. ASI Parshotam Singh (58), a resident of Himachal Pradesh, lost his life, while two of his colleagues were rescued when their vehicle skidded off the road and fell into Ujh canal near Rajbagh in Kathua district, they said.

They said Singh was driving the car when he lost control over the vehicle while moving from Jasrota

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the district, the IGP said.

He said the J&K Police and security forces continue to keep track of the movement of terrorists and the killing of these terrorists is a significant achievement for the security forces.

Earlier, a gunfight broke out in Modergam village of the south Kashmir district security launched a cordon and search operation there following specific inputs about the presence of terrorists, the officials said.

The officials said an army soldier sustained fatal injuries in the exchange of

### Over 7,500 visit Shri Amarnathji Shrine, total crosses 1.59 lakh

5,800 pilgrims leave Jammu for pilgrimage



**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

SRINAGAR: More than 7,500 pilgrims paid obeisance at the Amarnath cave shrine on Saturday, taking the number of devotees who have had 'darshan' of the naturally formed ice lingam so far to over 1.59 lakh, offi-

cials here said. The vatra was temporarily suspended on Saturday morning in the wake

## Adversary across border using foreign mercenaries to create fear in J&K: DGP

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DODA/JAMMU: The adversary across the border is using foreign mercenaries to create a fear psychosis among the people to sustain terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, police chief R R Swain said on Saturday.

Swain, the Jammu and Kashmir director general of police, asserted that his force along with other security agencies is committed and determined to eliminate terrorism in the Territory.

Talking to reporters in Doda after promoting seven special police officers (SPOs)



DGP R R Swain briefing media at Doda on Saturday.

as constables for their exemplary bravery during a recent anti-terrorist operation in the Gandoh area of the district, the police chief ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

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ment, which was voted in with a landslide this week.

Prime Minister

## We need to affirm, promote our cultural heritage: LG

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a day and its occupancy dur-

ing each trip. He emphasised

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LG Manoj Sinha addressing gathering at Raag's Musical Harmony event at Srinagar.

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday impressed upon the artists to affirm and promote the cultural heritage of

Jammu Kashmir. "It should be our resolve to make the priceless artistic and elevate it to the global stage", he said after inaugurating Musical Harmony event organised by Koshur Raag, in association with J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, at Srinagar The Lt Governor called

upon the people to celebrate

literary field, which is the source of India's greatness.

"Art and culture connect and inspire the society. It should be seen as a thread connecting the past with the future," the Lt Governor

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He commended the Koshur

Inaugurates Koshur Raag's Musical Harmony event at Srinagar

Calls upon people to celebrate diversity in art, culture and literary field, which is source of India's greatness

Commends Koshur Raag for promoting Kashmiri cultural heritage through music, other art forms

Art, culture connect and inspire society. It should be seen as thread connecting past with future

It should be our resolve to make priceless artistic heritage of J&K prosperous; elevate it to

India's culture rich and diverse; always guided society to embrace, celebrate cultural roots to fulfill their dreams, aspirations

Raag for its endeavours to promote Kashmiri cultural heritage through music and

other art forms. "India's culture is rich and diverse

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#### Ready to conclude FTA that worked for both sides, Keir Starmer tells Modi

LONDON: Britain's newly-

elected Prime Minister Keir

Starmer spoke to Prime Minister Narendra Modi Saturday morning and said he stood ready to conclude a Free Trade Agreement that worked for

both sides, Downing Street said.

India and the UK have been negotiating a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) for over two years with a Conservative Party-led government but the talks were stalled in the 14th round amidst the general election cycles in both countries.

It is now expected to be picked up by the new Starmer-led Labour govern-

[Starmer] said he looked forward to further deepening the strong and respectful relationship between both countries, and welcomed Prime Minister Modi's leadership on key global challenges, such as climate and economic change growth," the spokesperson noted.

The leaders are then said to have discussed the

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