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Justice Tashi Rabstan visits Udhampur, inspects facilities at district jail, Parisha, <mark>UU</mark> Palash, Old Age Home, OSC

LG Sinha conveys condolences to family of Madan Das Devi

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JK Public School Kunjwani organises **Patriotic Song Competition**

Govt tables bills in LS to replace British-era IPC, CrPC, Evidence Act

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Sedition law to be completely repealed, says Amit Shah



NEW DELHI: In a land-

mark overhaul of colonial-era criminal laws, the Centre on Friday introduced in the Lok Sabha three bills to replace the IPC, CrPC and Indian Evidence Act, proposing among other things repeal of the sedition law and introducing a new provision with a wider definition of the

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JAMMU: More than 4.28

lakh pilgrims have undertak-

en the Amarnath Yatra so far

this year, surpassing the last

vear's total with nearly three weeks still to go before the

pilgrimage ends, an official

The 62-day pilgrimage to

the cave shrine in south

Kashmir Himalayas com-

menced on July 1 through

twin tracks the traditional

48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam

route in Anantnag and the

shorter 14-km Baltal route

in Ganderbal district. It is

scheduled to conclude on

National Buddhist conference held

in Ladakh STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A national con-

Buddhism in the 21st centu-

ry -- challenges and response

was held in Ladakh Union

Territory on Friday, the

The one-day conference

The Himalayan region

Uttarakhand to Ladakh, are a rich repository of the cultural heritage of Nalanda Buddhist traditions, the

For thousands of years, it

flourished in these harsh geographical conditions.

However, the vibrant living

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Tawang,

organisers said.

Nalanda Traditions

Lahoul-Spitti,

organisers said.

Nalanda Buddhist

from

Nalanda

August 31, coinciding with

said on Friday.

Besides defining terrorism for the first time, the changes aimed at transforming the country's criminal justice system included provisions for maximum capital punishment for mob lynching, sexual assaults on minors, maximum 20-year imprisonment for all types of gang-rape and community service as one of the punishments for firsttime petty offences.

Amarnath Yatra draws over 4.28 lakh pilgrims

so far, surpassing last year's footfall

'Purpose of 3 new bills not punishment but justice'

NEW DELHI: The purpose of the three new bills that seek to replace the Indian Penal Code (1860), Criminal Procedure Code (1898) and Indian Evidence Act is not to punish but to give justice, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Friday. He said the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Bill, 2023; Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita Bill, 2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Bill, 2023 will protect all the rights of citizens given by the Constitution.

"The three outgoing laws were made to strengthen and protect the British rule and their purpose was to punish, not to give justice. The three new laws made with Indian thought process will bring a huge change in our criminal justice system. The Modi government has brought these laws taking a very principled decision to bring citizens at the centre instead of governance," he said. Shah said the three old laws had signs of slavery as they were passed by the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Union Home Minister Amit introduced the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) Bill, 2023; Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) Bill, 2023; and Bharatiya Sakshya (BS) Bill, 2023 that will replace the Indian Penal Code, 1860,

1898, and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 respectively.

The BNS bill provides for several changes in the existing provisions including that of defamation, attempt to commit suicide and expanded the scope of offence

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2-day meet to revitalize NCC in J&K, Ladakh

begins in Jammu ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A two-day meet to revitalize the National Cadet Corps (NCC) in the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh commenced here on Friday, a defence spokesman said.

Additional Director General of NCC for Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh Maj Rajesh Kumar Sachdeva and Principal Secretary Alok Kumar were among the dignitaries who attended the inaugural function.

The initiative, "Manthan-2", holds a profound vision of breathing a new life into

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footfall this year has already ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 HC refuses to quash proceedings in money laundering case

surpassed the last year's

total of 3,04,493," the official

said. He said while the natu-

rally formed ice Shivlingam

at the cave melted on

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Raksha Bandhan festival.

"As many as 4,28,318 pil-

grims paid their obeisance at

the 3,880-metre cave shrine

till Thursday evening. The

JAMMU: Justice Sanjay Dhar of Jammu & Kashmir High Court on Friday dismissed the petition filed by Irshad Ahmed Sheikh and others challenging the proceedings in trial court in money laundering case.

was held at CIBS Choglamsar, in Leh district of the UT, to reflect on the dismissing foundations, to retell Buddhism's expansive history and to trace its source, they said. The national conference was organised by Indian Himalayan Council of

Buddhist

Sikkim,

Kinauur,

Justice Sanjay Dhar, while petitions, observed that the offence of money laundering involves the act of indulging in any process or activity connected with the proceeds of crime including its concealment, possession, acquisition or use and projecting or claiming it

as untainted property. So far

as the offences under ULA (P) Act, for which the petitioners have booked, are concerned, they relate to using of funds of an unlawful association, raising funds for unlawful association and being a member of a terrorist organization. These offences are clearly distinguishable from the offence under Section 3 of the PMLA. Therefore, by no stretch of imagination, it can be stated that the petitioners have been subjected to double jeopardy by initiating prosecution against them under the provisions of the PMLA.

ther observed that according to observations of the Supreme Court, it is clear that even if a criminal activity has been committed before the same had been notified as a scheduled offence for the purpose of the PLMA, still then if a person has indulged in or continues to indulge directly or indirectly in dealing with proceeds of crime, derived or obtained from such criminal activity even after it has been notified as scheduled offence, the said person is liable to be prosecuted for the offence of

money-laundering. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

NH engine of economic growth in

Justice Sanjay Dhar fur-



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WEATHER Temperature (Jammu) Max: 33.9°C Max: 92 Max: 32.2°C

Max: 80 Min: 47 Sunset: 19:17 Hours Sunrise: 05:44 Hours

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, while reviewing the progress of different highways taken up under Prime Development Minister Program (PMDP) on Friday remarked that the traffic authorities should make preparations well ahead of the fruit season to ensure smooth flow of trucks on

Jmu-Sgr National Highway,

particularly those carrying

perishable fruit consignments.

In addition to the Principal Secretary, PWD, the meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Forest; Principal Secretary, PDD; Divisional Commissioners; concerned

Deputy Commissioners; representatives from NHAI, NHIDCL, BRO, and many other concerned officers. Speaking on the occasion,

the Chief Secretary stressed

upon the executing agencies

to complete all these road projects providing interconnectivity to different regions in the stipulated timeframe. He enjoined upon them that the significance of these roads is very high as the UT, due to its hilly terrain, has hardly any alternative roads to link various parts.

He directed the concerned authorities to strictly stick to the timeline of completing these road projects. He

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CS Mehta to head BoD of JKML

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JAMMU: The government on Friday re-constituted the Board of Directors of Jammu and Kashmir Minerals Limited (JKML).

"In supersession of all previous orders on the subject and in terms of Article 66(3) of the Memorandum and Article of Association of the Jammu and Kashmir Minerals Limited, the Board of Directors of the Jammu and Kashmir Minerals Limited is reconstituted. reads an order issued by Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department. As per order, Board of Directors of

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urge you all to take part in

#HarGharTiranga

NEW DELHI:

Tiranga'

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Preparations underway for smooth I-Day celebrations in J&K: DGP

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SRINAGAR: Preparations were being finalised to put in place the arrangements for the smooth conduct of the Independence Day celebrations across Jammu and Kashmir, Director General of Police Dilbag Singh said on Friday.

"Preparations are on for August 15 celebrations. Meetings have taken place at every level. All officers are engaged in finalising the arrangements," Singh told reporters in Kupwara district in north Kashmir.

He said as part of the celebrations, Tiranga rallies have

PM Modi urges people to take part in 'Har

Ghar Tiranga' movement

15th August. Upload your

movement between 13th to said on X, formerly known



DGP Dilbag Singh talking to reporters in Kupwara on Friday.

been taken out in many places across the UT even as the Meri Maati Mera Desh' programme is going on.

"Many new buildings have been dedicated to martyrs

Earlier in the

President

Jagdeep

Dhankhar flagged

off a 'Har Ghar

Tiranga' bike rally

of MPs in Delhi.

The rally began

under the Shaheedo ko naman' programme. A massive Tiranga rally will take place in Srinagar on August 13," Singh said.

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No proposal to go back to ballot system: Govt tells LS

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NEW DELHI: There is no proposal to go back to the ballot system of casting votes in elections, the government told the Lok Sabha on Friday.

In a written reply, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal said the Election Commission has informed that some representations have been received regarding the reintroduction of the ballot system. The EC, he said,

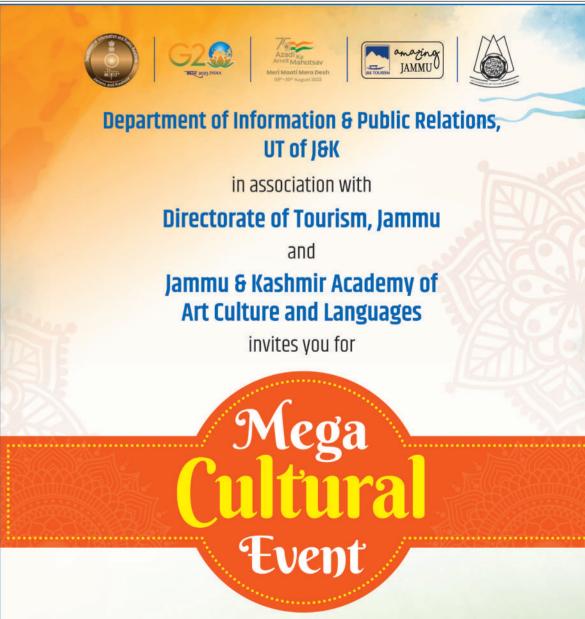
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Pragati Maidan and culminated at the Major Dhyan Chand stadium after passing through the India Gate cir-

day,



Central Park, Bahu Plaza 13th August 2023 | 6:30 PM onwards

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