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Shinon Meeras, Shina Cultural Centre inaugurated at Gurez

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Govt to create conducive atmosphere for new business enterprises to flourish: LG



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at the inauguration of Shinon Meeras, the Shina Cultural Centre at Gurez on Monday

STATE TIMES NEWS

BANDIPORA: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said that dedicated focus is being given to strengthen physical infrastructure, ensure adequate

skilled manpower and to provide a conducive atmosphere for new business enterprises to flourish.

"Our collective aim has been to convert today's weak-

kept for monitoring after in

depth discussion, a govern-

The Western Zonal Council

ment release said.

strength", Sinha said while inaugurating the 'Shinon Meeras', the Shina Cultural Centre, developed by the Indian Army and District Administration.

At the inaugural ceremony,

Administration for the inclusive development of Gurez.

"Gurez has witnessed transformational changes in the last three years", he said and highlighted the new initiatives taken to tap the tourism potential of the area.

Tourism sector has witnessed a massive increase from earlier 700-800 tourists in a year to 35,000 this year till 15th August. Today, the increased tourist influx to Gurez has strengthened the local economy and is providing large employment opportunities to the people.

Referring to the power sector, the Lt Governor said the sector had remained a matter of great concern for the people of Gurez for decades.

We are working on war footing to strengthen the power infrastructure,

Geetika appointed India's charge d'affaires in Islamabad

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Geetika Srivastava, currently serving as joint secretary at the headquarters of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), will be India's new charg d'affaires at its high commission in Islamabad, people familiar with the matter said on Monday

She will succeed Suresh Kumar who is likely to return to New Delhi.

Srivastava, a 2005 batch Indian Foreign Service officer, is currently serving as a joint secretary in the MEA's Indo-Pacific division.

The Indian and Pakistani commissions Islamabad and Delhi are being headed by their respective charge d'affaires after Pakistan downgraded diplomatic ties following India's decision to withdraw the special status of Jammu and Kashmir in August 2019.

Srivastava is expected to take up her assignment in Islamabad shortly, said one of the people familiar with

Article 370: Centre tells SC J&K Constitution subordinate to Indian Constitution

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

'People misguided that special provisions were not discrimination but privilege'

STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: Supreme Court on Monday prima facie agreed with the Centre's submission on pleas challenging the abrogation of Article 370 that the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir is "subordinate" to the Indian Constitution, which is on a higher pedestal.

A five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, however, did not seem to be in agreement with the plea that the Constituent Assembly of the erstwhile state, which was disbanded in 1957, was in

reality a legislative assembly. Without naming the two mainstream political parties of the erstwhile state, the Centre said citizens have been misguided that the special provisions for Jammu and Kashmir were "not discrimination but a privilege".

"Even today two political parties are before this court



defending Article 370 and 35A," the solicitor general told the top court on the 11th day of hearing the litany of pleas challenging the abrogation of the constitutional provision which bestowed special

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said there is enough material to show that the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir is subordinate to the Constitution of India and the constituent assembly of

status to the erstwhile state

tive assembly making laws.

"At one level, you may be right subject to rejoinder arguments from the other side (petitioners' side) that the Constitution of India is really a document which lies on a higher platform than that of the Constitution of J-K," the bench also comprising justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant said. It told Mehta that it would

be difficult to accept

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Three bills to replace IPC, CrPC, Evidence Act will eliminate 70 pc negative energy: Amit Shah

STATE TIMES NEWS GANDHINAGAR: Union

Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said the three bills introduced Parliament bv the Centre to replace the CrPCEvidence Act will ensure no case can continue for more than two years. which will result in elimination of "70 per cent negative energy"

Shah was chairing the 26th Western Zonal Council meeting held here in which a total of 17 issues between the states and Centre were discussed, nine of which were resolved, while the rest were

Man commits self immolation in Rajouri,

neighbour arrested

JAMMU: Disturbed over a prolonged land dispute with

his neighbour, a man alleged-

ly committed suicide by set-

ting himself afire in Rajouri

district, police said on

The incident occurred at

Pathanmorha Dassal village

on Sunday in which a person

namely Sain Dass poured

petrol on himself and com-

mitted self-immolation, an

official said, adding he was

rushed to the hospital where

A case of alleged abetment

to suicide was registered at

Rajouri police station and

accused Pawan Kumar has

been arrested, the official

Police officials said that

there was an old dispute over

land between Sain Dass and

his neighbour Pawan Kumar.

Police are conducting a fair

and in-depth probe into the

matter and action as per the

law of the land is being

"It is further clarified that

deceased Sain Dass was

ensured, they said.

doctors declared him dead.

Monday.

Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa and the Union Territories of Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli. The meeting was attended by Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, Maharashtra

Over 5 lakh job letters given by Centre since Oct 2022, 10 lakh target by year-end: Union Minister

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Union minister B L Verma Monday said the Centre has distributed job letters to 5.5 lakh youth since last October and aims to provide 10 lakh jobs by year-

Addressing a Rozgar mela at the Border Security Force (BSF) headquarters here, Verma handed over appointment letters to 250 candidates, out of a total of 1,000selected for various Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) such as BSF, CRPF CISF, SSB, and ITBP. This morning, Modi distributed over 51,000



youth during Rozgar Mela at BSF headquarters in Jammu.

appointment letters to the youth, mostly in the security forces, joined in from 45 locations across the country. Distributing job letters at

the event here, Verma said this Rozgar Mela scheme is part of the government's efforts to abate unemploy-

"In October 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a commitment that 10 lakh jobs will be given to youth by December 2023. By this time, we have provided job letters to 5.5 lakh youth," the Union Minister of State for development of the Northeastern region said.

He added that in the days to come, the prime minister will deliver what he has promised to the youth of this

BSF officials at the event here said this recruitment drive will significantly help the country's security

Congress strong enough to defeat malicious BJP propaganda: Patil STATE TIMES NEWS their issues are resolved on priority," she said.

SRINAGAR: Congress is a vibrant party and is strong enough to defeat the "malicious propaganda" and "misleading politics" of the BJP, India Congress Committee (AICC) in-charge of Jammu and Kashmir Rajani Patil said on Monday.

Rajya Sabha MP Patil was addressing a workers' convention at Chekibhadri Nath in Pulwama district.

"Congress is a vibrant party strong enough to defeat the malicious propaganda and misleading politics of BJP. The party is committed to ensuring that people live with dignity and

The Congress leader also said that bifurcating the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state into Union

territories was an assault or people's emotions. "The BJP rule is hostile, working as a punishment for

the public," she said. Patil also alleged that

despite all these failures, the BJP government is building a false narrative aimed at diverting the attention of the public from real issues.

She added that the Congress will ensure justice and inclusive development

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beauty Divas visit Kashmir



SRINAGAR: In a major fillip to MICE tourism and in a historic development for the tourism industry of J&K, a group of global Beauty Divas visited Kashmir on Monday, as a prelude to the Miss World pageant 2023 with

The group includes Miss World. World Caribbean, Emmy Pena; Miss World America, Shree Saini:

CS inspects NH-44 works, directs 2-way traffic for all vehicles up to three axles

RAMBAN: In an effort to oversee the progress of ongoing four-laning works on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Monday took a firsthand appraisal of all critical sections between Banihal and Ramban and also held a holistic review of flagship programmes in the District.

During his visit, the Chief Secretary reiterated his direction to the Traffic Department for making the 66-km road stretch between Qazigund and Nashri tunnels two-way for both LMVs and HMVs which are below 4 axle, adding that HMVs which are above 4 axle



is expected to provide huge relief as this will put an end to forced halt at Qazigund and

Ban toll plaza in future. R. K. Goyal;

Commissioner Secretary

GAD, Sanjeev Verma; ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Amarnath Yatra: Chhari Mubarak leaves Pahalgam for shrine

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The saffronrobed holy mace of Lord Shiva, popularly known as 'Chhari Mubarak', left from Pahalgam base camp Monday Chandanwari where it will halt for the night, officials

Amidst religious chants, the Chhari was taken from Pahalgam to Chandanwari by Mahant Deependra Giri, the custodian of the holy mace. The holy mace will reach

the cave shrine, considered to be the abode of Lord Shiva, in south Kashmir Himalayas for special prayers on August 31 which will mark the culmination of the annual

The holy mace will be taken to Sheshnag on August 29 for a night halt Panchtarani on August

The Chhari Mubarak Swami Amarnath Ji had left for the main course of pilgrimage on Saturday Mahadev from Dashnami Akhara here. Special prayers were

held at the Dashnami Akhara temple before the commencement of the religious pilgrimage. Giri will carry the holy

mace to perform 'pujan' and have 'darshan' in the morning 'Shravan-Purnima' August 31.

Economy on growth path; auto, pharma, tourism sectors to add new jobs: Modi The prime minister said

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Prime

Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said the Indian economy was on the path of rapid growth which had led to creation of big opportunities for employment of the Addressing a Rozgar Mela

where he distributed over 51,000 appoint-

ment letters to the youth, he said automobile. pharma, tourism and food processing sectors were expected to grow at a rapid pace and open up employment

opportunities for the youth. Modi addressed the Rozgar Mela virtually as the new appointees in central paramilitary forces, Narcotics Control Bureau and the Delhi Police joined in from 45 locations across the counIndia had emerged as the fastest growing economy and would soon be among the top three economies in the world during this decade and bring benefits to the common man. "For any economy to grow,

it is imperative that every sector develops. From the food sector to pharmaceuti-



cals, from space to start-ups when every sector grows the economy will move ahead,' he said. He said the tourism sector alone was expected to contribute Rs 20 lakh crore to

the economy by 2030 ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9



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A group of global Beauty Divas during visit to Kashmir.

STATE TIMES NEWS

Tourism Department making all necessary arrange-

ments for the visit.

Karolina Bielawska;

LG hands over Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak to father of Martyr Mohammad Umar Dar

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Mohammad Umar Dar was conferred with Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak (Posthumously) by the President of India, Droupadi

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday handed over the Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak, citation and a cheque to Gulam Mohammad Dar, father of Martyr civilian Mohammad Umar Dar, at Raj Bhawan.

On March 26, 2022, Mohammad Umar Dar and his brother Ishfaq Ahmad Dar who was working as an SPO in J&K Police were killed by the Terrorists inside their house in Chattabugh



of Martyr civilian Mohammad Umar Dar at Raj Bhawan. The Lt Governor paid hommembers. age to Mohammad Umar Dar and saluted the exemplary courage shown by him in sav-

ing the lives of his family

Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, GOC 15 Corps; and family members of Mohammad Umar Dar were also present.

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