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J&K railway dream of nation: Railway minister

Visits Jammu Railway Station, promises train service to Kashmir before 2024

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: It is the dream of the nation to see the rail connectivity between Kashmir and the rest of the country, Union Railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw Monday said, asserting that the work on the prestigious project was going on at a fast pace and would be completed

The minister was in Katra, the base camp for the pilgrims visiting the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Reasi district, where he attended a public outreach programme and laid the foundation for the construction of two new railway platforms and additional facilities.

Talking to reporters at the Katra railway station, he Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a very big vision for the railways -all the railway stations across the country are neat and clean, people get better facilities and the train chugs on



Union Railway Minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw during visit to Jammu Railway Station on Monday.

Asked about the timeframe for completion of the Jammu-Baramulla rail link, Vaishnaw said this is the dream of the nation and the work on this project is going on at a fast pace for its completion.

"The work on various bridges and other linking area was going on at a fast pace so that the rail will start plying on the (Jammu-

Baramulla) track soon," he said, adding that he "will return in one-and-a-half months' time to review the

progress on the work". The work on the Rs 21,653 crore Udhampur-Srinagar-Rail Link Baramulla (USBRL) project, which is the most challenging railway infrastructure project being undertaken post-independence, was started in 1997

and has missed several deadlines amid huge cost escala-

Out of the total 272 km

USBRL project, the 161 km was commissioned in phases with the first phase of the Qazigund-Baramulla section commissioned in October 2009, followed by 18-km Banihal-Qazigund in June 2013 and 25-km Udhampur-Katra in July 2014. The under-construction 111-km Katra-Banihal section has 37 bridges (26 major and 11 minor), 35 tunnels with a length of 164 km (main 27 with 97.64 km and eight escape tunnels with 66.40 km), a railway official said.

This project is the longest railway tunnel having an overall length of 12.75 km, the highest railway bridge in the world which is higher than the iconic Eiffel tower of Paris. It is the first cablestayed bridge which when completed, according to

Govt will work in mission mode for development of tribals: Sinha

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said the administration is working continuously at different levels to safeguard the rights of tribals and will work in a mission mode for their development and betterment.

The LG was speaking at a ceremony for implementation of the 'Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Rights Act)' in J-K where he handed over individual and community right certificates to the beneficiaries of Gujjar-Bakerwal and Gaddi-Sippi communities.

Describing the occasion as "historic", Sinha expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for making it possible to implement the Act in the Union Territory, and said the move will usher a new era of empowerment and prosperity for the deprived tribal population here.

"I thank PM Modi because of whom on December 1, 2020, we implemented the Forest Rights Act. Before



Community Forest Rights certificates to members of Tribal Communities.

2019, many central laws were not implemented here.

"The J-K administration, especially the Department and the Tribal Affairs Department, has started the endeavour to do something for the development of these communities,' he said.

The LG said about 20,000 applications were received and while several people have been given the certificates, all those eligible will be given the

"Apart from the Forest Rights Act, the J-K administration has programmes for their education and health, and I am satisfied that we will be successful in joining the community with the mainstream," he said.

"It is not just the Forest Rights Act that has been implemented, but I want to tell you that you will also get job reservations and political reservations," he added.

Sinha said the tribals in J-K had waited for a long time for their rights.

"It has been a long time. Your emotions were played with, you were used as a vote bank, but no care was taken about your needs.

"It is not a political issue for me, but when I came here from Delhi, the PM told me two-three important things. one of which was to ensure the total implementation of the Forest Rights Act with honesty and giving rights to everyone. I can say today that it is a good start," he

Marble Market Extention, Greater Kailash Chowk, National Highway-1A, Jamesu.

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He said the UT administration is continuously working at different levels to safeguard rights of tribals.

"In the areas where community rights are being given, an amount of Rs 10 crore will be provided immediately for the development of infrastructure

SoI use drones to survey land, properties in

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Security forces defuse 6 grenades placed along NH 44 in Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Security forces on Monday averted a major tragedy by detecting and defusing six hand grenades placed by militants on the busy Parimpora-Panthachowk axis in Srinagar, officials said here.

"During a routine road opening exercise along National Highway 44, alert troopers ofthe Battalion of the CRPF recovered six Chinese grenades from a sandbag placed on a divider of the road," a spokesperson of

He said the troops averted a major incident on the

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JAMMU: The government on

Monday transferred four

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busy highway.

"Since there was a lot of rush on the highway, the grenades were not demolished in situ. They were handed over to the police for disposal," the official added.

The anticipation exercise along the busy arterial road connecting south Kashmir with north led to a traffic snarl on the highway as well as in other parts of the city. The stretch where the grenades were found is used by security forces to reach places in remote border districts, including Kunwara and Bandinora

The same road is also used to reach Ladakh.

Transferred Rs 2.73 Cr govt money into his personal account

Crime Branch produces charge-sheet against former BOPEE Chairman

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Crime Branch Kashmir on Monday produced charge-sheet against the then BOPEE chairman, Mushtaq Ahmad Peer before the court of special judge anti-corruption

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m crime}$ branch spokesperson in a statement said that the Crime Branch Kashmir produced the Charge-Sheet in FIR 42/2017 U/S 420, 409-RPC r/w 5(2) PC Act of Station Crime

Mushtaq Ahmad Peer (the then Chairman BOPEE) before the Court of Special Judge Anti Corruption, Srinagar. "The brief facts of the

case are that the accused person while being posted as Chairman BOPEE from the year 2009 to 2012, transferred government money amounting to Rs 2.73 crore into his personal bank account with the object that the same will be utilized for various official activities." said the spokesman.

He said that the accused

person with a criminal intent put the money to his own use by investing in smart saver accounts, raising cash certificates and liquidation of his personal

"During the course of investigation, it has been established that the accused person in violation of BOPEE Act and Financial rules in vogue, has misappropriated an amount of Rs. RS. 1, 15, 40,153. Besides, 52 as Re 3 49 amount of interest accrued on Smart Savers/ Cash Certificates were also misappropriated by the accused person by abusing his official posi-BOPEE," he added.

"The accused person was also convicted by Court of Special Judge, Anti Corruption, Srinagar in FIR 24/2013 under Sections 420, 406, 201, 120-B-RPC, read with 5(1)(d), 5(2) PC Act of Police Station Crime Branch Kashmir, vide judgement dated April. 252018,"Crimesaid Branch spokesman.

STATE TIMES NEWS LEH: The Survey of India (SoI) has begun a survey of

land and properties by using drones in Ladakh where 11 Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS) have been setup, officials said on Monday.

This initiative has been undertaken by the Ladakh Land Records Modernisation Agency (LLaRMA) to survey and resurvey various types of lands and areas, including agricultural land in all villages and estates, according to the Record of Rights (RORs), and barren and waste lan

"The Survey of India has established

Ladakh; 11 CORS setup Continuously Reference Stations (CORS) and started the work of survev of various areas in villages with the help of drones in order to enable a geotagged and detailed spatial database of properties and land," Financial Commissioner

Revenue (Ladakh) Pawan Kotwal said while chairing a high-level meeting on Monday.

He said that under the SVAMITVA scheme, the Survey of India, as a technology partner, has already been entrusted with the work of conducting the survey of land and properties in revenue vil lages and estates.

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J&K reports 86 new COVID cases

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Monday reported 86 new positive COVID cases, eight from the Jammu division and 78 from the Kashmir Valley, thus taking the total number of positive cases in Jammu Kashmir to 326990.

124Moreover. COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 21 from Jammu Division and 103 from Kashmir Division.

Besides this, 74.04 percent of the population above the age of 18 years has been vaccinated across Jammu and

37-year-old stabbed to death by mentally-challenged man

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A 37-year-old man was stabbed to death by a mentally-challenged person at a barber shop on the outskirts of Jammu on Monday, police said.

As per details, an information was received at Police Station Miran Sahib regarding assault case in a barber shop wherein one Surinder Kumar, son of Jagdish Lal, resident of Kharian Miran Sahib attacked a person namely Mukesh alias Happy, son of Om Parkash, resident of Kharian with scissors, injuring him seriously. The injured was shifted to GMC Jammu for immediate med-

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India crosses 75 crore COVID vaccine doses

NEW DELHI: India has crossed the landmark of administering 75 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said Monday.

More than 71 lakh doses were administered on Monday till 7 PM, according to the provisional data available on the Co-WIN portal.

The daily vaccination tally is expected to increase with the compilation of the final reports for the day by late night, the ministry said. According to the 7 pm provisional data available on the portal, over 57 crore people have been vaccinated with the first dose and more than 18 crore with their second. The country has also jabbed

Officials said that no new case of Mucormycosis has been reported during the past 24 hours, thus the total number of confirmed cases remains 46 in the UT of

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> 326990 positive cases, 1247 are Active Positive, 321329 have recovered and 4414 have died; 2168 in

Media Bulletin, out of

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MoS Parliamentary Affairs to visit **Udhampur on Sept 15 ■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: District Administration Udhampur has invited the people to project their issues at the two day public outreach programme being chaired by Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs & Culture at Panchari on 15th September and Government Model HSS (Boys) Udhampur on 16th

of September 2021. The Union MoS would meet the public at HSS Panchari, Block Panchari on 15th from 1.00 PM to 3.00 PM) and on 16th of September 2021

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JEE-Advanced registrations deferred again

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: The registra-

tions for Joint Entrance Examination Advanced for admission to IITs were on Monday deferred again due to delay in announcement of JEE-Main results. The registration process

was to begin last week but was deferred till Monday due to the delay in result. However the registration did not begin on Monday as well. Indian Institute Technology Kharagpur, which is conducting JEE-Advanced this year, has not announced a has asked candidates to wait for an update.

JEE-Advanced is scheduled to be conducted on October 3.

"The result for JEE-Mains will be announced either tomorrow or latest by Wednesday," a senior official said.

The official did not comment on the reason behind the delay in announcement of result.

Starting this year, JEE-Mains was conducted four times a year to offer flexibility to students and a chance to improve their scores. The first phase was

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Selection Committee of SKIMS Medical

College reconstituted ■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The government on Monday reconstituted Selection Committee of SKIMS,

College/Hospital, Bemina,

Srinagar. "In supersession of all the previous orders, sanction is accorded to the reconstitution of the Selection Committee for making promotions of the faculty members of SKIMS, Medical College/Hospital, Bemina, Srinagar against vacancies and under Assessment Merit Promotion Scheme (AMPS)," reads an

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Ruling, opposition lawmakers should maintain good relations: Azad

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share a strong bond with

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STATE TIMES NEWS

JAIPUR: Veteran Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad on Monday called for good relations between ruling and opposition party legislators, recalling his own interactions with former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Speaking at the inaugural session of a seminar on 'Parliamentary System and People's Expectations' in the Rajasthan Assembly, the former leader of opposition in Rajya Sabha said understanding is an important factor in the legislature and good work can get support only when there is a good understanding among the members.

"Ruling and opposition party legislators should have a working relationship. There should be enough

Sharing his experience with

the leaders of opposition par-

ties, Azad said when he was

the Union parliamentary

understanding that if there is good work. then it gets support. there are distances, even good work will not get the

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m If}$ support. Therefore, there is a need to make working relationships," he added.

a n d Kashmir c h i e f minister said differences should only be seen during

elections. The veteran Congress leader said in election rallies, he never used to refer to the name of the rival candidate.

"During poll rallies, we have to tell people what we will do," he said. Azad is part of the G-23

group which wrote a letter to Congress chief Sonia Gandhi last year seeking organisational overhaul.

Speaking on the role of the members of the legislature, he said the legislature, judiciary and executive have their roles and responsibilities well defined in the Constitution. However, the legislature is the first among the equals.

He said in India, apart from making laws, legislators have to look after their constituency and address

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Naib Sarpanch among 2 arrested for attack on police Thalkote-Chassana, who

STATE TIMES NEWS REASI: Police on Monday

arrested two notorious criminals including a Naib Sarpanch involved in mischief and attack on police party besides creating law & order problem in Chassana area.

As per details, FIR No 35/2021 under sections 341, 353, 382, 147, 149, 336, 504, 506, 225, 224, 120-B of IPC and section 3 of Prevention of Damage to Public property Act was registered in Police Station Chassana on 31st August, 2021 when some notorious criminals attacked a police party for arresting Prem Singh and his accomplices of were wanted in rape case. Prem Singh is a notorious history-sheeter involved in seven cases including rape & attempt to murder.

Teams of Reasi Police arrested two accused namely Naib Sarpanch Magsood Hussain Shah, son of Ghulam Hussain Shah, resident of Shergarhi Chassana wanted in case FIR no 35/2021 under sections 341. 353, 382, 147, 149, 336, 504, 506, 224, 225, 120B of IPC & 3 of Prevention of damage to Public Property Act-1984 at Police Station Chasana. In another case, allegations under

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