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Jammu celebrates birth anniversary of  
Maharaja Hari Singh with fervour

Most of ‘bad elements’ responsible for  
death, destruction neutralised: DGP

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Dressed to the nines, residents of Jammu on Friday took out parades across the city to celebrate the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh, the last Dogra ruler of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Lieutenant Governor administration had recently declared the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh, which falls on September 23, as an annual holiday in the Union Territory.

The celebrations started with the great grandsons of Maharaja Hari Singh offering prayers at the Ranbeshwar temple in the city early morning.

"I want to congratulate the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the 127th birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh ji. Grant of holiday on his birth anniversary is a victory of all the people of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the youth of Jammu,"



Jammuites taking out celebration rally on occasion of birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh on Friday. (More pics on pg-3)

grandson of Maharaja Hari Singh and former legislator Vikramaditya told reporters.

The celebrations by the Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS) that began on Thursday night continued on Friday while people from all walks of life assembled at Tawi Bridge and Maharaja Hari Singh Park to pay tributes.

Adorning colourful turbans and holding flags of their organisation, several mem-

bers of the Rajput community on two-wheelers, tractors, cars and even horses took out victory processions in the Ban Talab area of the city.

They raised slogans glorifying Maharaja Hari Singh and brandished swords as part of the celebrations.

"Our continuous agitation yielded results and the government has announced a holiday on the birth anniversary of the Maharaja after 75

years," YRS leader Arjun Singh said.

The Kashmir-based political parties, which have largely ruled the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, were opposed to the public holiday on the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh, who signed the instrument of accession with the republic of India on October 26, 1947, he said.

At the Tawi bridge, the

BJP leadership led by its president, Ravinder Raina danced to tunes of drum beats amid slogans of 'Maharaja Hari Singh amar rahe'. Sweets were also distributed among the people while medical camps were organised at several places in the city.

"It is victory of people. It is justice done. We congratulate the people of J&K,

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STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Director General of Police Dilbagh Singh on Friday said that a lot has been done to wipe out anti-peace elements including militants and that it won't take much time to clear off the remaining ones.

"There were many thorns in the garden of peace, that were removed by police along with security forces", the DGP said while talking to reporters on the sidelines of Pedal For Peace, adding that those remaining will be removed as well and that won't take much time.

According to a police hand-out, the DGP said that J&K has lost number of people due to the terrorism adding that most of those bad elements responsible for the death and destruction have been neutralised and hoped that the remaining bad elements would be neutralised. He gave credit to the people of Jammu and Kashmir adding that their support



and cooperation to the police has been immense.

Referring to the event, the DGP said that it is catching more participation every passing year adding that the youngest participant of today is 3 year old. The event is organized under J&K Police's Civic Action Programme wherein people of all ages are taking part, it's our endeavour to work along with the people for the peace of J&K, the DGP said.

He said that such events help in channelizing the

energy of youth, especially the children into positive direction. These events would encourage them to achieve their goals in different fields, he said, adding that these events play a very important role in guiding them to stay away from drugs and other paths of destruction

The DGP said the children have suffered in education and growth in the past and with their large participation now, it feels that the time has changed now.

Maharaja brought sea of  
changes in J&K: Azad

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Former J&K Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad on Friday paid tribute to late Maharaja Hari Singh on his birth anniversary.

"Remembering the true visionary, patriot and the last Dogra ruler of J&K, Maharaja Hari Singh on his birth anniversary today," Azad said in a statement and recalled the "sea of changes in J&K brought in by Maharaja Hari Singh".

"His well-organised public administration system, people friendly policies, promotion of free and compulsory education for all, developmental and infrastructural



works etc. were milestones in J-K's development," he said. "His religion was 'justice to all'.

In his public speech the Maharaja remarked "If I am considered worth governing this State, then I will say that for me all communities,

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Home Minister Amit Shah to visit J&K on Oct 1, 2

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Union Home Minister Amit Shah is visiting Jammu and Kashmir for two days on October 1 and 2 during his visit he is likely to announce reservations for Pahari speaking community, BJP sources said on Friday.

As per the party sources, Shah will address a public rally in Rajouri on October 1 in the Jammu division and in Kupwara district of Kashmir division on October 2, spending one day each in the two divisions of the union territory.

"He will announce reservations for the Pahari speaking community whose large population lives in Poonch,



Rajouri districts of the Jammu division and Baramulla district of the Valley.

"Shah will kickstart the BJP election campaign in J&K during his forthcoming visit," BJP sources said.

The delimitation commis-

sion has already made reservations for the ST and SC in the 90-member J&K assembly reserving nine seats for the ST and six for the SC candidates.

In addition to this, the delimitation commission has recommended two nominated seats for the Kashmiri Pandit community with voting rights in the legislative Assembly on the pattern of the Puducherry Assembly.

It has also been recommended that one of the two nominated Kashmiri Pandit members should be a woman.

The delimitation commission has also recommended nominated members from West Pakistan refugees, who

have already been given voting rights in the legislative Assembly, after abrogation of Article 370.

Before the abrogation, the West Pakistan refugees could vote for the country's Lok Sabha, but not for the J&K Assembly.

It is expected that even after Shah kickstarts the BJP Assembly election campaign in J&K, these cannot be held this year because of several reasons.

The election commission has fixed November 25 for the publication of final voter lists. This leaves only 36 days before the end of the year. Filing of nomination papers,

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M Raju among 3 IAS  
officers transferred

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: M Raju, IAS (AGMUT 2005), former Commissioner Secretary, Jal Shakti Department J&K UT, who enjoyed good reputation for his reforms here but transferred to Arunachal Pradesh, on Friday transferred to Puducherry UT along-with two more IAS officers.

Prashant Goyal, IAS (AGMUT:1993) has been transferred from Puducherry to Jammu and Kashmir UT and Neeraj Semwal, IAS (AGMUT:2003) has been transferred from Delhi to Arunachal Pradesh.

The order F. No.14020/03/2022-UTS in this regard was issued today by Rakesh Kumar Singh, Under Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India after the approval of Competent Authority.

Indian concept of nationalism not about  
creating threat for other nations: Bhagwat

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Indian concept of nationalism advances the idea of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" and does not pose any threat to any country and therefore there cannot be a Hitler in India, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat said on Friday.

The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief delivered a lecture organised by the Sankalp Foundation and a group of former bureaucrats here.

"Our nationalism does not pose any threat for others...that is not our nature. Our nationalism pre-



scribes that the world is one family (Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam) and further this feeling among people across the globe.... Therefore, there can't be a Hitler in India and if there

would be any, the people of the country would pull him down," he said.

"Everyone talks about world market, but only India talks about 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. Not only this, we also work towards making the world one family," he said.

He emphasised that India's concept of nationalism is different from other concepts of nationalism, which are either based on religion or one langue or common self-interest of people.

He said diversity has been part of India's concept

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4 of family drown in  
Nallah at Udhampur;  
LG expresses grief

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Four members of a family drowned in a nallah in Udhampur district on Friday, officials said.

Four people, including children, who had gone to fetch water and grass for their cattle fell in a nallah at Chattrari village of tehsil Rammagar and drowned in it, they said.

The deceased have been identified as Nishu Devi (16), Anju Devi (22), Yash Pal (24) and Meenakshi (12). Their bodies have been recovered, they added.

"The loss of young lives in an unfortunate incident

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India rapidly developing economy: PM

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi inaugurated the National Conference of Environment Ministers in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat via video conferencing on Friday.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister welcomed one and all to Ekta Nagar and the National Conference of Environment Ministers. The Prime Minister highlighted that the conference is being held when India is setting new goals for the next 25 years. Talking about the signifi-

cance, the Prime Minister said that the holistic development of Ekta Nagar is a prime example of an environ-



mental pilgrimage when it comes to forests, water conservation, tourism and our tribal brothers and sisters.

Giving examples of the

International Solar Alliance, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, and LiFE movement, the Prime

Minister remarked that India is not just taking huge strides in the field of renewable energy, but also guiding other nations of the world. The Prime Minister said, "Today's new India is moving ahead with new thinking, new approach." The Prime Minister further went on to add

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PFI got ‘concealed’ foreign funds  
through members based abroad: ED

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Certain PFI members based abroad have been found to be sending funds to their NRI accounts in India and subsequently transferring them to the leaders of the radical Islamic organisation so as to evade the foreign funding regulation law, the ED said Friday, a day after countrywide raids against the outfit.

The federal agency on Thursday arrested four members of the Popular Front of India (PFI) during the raids, led by the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

The persons nabbed have been identified as Pervez Ahmed, Mohd Ilias and Abdul Muqet (arrested from Delhi) and Shafaeque Payeth who was taken into custody

by the ED from Kerala. More than 100 PFI members were arrested during the multi-agency operation that also involved various state police forces and their anti-terrorist units.

The ED, which is probing PFI, its office-bearers and members since 2018, has also filed a fresh complaint taking cognisance of a National Investigation Agency (NIA) FIR filed in April against the PFI for allegedly committing terrorist acts in various parts of the country, promoting enmity among different groups and radicalising Muslim youths to join banned terrorist organisations like the ISIS. The ED alleged funds collected by the PFI

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**WEATHER**

**Temperature (Jammu)**

Max: 32.7°C Min: 22.6°C

**Humidity**

Max : 85 Min : 77

**Temperature (Srinagar)**

Max: 29.8°C Min: 13.7°C

**Humidity**

Max : 71 Min: 39

Sunset : 18:29 Hours

Sunrise : 06:21 Hours

