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## Jammu celebrates birth anniversary of Most of 'bad elements' responsible for Maharaja Hari Singh with fervour

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 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

Park to pay tributes. Adorning colourful turbans and holding flags of their

and Maharaja Hari Singh

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,

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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# death, destruction neutralised: DGP

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: 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 handout, 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

have already been given vot-

ing rights in the legislative

Assembly, after abrogation of

Before the abrogation, the

West Pakistan refugees could

vote for the country's Lok

Sabha, but not for the J&K

It is expected that even

after Shah kickstarts the

BJP Assembly election cam-

paign in J&K, these cannot

be held this year because of

The election commission

has fixed November 25 for

Article 370.

Assembly.

several reasons.

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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

### 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

M Raju among 3 IAS

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,

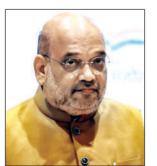
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## Home Minister Amit Shah to visit J&K on Oct 1, 2

JAMMU: Union Home Minister Amit Shah is visiting Jammu and Kashmir for two days on October 1 and 2during 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

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

divisions of the union territo-



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 Kashmir Pandit members should be a woman.

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

the publication of final voter lists. This leaves only 36 days before the end of the year. Filing of nomination papers, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

### Using drones to keep an eye on criminals, terrorists: Police Police tweeted.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Using drones fitted with high resolution cameras for aerial surveillance to keep an eye on criminals and terrorists in Kashmir, police said here on Friday.

"Aerial surveillance is going on in suspected localities of Srinagar looking for anti-socials, criminals. terrorists. OGWs etc., using modern drones with

be safeguarded," Srinagar

The police also posted a

drone video shot in a densely populated area of the city, highlighting the capabilities



high resolution cameras, these may not be visible from ground but be assured that life, property of citizens will

of the drone to maneuver in the air without being noticed. Drone videos of anti-militancy operations have

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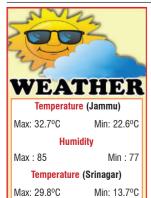
# Indian concept of nationalism not about

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

order 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 approval Competent Authority.



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# 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.

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

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



(Vasudhaiva family Kutumbakam) and further this feeling among people the 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

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

### Nallah at Udhampur; LG expresses grief ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

4 of family drown in

JAMMU: Four members of a family drowned in a nallah in Udhampur district 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 Ramnagar 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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NEW DELHI: The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi inaugurated the National Conference

**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 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-



comes to forests, water conservation, tourism and our tribal brothers and sisters. Giving examples of the

India rapidly developing economy: PM 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 that India is a rapidly developing economy, and it is continuously strengthening its ecology as well. "Our

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## Time extension to file charge-sheet not empty formality, deprives accused of right to default bail: SC

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court said on Friday the extension of time granted to probe agencies to file charge sheets in criminal cases is not an empty formality because it deprives accused of their indefeasible right to seek default bail due to noncompletion of investigation during the stipulated period.

The top court, in a significant verdict, set aside the Gujarat High Court judgement by which it had upheld a local court's decision to extend the time to conclude probe from 90 to 180 days behind the back of the accused in a criminal case and ordered the release of the undertrials on default bail.

Section 167 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Code provides for the grant of default bail to an accused if the probe agency fails to conclude the investigation and file a charge sheet

within a stipulated period of either 60 or 90 days in a court of competent jurisdiction. Some special legislations like the

Control of Terrorism and Organised Act Crime 2015 permit the prosecuting agencies to seek extension of time to file

charge sheet up to a period of 180 days to deny default bail to the accused in heinous

The logical and legal consequence of the grant of extension of time is the deprivation of the indefeasible right available to the accused to claim a "If we accept the argument that the

failure of the prosecution to produce the accused before the Court and to inform him that the application of extension is being considered by the

mere procedural irregularity, it will negate the proviso added sub-section (2)Section 20 of the 2015

(Gujarat) Act and that may amount to violation of rights conferred by Article 21 (right to life) of the Constitution, said a a bench of Ajay Rastogi and Abhay S Oka.

The reason is the grant of extension of time takes away the right of the accused to get default bail which is intrinsically connected with the fundamental rights guaranteed under Article 21, the verdict said, adding the liberty of a person can be taken away by following a fair and reasonable procedure".

The failure to procure the presence of the accused either physically or virtually before the Court and the failure to inform him that the application made by the Public Prosecutor for the extension of time is being considered, is not a mere procedural irregularity. It is gross illegality that violates the rights of the accused under Article 21, Justice Rastogi,

writing the judgement, said. The top court was dealing with the question about the legal consequences of the failure of a trial court to procure the presence of the accused at the time of considering the plea of the public prosecutor for grant of extension of time to complete ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

### 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 Perwez Ahmed, Mohd Ilias and Abdul Muqeet (arrested from Delhi) and Shafeeque 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 antiterrorist units.

The ED, which is probing PFI, its office-bearers and members since 2018, has also filed a fresh complaint taking cognisance of a Investigation National 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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