

Heritage and development must walk together: Sinha LG launches Rs 14 Cr projects for restoration of heritage places at Purmandal, Uttervehini

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JAMMU: The Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha on Sunday laid the foundation stones for projects aimed at the renovation, restoration and revival of the ancient heritage of Purmandal, worth Rs. 7.15 crore, and for renovation, restoration and related development works at the sacred Uttervehini site, worth Rs. 6.85 crore.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor said the initiative was not merely about repairing bricks and stones, but about reconnecting the nation's glorious past with a radiant future. Referring to India's cultural ethos, the Lieutenant Governor noted that the preservation of history, sacred knowledge and values rooted in Dharma



serves as the lifeline of a nation. "A nation that forgets its heritage loses its foundation. But a nation that respects, preserves and revives its roots ensures that its future generations stand with confidence, resilience, self-belief

and a strong sense of identity," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that Purmandal, blessed by the sacred Devika River, has for centuries been a site visited by saints, sages

and spiritual seekers, and that its ancient temples, stone carvings, sacred ponds and historical structures reflect outstanding architectural and artistic achievement, much of which had diminished by time and ►P11



Climate change needs effective policies, actions: President Murmu

NEW DELHI: A well-structured framework of policies and actions, involving governments, legal experts and affected communities, is essential to effectively address the complex challenge of climate change, President Droupadi Murmu said on Sunday.

Addressing the valedictory session of the international conference on "The Future of Environment and Climate Dynamics" ►P11

India's defence production, exports risen significantly in 10-yr: MoS Seth

MEERUT: India has witnessed a significant increase in defence production and exports over the past decade and is now exporting defence equipment to several countries, Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth said on Sunday.

Speaking after witnessing the Suryakiran air show here for the second consecutive day, Seth said the country's defence capabilities were being strengthened in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Swadeshi and Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

Seth described the Indian Air Force's Suryakiran Aerobatic Team as the pride of the country and said the air show would inspire youngsters to join the armed forces.

"Meerut's children should move towards defence. That is the thought behind this programme. When youngsters see these aircraft, they will think, why can't I become an Air Force pilot



and why can't I join the defence services?" he said.

Referring to Meerut's association with the 1857 revolt, Seth said the city was a land of valour and such events would help inculcate a spirit of patriotism and service among the youth.

He said the Suryakiran team had performed at around 800 locations across the world over nearly three decades and its aerial displays were inspiring youngsters.

Seth said the goal of a developed India lay before the

country and by the time India completed 100 years of independence, it should be a strong and self-reliant nation. The youth would have an important role in achieving this goal, he said.

Nine Hawk Mk-132 aircraft of the Suryakiran team performed aerial manoeuvres for around 30 minutes on the second day of the air show.

Around one lakh people witnessed the display, according to the organisers.

The aircraft flew at an altitude of around ►P11

ADAO among 3 held by CBI in bribery case

SRINAGAR: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) arrested a sub-divisional agriculture officer (SDAO) and two others in connection with a bribery case in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

It is alleged that SDAO Rajan Sharma had demanded a bribe of Rs 35,000 from the complainant for releasing his subsidy under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) scheme.

Rajan Sharma allegedly directed the subsidy-seeker to handover the bribe either to AEA (Agricultural Extension Assistant) Abhilashi Sharma or to a private person, Ashok Kumar.

"The CBI laid a ►P11

India's rise must serve 'humanity': Hosabale

BHOPAL: RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale on Sunday said India's rise should benefit humanity rather than be aimed at dominating other nations, and that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has enhanced the country's global stature.

Addressing a gathering of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) volunteers at Lal Parade Ground here, he called for an end to caste-based discrimination, describing it as a "blot" on Hindu society.

Hosabale said India's 5,000-year-old civilisational journey showed that the country had repeatedly risen after facing crises and conflicts.

"The people of India and its scientists have earned a name for the country in various fields at the international level, and the Prime Minister leading the country ►P11

Autumn session of J-K Assembly to begin today

Oppn plans to corner NC Govt over failure to fulfill electoral promises

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly will meet here on Monday for a seven-sitting Autumn session as opposition parties, including the BJP and the PDP, plan to corner the Omar Abdullah government over issues such as jobs and "failure" to fulfil electoral promises.

National Conference MLAs and supporting Independents meet here later on Sunday to discuss the floor strategy of the treasury benches.

NC president Farooq Abdullah, who is not an MLA, chaired the meeting of the legislature party that is headed by Omar Abdullah.

Principal opposition party in the JK Legislative Assembly, the ►P11



NC to MLAs: Put people's concerns 1st

SRINAGAR: National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Sunday asked MLAs to highlight the issues and demands of people in their respective constituencies during the Autumn ►P11

CAT Jammu Bench's case 'disposal' among highest in India: Dr Jitendra

● MoS inaugurates office-cum-court complex of Tribunal

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JAMMU: The Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) Jammu Bench's disposal of service cases has gone beyond expectations and is among the highest in the country, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, and MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh said today.

The Minister was speaking after inaugurating the new Office-cum-Court Complex of the Central Administrative Tribunal, Jammu Bench, at Bahu Plaza, Jammu. He said the high disposal of cases by the



CAT Benches in Jammu and Srinagar demonstrates the capacity built by the Tribunal to provide speedy and accessible justice in service

matters.

Dr. Jitendra Singh recalled that the Central Administrative Tribunal was established in 1985 ►P11

Mufti urges Omar to take up TFC issue with Centre

SRINAGAR: PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Sunday urged Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to take up with the Centre the issue of converting the Salamabad Trade Facilitation Centre (TFC) near the Line of Control at Uri into a tourism facility.

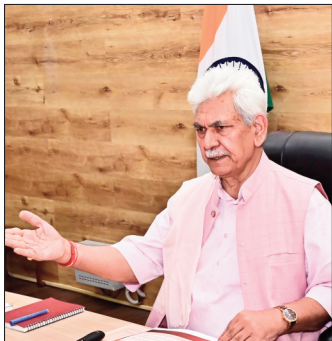
"The Salamabad Trade Facilitation Centre was built to bridge divided families, revive trade and heal wounds, not be reduced to ►P11

Lt Guv chairs special meeting of SMVDS Board Sinha reviews progress on Int'l Museum of Goddess at Katra; approves proposals

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Sunday chaired a Special Meeting of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine (SMVDSB) Board at Lok Bhavan, Jammu to review the progress of the International Museum of Goddess at Katra and discuss important matters concerning the Shrine Board.

The meeting was attended by members of the SMVDSB including Baleshwar Rai, Dr. Ashok Bhan, Gunjan Rana, Dr. K.K. Talwar, Kulbhushan Ahuja, Lalit Bhasin and Suresh Kumar Sharma. Mahamandleshwar Swami Vishveshvaranand Giriiji Maharaj



and Sudha Murty virtually attended the meeting.

The meeting primarily reviewed the progress towards realization of the International Mu-

seum of Goddess, an important project envisaged to showcase the rich spiritual, cultural, artistic and civilizational heritage associated with the worship of Goddess. The Shrine Board had accorded in-principle approval to the project at its 76th Meeting held on February 8, 2026. Subsequently, a Special Meeting was convened at Lok Bhavan, Jammu, on May 21, 2026, to deliberate upon the future course of action for taking forward the project in a time-bound manner.

As part of the ongoing efforts to establish a strong scholarly foundation for the proposed Museum, the Board was informed that extensive research, ►P11

IGP Sujit Kumar reviews security, crime situation across Kupwara



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SRINAGAR: Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone, Sujit Kumar-IPS, on Sunday visited Kupwara and district to review the prevailing security situation, counter-terrorism

IGP emphasises need for strengthening policing, improving crime disposal & devising effective strategies

wara Al Tahir Gilani, briefed IGP Kashmir on the prevailing security scenario, ongoing counter-terrorism operations, intelligence inputs, area domination measures, security of vulnerable locations, law & order preparedness and crime situation in the district. IGP Kashmir also ►P11

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