

Udhampur Rly Stn to be named after martyr Tushar

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 7: The Central Government has approved a proposal submitted by Union Minister of State in Prime Minister's Office (PMO) Dr Jitendra Singh to name Udhampur Railway Station as 'Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan Railway Station'.
"A communication to this effect has been sent to the UT Government (Contd on page 4 Col 2)

J&K Bank shares hit highest level in 8 years

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Sept 7: Shares of Jammu and Kashmir Bank today hit the highest level in the last eight years, gaining over 12 per cent from Wednesday's closing price.
During the intraday trade, the bank's stock touched a high of Rs 103.50 before settling at Rs 100.80 apiece on the NSE.
It is the highest level the J&K Bank shares have attained since August 2015.
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GoI creates 94 faculty, 244 non-faculty posts

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SRINAGAR, Sept 7: In a significant move, the Government of India has created 94 faculty posts and 244 non-faculty posts for the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) coming up in Kashmir.
The Union Health Ministry has ordered creation of two posts each of Professors and Additional Professors, five posts of Associate Professors and 85 posts of Assistant Professors.
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Govt finalizes prohibition of Child Marriage Rules

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Sept 7: The administration today unveiled the Jammu and Kashmir Prohibition of Child Marriage Rules, 2023 nearly four years after the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 became applicable to the Union Territory.
The rules stated that officers of different departments shall act as Child Marriage Prohibition Officers under the law within their respective jurisdiction.
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TRF militant held in Srinagar

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Sept 7: Police today arrested a militant of the Resistance Front in Srinagar.
A Police spokesman said that a Hybrid militant of TRF Mohammad Yawar Rangrez son of Abdul Rashid Rangrez resident of Firdousabad, Batamaloo was arrested by Srinagar Police with one hand grenade.
He said a case (FIR no 37/2023) was registered in Police Station Kothibagh.

PM for collective fight against terrorism, terror financing

Excelsior Correspondent
JAKARTA, Sept 7: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today presented a 12-point proposal to expand cooperation between India and 10-nation for building a rules-based post-COVID world order.
Establishment of a multi-modal connectivity and economic corridor linking South East Asia, India, West Asia and Europe and offering

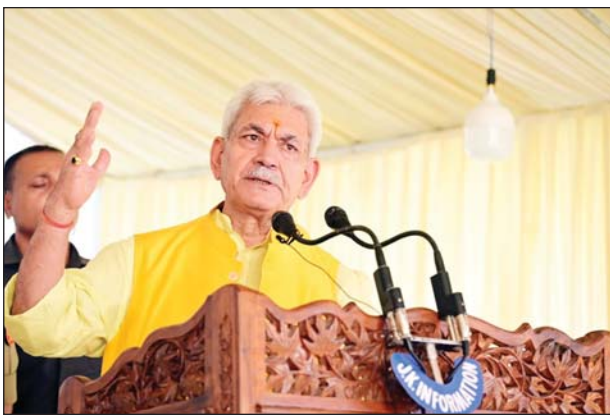


Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a photograph during the 20th ASEAN-India Summit in Jakarta, Indonesia on Thursday.(UNI)
ASEAN in a range of areas such as connectivity, trade and digital transformation even as he called to share New Delhi's digital public infrastructure stack with ASEAN
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'Vested interests created stone pelters, gave Sopore names like Kandhar' Stop giving shelter to terror supporters, leave rest to police: LG to people

Fayaz Bukhari
SRINAGAR, Sept 7: Lt Governor Manoj Sinha today said that the top priority of the administration is to break the backbone of terrorism and urged people not to provide support to it.
Addressing a gathering at Dak Bunglow Sopore, the LG urged the people of Sopore to stop giving any kind of shelter to terror supporters and leave the rest to police and other security forces.
"The top priority of our administration is to break the backbone of terrorism, and I have only one appeal to the people. Don't safeguard such elements and do not provide shelter to them. The police and security forces will handle the rest of the work," he said.
Sinha said that several generations have lived in fear, and the reason behind it was a few conflict profiteers who hijacked the aspirations of the entire Jammu and Kashmir. "For our and our

Sopore will now emerge as model town in India



LG Manoj Sinha addressing a function at Sopore on Thursday.

families' interests, we have taken a pledge to end that system here, and I want your support to completely uproot this system," he said.
The LG told the gathering that development and prosperity will only come when there is peace. "Those who misled you and who only created stone pelters here and gave Sopore names like Kandhar, you must decide for yourselves whether such people have benefited you or done injustice to you and the future of your children," he asked.
"The people have decided to raise their voices against the conflict profiteers in unison. We need your support to continue this arrangement, and when India celebrates its 100th Independence Day in 2047, the contribution of Jammu and Kashmir to the progress of the country should be no less than that of any other state. Together, we can make Jammu and Kashmir such a place. Let us leave an environment for our future generation where they can envision new dreams," he said.
Sinha said that the development is not a part of politics, it is a duty, and the administration is not politicising it but fulfilling its obligation.
"The people of Jammu and Kashmir knew that discrimination had sprouted here because work was only done for a few people. A different kind of VIP culture was created here, in which some individuals made the lives of people miserable by taking advantage of terrorism," he said.
The LG said that today the projects are being completed on time, which was not the case earlier. "I have, for the first time, learned about the term languishing (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

Infra development along borders to help locals, troops After inauguration of 90 projects by Rajnath on Sept 12, 60 more to be completed by Dec

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 7: Following inauguration of 90 infrastructure development projects and laying foundation stone of strategically important Nyoma airfield in Leh in the Union Territory of Ladakh physically and virtually from Samba district of Jammu region on September 12 by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) will be completing another 60 projects by December this year.
Total cost of these projects will be approximately Rs 6000 crore and number of projects by December will be between 150 to 160, official sources told the Excelsior.

*Total cost of projects to go up to Rs 6000 cr

While the Defence Minister who will be accompanied by Union Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) Dr Jitendra Singh will physically inaugurate Devak bridge in Samba district, rest of 89 projects will be dedicated virtually.
The projects have been built by the BRO at a cost of Rs 2,941 crore in 10 border States and Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.
Rajnath will also lay foundation stone of Nyoma airfield in Leh district in the UT of Ladakh virtually from Samba which will be constructed at the cost of Rs 218 crore and will be of very strategically significant for the Indian Air Force (IAF) especially in the wake of ongoing Sino-Indian standoff in Eastern Ladakh and to meet future challenges in the area.
Located at a height of 13,400 feet, Nyoma is about 46 kilometres from the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China.
"The airfield will boost air infrastructure in Ladakh and augment IAF capability in Eastern Ladakh," the sources said.
"It's a great moment for the nation that so many projects are being constructed in the border (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

Janamashtami celebrated with religious fervour across J&K

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JAMMU, Sept 7: Along with other parts of the country, Shri-Krishna Janamashtami was celebrated with religious fervor and gaiety across Jammu and Kashmir today.
On the auspicious occasion that marks the birthday of Lord Krishna, people observed fast and offered prayers amid Bhajans and traditional rituals. All the temples, especially Radha-Krishan temples here were beautifully decorated for the occasion where devotees were seen thronging.
Heavy rush of devotees was witnessed during the late night rituals at the Radha-Krishan temples with Shri Ganesh and Nav Greh Pooja followed by a colourful Rath Yatra carrying the idols of Lord Krishna in a profusely decorated 'Rath'. Thereafter, Shree Bhagwat Katha was performed by Swami Ajay Sharan Shastri of Vrindavan. At 12:00 pm, Maha-Arti was organized and Prasad was distributed.
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*Watch video on www.excelsionews.com when priests performed the traditional prayers and rituals to mark the birth of Lord Krishna at 12 pm.



People celebrating Janamashtami in Jammu (left) and Srinagar (right). —Excelsior pics by Rakesh & Shakeel

Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Management Trust Gandhi Nagar organized a grand celebration of Shri Krishna Janamashtami starting

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Polling to be held on Oct 4, counting on Oct 8 A day after SC judgment, Ladakh issues fresh election notification

Sanjeev Pargal

*Nomination process to start on Sept 9

JAMMU, Sept 7: The Union Territory Administration of Ladakh in compliance with yesterday's Supreme Court judgment tonight cancelled entire election process for Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Kargil and issued fresh notification fixing October 4 as the next polling date.
As per the previous notification, voting was scheduled to be held on September 10 and counting on September 14.
The Election Authority of Ladakh tonight scrapped the previous schedule and issued revised notification for the elections.
As per the fresh notification, the process for filing of nomination

papers for 26-member LAHDC Kargil will start on September 9 while last date for filing nominations has been fixed as September 16.
Scrutiny of nominations will take place on September 18 while the candidates can withdraw their papers on September 20.
Polling for all 26 seats will be held on October 4 from 8 AM to 4 PM while counting will take place on October 8.
Entire elections process will be completed before October 11.
A notification issued by the Election Authority stated that the Supreme Court in its judgment dated September 6 had set

aside the entire election process for the LAHDC Kargil which was initiated on August 2.
"Further, the Supreme Court has directed that a fresh notification for the election to constitute 5th LAHDC Kargil shall be issued within seven days from the date of its judgment," the order issued by the Ladakh Election Authority pointed out.
Therefore, it said, in compliance to the Supreme Court judgment and Rule 12 of the LAHDC (Election) Rules, 1995, the administration of Union Territory of Ladakh has issued fresh election schedule.
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Data of panels fail to submit reports sought from GAD Govt planning to evolve mechanism to monitor functioning of inter-departmental committees

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, Sept 7: Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is planning to evolve a mechanism to monitor the functioning of inter-departmental committees and pending reports thereof from the General Administration Department.
On the issues, which are required to be dealt with by different departments, the Government from time to time constituted inter-departmental committees for making recommendations and suggesting road-map in a time bound manner.
However, it has been noticed by the Government that most of

such committees don't meet the timelines fixed by the General Administration Department (GAD) as such objectives behind their constitution get defeated, official sources told EXCELSIOR.
This aspect came up for discussion in a high-level meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta recently and after detailed deliberations the need to evolve a mechanism to monitor the functioning of inter-departmental committees was felt, sources informed. Accordingly, General Administration Department was directed to prepare data with regard to the inter-departmental committees and reports pending thereof.

Disclosing that General Administration Department has already started a detailed exercise in this regard, sources said, "the mechanism is likely to be finalized in the shortest possible time as many issues which were assigned to the inter-departmental committees have remained undecided till date", adding "the Government has even noticed that there are several such committees which have not started acting on the assigned task although time for submission of report/recommendations is already over".
"Generally, Member-Secretary of inter-departmental committee is supposed to play key role in preparation of agenda for the meeting(s) and then (Contd on page 4 Col 1)




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