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His writings have also appeared in The Times of India, The Tribune, HuffPost, The Quint, Swarajya, Scroll, and Divya Himachal. Dhamija is the author of two books: Why India Needs the Presidential System (HarperCollins), and भारत में राष्ट्रपति प्रणाली: कतिनी जरूरी, कतिनी बेहतर (प्रभात प्रकाशन). Bhanu Dhamija, is the Founder and CMD of Divya Himachal Group, the largest media company in the Indian state of Himachal Pradesh. Earlier, he was the Founder and CEO of a magazine publishing company in New York City. He is a graduate of Punjab University and an MBA from Stern School of Business, New York University. He lives and works in both the U.S. and India.

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उनका शोध व अध्ययन राष्ट्रीय व्यवस्था के पैमाने को प्रतियोगिता करने लगा। साल 2015 के अंतिम चरण में हारपर कालिन्स प्रकाशन ने भानु धमीजा की मेहनत के पन्नों को जसि पुस्तक से संजोया, उसका शीर्षक है 'व्हाई इंडिया नीड्स प्रेजिडेंशियल सिस्टम'। देश की समूची परंपरा और भारतीय लोकतंत्र के यथार्थ को स्पर्श करती यह किताब अब राष्ट्रीय मंच पर देश की सबसे बड़ी बहस का शीर्षक बन चुकी है।

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Also Agricultural equipment and Machinery, new initiatives and Schemes of Government are displayed for Benefit of farmers. Divya Himachal Kisan Mela is an exhibition, held frequently across the entire state for variety of products and innovations, having stalls of Farming, Gardening, Horticulture and Floriculture. It's published in four editions: Shimla, Dharamshala, Chandigarh, and Pathankot. It covers the entire state of Himachal as well as Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, J&K, and Uttarakhand. The service is available on divyahimachal.com, YouTube, Facebook, and WhatsApp. The Group began operations in 1997 and is now Himachal's largest media group producing its biggest brands in print, social media, web TV, and events. Himachal List is a free classified advertisements service for categories such as auto, land, and jobs available in the entire state.

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Divya Himachal Media Group publishes leading newspapers for the northern Indian state of Himachal Pradesh. Its flagship Hindi Daily, Divya Himachal, is the state's 'most credible' newspaper. Himachal This Week is the state's only English Weekly. The Group began operations in 1997 and is now Himachal's largest media group producing its biggest brands in print, social media, web TV, and events. The combined reach of these media properties exceeds 25 lakh people. Divya Himachal media is the only way to market in every part of Himachal Pradesh and reach every Himachali across the globe. Divya Himachal Media Group also organizes Himachal's most popular Events. This offers unique and exclusive year round multi-platform branding and promotion opportunity to our valued clients. Some Events have been associated with India's renowned media brands and celebrities, such as Femina Miss India (Times of India), SaReGaMaPa (Zee TV), Terence Lewis, Lalit Pandit (Jatin-Lalit fame), Lakhwinder Wadali and BIG FM Radio. Our Mission We aim to SERVE our readers, viewers, and audience across all our media properties. We do so by providing them truthful,

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Himachal Pradesh teachers to face action for mistakes

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He will not only be barred, but also might face an inquiry by the education department. "We are going to ask the teacher about it. The list of others is being prepared.

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Representative image Download The Times of India News App for Latest City DHARAMSHALA: In a tough measure against teachers for committing errors during checking of answer sheets of students, the Himachal Board of School Education has decided to bar the teachers from examination-related activities for some time. On Monday, the board acted against three teachers for committing such mistakes. Dharmesh Kumar, the secretary of board, said while three teachers have been punished, action would be taken against others for showing laxity in checking answer sheets in the state. The errors had surfaced during revaluation of answer sheets by students. "Three teachers have been barred from board activities. The list of others is being prepared. We are taking action to save the future of children and value their hard work," he added. The teachers who will commit major errors will not be allowed to check answer sheets in the future. Kumar said in one of the checking lapses in a mathematics paper, a teacher had given zero to a student even though the sum was correct. "We are going to ask the teacher about it. He will not only be barred, but also might face an inquiry by the education department. The board is going to write about such incidents to the education department," he said. Board usually pays around Rs 10 to check each paper to teachers and a maximum limit of papers to be checked in a day has been fixed at 30 for a day.

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Himachal Pradesh: Incomplete bridge for public use in Chamba, threat looms on commuters

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Till now this temporary bridge, a make shift arrangement , is used by the people to cross the charged waters. The bridge is located in Tarela village of Churah constituency of the Chamba district. The vehicles so far are using this temporary crossing which was built in 2014.The work for upcoming bridge has been delayed.

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The bridge is located in Tarela village of Churah constituency of the Chamba district. Download The Times of India News App for Latest City DHARAMSHALA: In Chamba , the backward district of Himachal Pradesh , a temporary bridge over a charged water stream has been thrown open for public due to which threat looms over the commuters of this area. The situation has turned worse due to rainy season.A female recently had a close shave at this place after she was swept away by flood waters.The bridge is located in Tarela village of Churah constituency of the Chamba district.It was on Monday that water in the rivulet spilled over the bridge and a vehicle was stuck in middle of the bridge with 20 passengers on board. All of them came down during which a female had a close shave after she fell into the water stream.The condition of the road is bad in this area from almost five years. Till now this temporary bridge, a make shift arrangement , is used by the people to cross the charged waters. A new bridge is coming up but it is still incomplete.Harsh Puri, executive engineer of the Public Works Department told TOI that this year snowfall was more in this region due to which water level is high and sometimes it spills over the temporary bridge."We have deployed a JCB machine at the spot to clear the muck and silt as water overflow due to choking of the pipes laid below due to the same", he said.He further added that a new bridge is

coming up and the work on this will be completed within few days. Puri also confirmed that a vehicle was stuck after which a female passenger had slipped into the waters but she was saved by other people. It was in 2014 that the main bridge on this location was washed away due to which about 5 villages were cut off from the rest of the area. The vehicles so far are using this temporary crossing which was built in 2014. The work for upcoming bridge has been delayed. Construction of this new bridge was started in January 2018 and the deadline for completing the work was 18 July 2019. People of Mangli, Bondedi, Junas and Guila villages said that they are facing a tough time in terms of availability of public transport in the area as not many buses come to their area. It was on Monday this week that only bread earner of a poor family died due to lack of bridge in another village of Chamba. In Video: On cam: Incomplete bridge thrown open in Chamba, commuters' lives at risk

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Jai Ram Thakur for CU status for Himachal Pradesh University

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Jai Ram Thakur Download The Times of India News App for Latest City SHIMLA: The state government would take up the matter with the Centre to get central university (CU) tag for Himachal Pradesh University (HPU) and get adequate funds for its development and expansion, said chief minister Jai Ram Thakur during the 50th foundation day of HPU at Shimla on Monday. He also announced enhancement of budget of the university from the existing Rs 115 crore to Rs 130 crore. Thakur dedicated and laid foundation stones of developmental projects worth Rs 8.20 crore in the university. He said HPU should be a repository of knowledge, an instrument of dissemination of knowledge and promoting traditions, for which the teachers should come up with new ideas and concepts. He said due to topographic constraints, the university campus was not well planned and organized. He said proper planning and research must be done before executing developmental projects in order to derive maximum benefits. He said establishing library for specially-abled students on the campus is a major initiative of the university. He said the state government would establish a special library for visually-impaired students in selected colleges and even schools.

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Himachal signs Rs 780 crore MoU in Gujarat

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He said there has been a sea change in overall dynamics of the state and his government is all geared up for supporting and facilitating investments. Emphasizing on the focus sectors identified by the state government, the CM assured full cooperation to those who wish to invest in them particularly. Download The Times of India News App for Latest City SHIMLA: The state government has signed MoUs for Rs 780 crore with various industrial houses during Gujarat road show.

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Download The Times of India News App for Latest City SHIMLA: The state government has signed MoUs for Rs 780 crore with various industrial houses during Gujarat road show. These include Rs 360 crore MoUs with Centaur Energy, Rs 110 crore with Ultracab India, Rs 100 crore with Gujarat Ambuja Export Limited, Rs 100 crore with EssAct project (Creative Choice Group), Rs 40 crore with JJPV Solar, Rs 40 crore with M/s Chandresh Cables, Rs 20 crore with Ishan Netsol and Rs 10 crore MoU with Blue Ray Aviation for setting up their units in the state. While addressing the entrepreneurs at the road show and Himachal Pradesh Global Investors Meet 2019 at Ahmedabad in Gujarat on Friday, chief minister Jai Ram Thakur said the state government will ensure efficiency, transparency, timeliness and accountability in allotting clearances to industrial projects. He requested the business fraternity of Gujarat to invest in Himachal. Emphasizing on the focus sectors identified by the state government, the CM assured full cooperation to those who wish to invest in them particularly. He said there has been a sea change in overall dynamics of the state and his government is all geared up for supporting and facilitating investments.

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Monsoon session of Himachal Pradesh assembly from August 19

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The CM said this while presiding over the 159th meeting of board of directors of HPSCSC in Shimla on Tuesday.

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Jai Ram Thakur Download The Times of India News App for Latest City SHIMLA: The Himachal Pradesh cabinet in its meeting held in Shimla on Tuesday decided to recommend the governor to convene monsoon session of the state assembly from August 19 to 31 with a total number of 11 sittings. It was also decided to frame the Himachal Pradesh State Construction and Demolition Waste Policy and Strategy to avoid, minimise, reuse, recycle and dispose off construction and demolition waste and avoid and minimize construction waste through design and construction management. This would help in checking environmental problems that arise owing to open dumping of these wastes. Under the policy, suitable land would be provided for dumping of construction and demolition waste and further its processing through private operators and agencies or by urban local bodies. CM Jai Ram Thakur had chaired the cabinet meeting that decided to provide state subsidy of 30% of system cost, including installation of solar water heating systems of capacities 100 litres per day and 200 LPD, to all domestic consumers to ensure optimum use of solar energy. Meanwhile, medicine retail shops of HP State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited would be made online to facilitate patients and their attendants, besides ensuring transparency and efficient services to consumers. The CM said this while presiding over the 159th meeting of board of directors of HPSCSC in Shimla on Tuesday.

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Police under attack from mafias in Himachal a governance casualty:
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“Top authorities should act, it is the need of the hour” he added. It was on July 9 this week that a team of Himachal Police had gone to raid the area but they were attacked by the mafia goons.

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Senior Congress leader and former minister GS Bali Download The Times of India News App for Latest City DHARAMSHALA: Mafias attacking police officials in Una and Mandi districts is evidence that organized crime is taking roots in Himachal Pradesh, said Congress targeting the BJP government in state. Police personnel were attacked in Una district by mining mafia, while cops were attacked in Mandi district by drug peddlers after they were caught red-handed. GS Bali, senior Congress leader and former minister said it was evident from these incidents that organized crime was taking roots in state and this was governance casualty. “These incidents have lowered the morale of the police and other government officials who were performing their duty with sincerity,” he said on Saturday in Kangra. In Una district, police were attacked by the mining mafia on the borders of Himachal and Punjab at Nurpur Bedi area of Una district. It was on July 9 this week that a team of Himachal Police had gone to raid the area but they were attacked by the mafia goons. Nobody was injured in the incident but goons forced police to leave the spot. The team was headed by the DSP rank officer who reported the matter back to their headquarters. Superintendent of police at Una, Diwakar Sharma had toured the area with his team and had also taken up this matter with the Punjab police. Police officials said in the complaint that they had seized two machines, a pock lane and JCB, but mafia people forced the police to rush away from the spot. In Mandi district, a special investigation team of state

vigilance and anti-corruption bureau was assaulted by two drug peddlers on Friday morning. The team had seized 3.93 Kg of Charas from them. Congress legislator from Palampur area of Kangra district also criticized the developments stating that BJP government should take an immediate call on these incidents. "Top authorities should act, it is the need of the hour" he added.

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With 64.8mm rainfall, Hisar has third lowest minimum temperature in July

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In Sundernagar, Una and Kangra in HP, it was 21.5°C, 23.7°C and 22.2°C, respectively. Jammu's minimum temperature was recorded at 23.9°C. It was the lowest minimum temperature in July in the recorded history of Hisar.

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Rain has led to fall in minimum temperature in Hisar Download The Times of India News App for Latest City HISAR: With 64.8 mm rainfall recorded in the last 24 hours, till 8.30am on Wednesday, the minimum temperature in Hisar dropped to 21.1°C on Tuesday night – making it the third coldest day in July since 1974. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD) data, minimum temperature in the town was 6°C below the normal while the maximum temperature was recorded at 28.2°C, nine degrees below the normal. According to the IMD data, minimum temperature in the town was 20.1°C on July 20, 2017. It was the lowest minimum temperature in July in the recorded history of Hisar. The previous lowest minimum temperature in the town was 20.4°C on July 26, 1974. Minimum temperature of Hisar on Tuesday was even lower than many areas in the hill states of Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh. Jammu's minimum temperature was recorded at 23.9°C. In Sundernagar, Una and Kangra in HP, it was 21.5°C, 23.7°C and 22.2°C, respectively.

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Five pilgrims injured as glacier collapses in Kullu

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A number of pilgrims were stranded as the glacier collapsed at Nain Sarovar near Parvati Bagh in Ani sub divis... Read More Download The Times of India News App for Latest City SHIMLA: Five pilgrims were injured as a glacier broke off and collapsed on way to the Shrikhand Mahadev shrine in Himachal Pradesh 's Kullu district , the police said on Wednesday.The 'yatra' to the shrine has been temporarily stopped. Considered tougher than the Amarnath pilgrimage, the ten-day Shrikhand Mahadev yatra had begun on July 15.A number of pilgrims were stranded as the glacier collapsed at Nain Sarovar near Parvati Bagh in Ani sub division on Tuesday at around 4.30pm, police said.Rescue operation was started soon after the glacier broke off, they said, adding about 50 other stranded pilgrims were rescued from the glacier point and brought towards Bhim Dwar.The five injured pilgrims have been identified as Rajiv from Ludhiana, Vivek from Pune, Baba from Maharashtra , Subhash Patel from Pune (Maharashtra) and Divyangni Vyas from Ahmedabad, they added.They have been administered first aid.Movement of pilgrims towards the shrine has been temporarily stopped due to collapse of the glacier at Nain Sarovar and landslides at various points due to rains, they added.Shrikhand Mahadev is revered by Hindus as one of the abodes of Lord Shiva. The Shivalingam is situated at a height of 18,750 feet above sea level in the lap of the Himalayas A base camp for registering pilgrims has been set up at Sinhgad.

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Himachal to develop early warning system for earthquake

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SHIMLA: With seismic hazard very high as maximum area of Himachal Pradesh that lies in Himalayas which is one of the most seismically active regions in the world, state government is contemplating to develop an Earthquake Early Warning System for the state for which a meeting was held in Shimla on Saturday. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee has already sent a proposal to state government to establish the Earthquake Early Warning System. Meeting was attended by Associate Professor, IIT Roorkee, Dr Kamal, Dean-School of Earth & Environment Sciences Central University Himachal Pradesh, Kangra Prof A K Mahajan, Director IMD Shima Dr Manmohan Singh , Principal Scientific Officer, HIMCOSTE Dr S S Randhawa and Director-cum-Special Secretary (Disaster Management) D C Rana were present in the meeting. Principal Secretary (Revenue and Disaster Management) Onkar Chand Sharma said that a developed Earthquake Early Warning System could be an effort in the direction to mitigate seismic hazards in the state. He said that IIT Roorkee has already installed such Earthquake Early Earning System in Uttarakhand with the help of state government which is running very effectively by generating database of earthquake events, generating public awareness and detailed research on seismic activities. He said that according to IIT Roorkee's proposal Himachal Pradesh may put earthquake sensors in different parts of the state which will detect earthquake activities in real time. The warning may be communicated to general public by a network of sirens. He said that if the earthquake has its epicenter in Kangra or Mandi regions, people in Shimla may get lead time to take action say by 30 to 35 seconds. Similarly, expected lead time to major cities if 1905 Kangra earthquake repeats in the region would be Solan 42 seconds, Mandi 20 seconds,

Dalhausie 8 seconds, Dehradun 77 seconds, Chandigarh 43 seconds, Ludhiana 37 seconds, Amritsar 38 seconds, Panipat 93 seconds and Delhi 123 seconds, he added. Onkar Sharma said that timely action may save many lives if there is earthquake in the State in future and such an early warning system is in place and institutionalized and such Earthquake Early Warning System will help generating database of earthquakes in the state and generating mass awareness on earthquake safety. He said that after detailed deliberations, state government may consider and more discussion will be held to take up this proposal to minimize the expected loss and damage due to impending earthquakes in the state of high magnitude in future by creating a culture of safety, improving the mock exercises familiarities and awareness for earthquake safety in general public.

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Himachal CM meets Rajnath Singh, demands international airport in Mandi

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Besides, it would also help in giving a boost to tourism sector and economy of the state. He said that except for Chandigarh, there is no other defence airport available in the region for armed and defence campaigns. He apprised Raahnath Singh that an international level airport is proposed to be constructed in Mandi district for which 3479 bighas of land has been identified at Nagchala. Therefore, setting up a defence airport would be an effective step from strategic point of view.

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SHIMLA: While meeting central ministers in New Delhi on Thursday, chief minister Jai Ram Thakur not only raised the issue of constructing international airport in Himachal Pradesh but he also demanded liberal financial assistance for the construction of ropeways for which he demanded a grant Rs 500 crore for implementation of ropeway projects in the state. In a meeting with defence minister Rajnath Singh, Jai Ram Thakur raised the issue of setting up of an international level airport in Himachal Pradesh which could also be important from a strategic point of view. He apprised Raahnath Singh that an international level airport is proposed to be constructed in Mandi district for which 3479 bighas of land has been identified at Nagchala. He said that a team of Airport Authority of India has inspected this land and after survey it has been found suitable for constructing the airport. He said that Mandi district is centrally located and approachable from the border regions. He said that except for Chandigarh, there is no other defence airport available in the region for armed and defence campaigns. Therefore, setting up a defence airport would be an effective step from strategic point of view. Besides, it would also help in giving a boost to tourism sector and economy of the state. He urged the Union Minister to develop this airport as defence airport. During his meeting

with Union minister for road transport and highways Nitin Gadkari at New Delhi, Jai Ram Thakur requested him to approve a grant Rs 500 crore for implementation of ropeway projects in the state. He said that state government has decided to use ropeway system as an alternative eco-friendly transport solution to decongest cities, tribal areas and high mountainous passes. He said that for this state government has established Ropeways and Rapid Transport System Development Corporation Limited as a single nodal agency for providing innovative alternative solutions to mobility problems in urban and rural areas of the state. He said that since the construction of ropeways being overhead mode transportation does not require much land acquisition and deforestation and could be executed in a very short span of time. He said that state needs the assistance of Union Government for implementation of these transport projects in the State which were in line with the Union Minister's dream of providing overhead (ropeways and sky bus) connectivity in congested areas and far-flung unconnected habitations.

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Himachal Pradesh: No foot bridge on rivulet, only earning hand in family dies in Chamba

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This incident has exposed the seriousness of the government in this backward district of Himachal Pradesh Narain Singh (30) a youth was gone missing since Sunday evening. Family and villagers kept searching for him and found his body on Monday and it was taken out with a lot of difficulty from the stream.

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Download The Times of India News App for Latest City DHARAMSALA: In a remotely located Mangli village of Chamba district people are demanding foot bridge over a charged rivulet for last five years, but no one has considered this demand. In absence of the same, the only earning hand in the family, a 30-year-old youth died in this rivulet on Sunday night and his body was recovered on Monday. The deceased has left behind two small children, wife and parents behind. This incident has exposed the seriousness of the government in this backward district of Himachal Pradesh Narain Singh (30) a youth was gone missing since Sunday evening. Family and villagers kept searching for him and found his body on Monday and it was taken out with a lot of difficulty from the stream. People tied the dead body to a stick to bring it on the side of the river. Ram Kumar, a villager, said that they are demanding a bridge from last five years but nothing has been done. "People have made a makeshift arrangement to cross the water body as the bridge was washed away in rains a few years back," he said. People said that in the past also many such incidents have taken place but no one in the government has acted on this. The repeated attempts to contact deputy commissioner Vivek Bhatia proved futile as he did not respond to repeated calls. Hem Chand Verma, the sub-divisional magistrate of the area confirmed that no one else in the family has any

income and therefore the administration has issued 10000 rupees as immediate relief. "We are going to disburse around 4 lakh rupees and it will be done at the earliest," he said. The people of the village are blaming the representatives of the area and the authorities are blaming the block office dealing with villages. In Video: Himachal Pradesh: No foot bridge on rivulet, 30-year-old youth dies in Chamba

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Order to cull Himachal Pradesh's 'vermin' monkeys draws activists' ire

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The mass surgical sterilisation of wild animals backfired.

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NEW DELHI: Union environment ministry has declared monkeys (Rhesus Macaque) as 'vermin' in Himachal Pradesh , allowing local authorities to cull this animal in certain identified non-forest areas in Shimla for one year. The move has, however, attracted the ire of animal rights activists. The decision, notified last week, was taken on request of the state government which reported harm to life and property including large-scale destruction of agriculture due to overpopulation of this species outside forests. Though Rhesus Macaque monkeys are protected species under Schedule II of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the law allows for it to be hunted by declaring it 'vermin' for a specific period if it poses a danger to human life or property. "The declaration of macaques as vermin is a fraud played by the central and state governments to cancel utter mismanagement of forests and wildlife. Himachal Pradesh forest department's website clearly shows a marked decline in the number of monkeys in the state, yet the Centre declares it as vermin due to overpopulation," said animal rights activist Gauri Maulekhi. Citing previous instances, she said, "The monkeys mistakenly sterilised by the government has cost the tax payer Rs 50 crore. The mass surgical sterilisation of wild animals backfired. Now a notification for killing them will only compound the blunder." Many wildlife conservationists believe that a species coming into conflict with humans is a clear symptom of forest mismanagement and forest department must be held accountable for human-wildlife conflict situation anywhere in the country. Justifying its decision, the ministry in a notification, issued on July 11, said, "The central government has considered it necessary to balance local population of this species to mitigate the damage to human life, crops and other properties of the state for ensuring conservation of wildlife in

forests.”This is, however, not the first time the ministry has taken such a decision. It had declared wild pig as ‘vermin’ in Uttarakhand in November last year, allowing authorities to carry out extermination of wild pigs on a large scale in certain identified areas (tehsils) of 13 districts in the state for one year without attracting penal provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

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Kalraj Mishra appointed Himachal Pradesh governor

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A resident of Ghazipur , Mishra also served as a member of the standing committee of Defence till August 2018. He was a public works, medical education and tourism minister in UP government between March 1997 and August 2000. He, however, resigned from the ministry in 2017. File photo of Kalraj Mishra.

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File photo of Kalraj Mishra. Download The Times of India News App for Latest City LUCKNOW: Months, after he refused to contest the Lok Sabha elections, senior BJP leader and former Deoria MP Kalraj Mishra, was on Monday appointed as governor of Himachal Pradesh. The former UP BJP chief Mishra has been the minister for small and medium scale industry in the previous Narendra Modi government. He, however, resigned from the ministry in 2017. In March earlier this year, just before Lok Sabha elections, Mishra had decided against contesting parliamentary elections saying that "he had been given a lot of other responsibilities by the party and he wanted to devote his time towards that." BJP leaders close to Mishra describe him as an 'articulate' and a 'visionary' leader who would understand the basic problems of party workers and would address them. With strong backing from the RSS, Mishra has been a three-time Rajya Sabha MP - in 1978, 2001 and 2006 - and an MLA from Lucknow East assembly seat. He was a public works, medical education and tourism minister in UP government between March 1997 and August 2000. A resident of Ghazipur , Mishra also served as a member of the standing committee of Defence till August 2018.

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Headline

Himachal building collapse: Army jawan among two killed, many trapped; probe ordered

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The building, which housed a restaurant, located on the Nahan-Kumarhatti road, collapsed amidst heavy rains in the area, he said. Around 37 people, including 30 Army jawans, were trapped inside the debris. Army jawans had stopped there for lunch as building was also housing the dhaba. Around eight Army personnel were still trapped inside the collapsed structure. Governor Acharya Devvrat and chief minister Jai Ram Thakur have expressed grief over the incident. Besides the NDRF, police and Army jawans were also involved in the rescue operation. He said that so far two casualties have been confirmed while 27 others have been rescued. Those killed include an Army jawan and a civilian.

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The building, which housed a restaurant, located on the Nahan-Kumarhatti road, collapsed amidst heavy rains in the area, he said. Download The Times of India News App for Latest City SHIMLA: Two persons were killed while 35 others were trapped when a multi-storey building collapsed along Kumarhatti-Nahan Road in Solan district of Himachal Pradesh on Sunday afternoon following heavy rainfall in the area. So far 27 people, including 17 Army personnel and 10 civilians, were rescued from the debris. Those killed include an Army jawan and a civilian. Around eight Army personnel were still trapped inside the collapsed structure. Governor Acharya Devvrat and chief minister Jai Ram Thakur have expressed grief over the incident. Thakur has ordered an inquiry into the incident and also directed authorities to provide best medical facilities to the injured. Besides housing a dhaba, the private building was also running a guest house. Around 37 people, including 30 Army jawans, were trapped inside the debris. National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams from Panchkula and Sunni (Shimla) were called in for rescue operation while a helicopter was kept on standby

position. Director-cum-special secretary (revenue and disaster management) DC Rana said that three NDRF personnel along with the required equipment were airlifted from Sunni in Shimla to carry out rescue operation while rest of the NDRF team from Sunni was sent by road to the spot. He said that another NDRF team comprising 25 personnel was called from Panchkula. He said that so far two casualties have been confirmed while 27 others have been rescued. He said that the injured have been shifted to hospital for treatment. The three-story building was located some two km from Kumarhatti town and at the time of incident around 30 Army jawans were there when it collapsed. Army jawans had stopped there for lunch as building was also housing the dhaba. Besides the NDRF, police and Army jawans were also involved in the rescue operation. To shift the rescued people hospital, seven ambulances from Solan and Parwanoo were summoned to the spot. Jai Ram Thakur said that teams of the district administration and NDRF along with a team of doctors and ambulances were rushed to the spot immediately on receiving information about the incident. In Video: Himachal Pradesh: 35 feared trapped after building collapses in Solan district

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Himachal Pradesh HC upholds termination of Sirmaur district CWC chairperson

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Summary of Article

Recording the affidavit so filed by the petitioner, the suo motu writ petition was closed. The court said but thereafter, the trouble for the petitioner began. But that is not the task of the writ court under Article 226 of the Constitution. Thereafter, an enquiry followed in which the charges were held proved.

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Picture used for representational purpose only Download The Times of India News App for Latest City SHIMLA: Upholding the decision of the state government to terminate the services of chairperson of Child Welfare Committee of Sirmaur district Himachal Pradesh high court has dismissed a writ petition challenging the decision of government. The court said the appointment of a person as a chairperson or as a member of the CWC is not a matter of employment or even a matter of contract. Therefore, the termination of such appointments would not actually result in civil consequence in the strict sense of the term. Challenging termination of her appointment as the chairperson of the CWC under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, Vijay Shree Gautam had filed the writ petition. She was appointed as the chairperson of the Sirmaur district CWC with effect from September 12, 2016. "It appears that on the basis of some report, this court took suo motu cognizance of an allegation that the petitioner was using the national emblem on her letter head. A public interest litigation was suo motu registered," observed the division bench of Chief Justice V Ramasubramanian and Justice Anoop Chitkara in the judgment decided on Thursday. The court said petitioner was issued a notice and the state was also served with a notice. In response, the petitioner filed an affidavit to the effect that she ceased to use the above Emblem on her letter head and that she would focus on the welfare of

children. Recording the affidavit so filed by the petitioner, the suo motu writ petition was closed. The court said but thereafter, the trouble for the petitioner began. A show cause notice was issued on November 6 last year framing four charges against her, including that she showed reluctance to share any information with the directorate, that she failed to comply with the directions of the Juvenile Justice Committee of the high court regarding the surrender of letter pads and records containing the national emblem, that she failed to convene quarterly meetings of the CWC; and that there were 51 cases pending with the CWC, though only eight cases were decided during the quarter. The court said petitioner gave a reply to the show cause notice on December 10 last year contending that none of the charges would hold good. Thereafter, an enquiry followed in which the charges were held proved. As a consequence, the government issued the notification on June 7 this year terminating her appointment, forcing her to come up with the above writ petition, it added. "Though, the counsel for petitioner very valiantly pointed out the discrepancies in the enquiry report and the manner in which the findings were recorded in a perverse manner, we do not think that the impugned action needs any interference," it added. The court said it may be true that if the charges, the evidence and the findings are analysed thread bare with a scanner, it may be able to find out that some of the findings are not correct. But that is not the task of the writ court under Article 226 of the Constitution. It is especially so in a matter where there is neither a contract nor employment to an office of profit, it said. It further said that in the scheme of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, the CWC holds a position of trust. Since it is not possible for the government to directly take care of the children who are in need of care, the government contemplates CWCs in every district. Observing that in such circumstances, it is not possible for this court to find out whether the findings of the enquiry officer were perverse or not and whether the procedure prescribed by law was strictly followed or not to test the correctness of the order of the termination, the court said impugned order of June 7 does not call for any interference and dismissed the writ petition.

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Headline

'Kanwariyas' block Panchkula-Roorkee road after one crushed to death

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Injured Kamal is undergoing treatment at the PGI Chandigarh, and he is reported to be stable.” The postmortem of the deceased Prakash has been conducted and his body has been handed over to his family members. Both were hit by an unknown vehicle near the Kadasan village around 4.40am.

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The highway was blocked for 2 hours due to which traffic was diverted. Download The Times of India News App for Latest City AMBALA: A kanwariya returning from Haridwar was crushed to death, while another was seriously injured near the Kadasan village in Shahzadpur, after both were hit by an unknown vehicle during the wee hours on Tuesday. The deceased has been identified as Prakash, 44, of Devi village in Sundernagar district of Himachal Pradesh (HP), while the injured has been identified as Kamal of Banaula village in Sundernagar district. Both were hit by an unknown vehicle near the Kadasan village around 4.40am. The driver of the vehicle fled from the spot. Following the accident, the kanwars rushed the injured to the community health centre in Shahzadpur where Prakash was declared brought dead by the doctors, while Kamal was referred to the PGI, Chandigarh. Around 50 kanwariyas protested and blocked the national highway 73 (Panchkula to Roorkee) for around 2 hours near the Kadasan village and demanded arrest of the accused driver. The traffic was obstructed and diverted to alternate routes. The police and the district administration officials reached on the spot to pacify the protestors. On the complaint of Ashwani Kumar, a resident of Alsu village in Sundernagar district of Himachal Pradesh, Ambala police registered a case against relevant sections of the Motor Vehicle Act at Shahzadpur police station. Ashwani said: “We left our home on July 16 and left from Haridwar on July 18. On July 23, around 4.40am, when we reached near the Kadasan village, a rashly-driven vehicle rammed into Prakash and Kamal

and fled.”Shahzadpur SHO inspector Narender Singh said: “The CCTVs are being checked and investigation is underway. The postmortem of the deceased Prakash has been conducted and his body has been handed over to his family members. Injured Kamal is undergoing treatment at the PGI Chandigarh, and he is reported to be stable.”

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Headline

Himachal Pradesh govt signs MoUs worth Rs 1,000 crore with three companies

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This company would construct 700 to 1000 houses for the middle class people. It would also develop ski centre in Chanshal area of Shimla district.

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Himachal Pradesh CM Jai Ram Thakur interacts with officials of the companies in Delhi Download The Times of India News App for Latest City SHIMLA: The Himachal Pradesh government has signed memorandums of understanding (MoUs) worth around Rs 1,000 crore with three leading companies for investment in the state. These MoUs were signed during Himachal Pradesh Global Investors' Meet at New Delhi on Wednesday in which chief minister Jai Ram Thakur and industries minister Bikram Singh had one-on-one meetings with 18 reputed industrial houses of the country. An MoU has been signed with the only aviation company of the state Ski Himalayas Ropeway which will invest Rs 500 crore on ropeways, ski resort, heli ski, heli taxi and heli safari projects. The Ski Himalayas Ropeway Company has been formed by the entrepreneurs from Himachal Pradesh and is a joint venture of Swiss company Air Zermatt. Under this project, the company would develop ski resorts in the places experiencing heavy snowfall like Chanshal, Kullu-Manali and Lahaul-Spiti. It would also develop ski centre in Chanshal area of Shimla district. As per the MoU, this company would provide assistance to the administration during any disaster. Another MoU was signed with Satya Developers Company in the housing sector with investment of more than Rs 300 crore. This company would construct 700 to 1000 houses for the middle class people. The MoU was signed with Puremagics Limited Company which will invest around Rs 50 crore on algae farming and processing to extract Astaxanthin project. The Field Fresh Food company expressed keen interest in setting up food

processing units in Himachal Pradesh which would soon discuss its proposal with the state government. The Oyo India and South Asia Group offered for expansion of its chain of hotels in Himachal Pradesh with a view to provide more facilities to the tourists. The company has its hotel units in 36 towns of the state in which employment has been provided to around five thousand people. During interaction with chief minister, the Trans Metalite India Limited offered to send its team to explore possibilities and providing technical expertise for the construction of proposed airport in Balh Valley of Mandi district. Munjal Auto Company expressed its keenness to invest in bottling water plant in the state while Air One Aviation proposed to make available drone technology in agriculture, horticulture and other sectors. Renew Power Limited Company gave a proposal for investment up to 200 MW in power sector whereas Bright Start Corporation proposed to invest in information technology sector. CEO of Ginni International Limited Sharad Jaipuria expressed his willingness to open boarding schools in Kangra, Mandi and Kullu district, for which the company would soon sign agreement with the state government. Jai Ram Thakur said that the state government has set a target of attracting investment of Rs 85,000 crore and so far, MoUs have been signed for investment of Rs 22,000 crore. He said that the state is going to organize its first Global Investors Meet at Dharamshala on November 7 and 8 this year and before that the government is reaching out to all the possible investors within the country and abroad.

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Ajay Bhalla appointed OSD MHA; set to become home secy

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NEW DELHI: Power Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla is all set to become the new Home Secretary with the government on Wednesday appointing him as Officer on Special Duty in the high-profile ministry. Bhalla, a 1984-batch Assam Meghalaya cadre IAS, is likely to take over from incumbent Rajiv Gauba, who will demit the office on August 31, on his superannuation. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi cleared the appointment of Bhalla as OSD in the ministry with immediate effect. Even though the order did not mention that Bhalla will be the next home secretary but according to convention, an OSD is appointed for smooth transition of the charge from the incumbent, officials said. Bhalla will have a fixed two-year tenure as the union home secretary till August 2021. In a major reshuffle of senior bureaucratic officials, Atanu Chakraborty, a 1985-batch Gujarat cadre IAS officer, was appointed as new Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs succeeding S C Garg, who will be the new Power Secretary. Anil Kumar Khachi, a 1986-batch IAS from Himachal Pradesh cadre will be the new Secretary, Disinvestment succeeding Chakraborty, a government order said. Anshu Prakash, 1986-batch UT cadre IAS officer, was appointed Secretary in the Department of Telecommunication while his batch-mate from West Bengal cadre RS Shukla will join as Secretary, Parliamentary Affairs, it said. Ravi Capoor, a 1986-batch Assam Meghalaya cadre, was appointed Secretary, Textiles while his batch-mate Atul Chaturvedi was sent to Animal Husbandry and Dairying department in same capacity. Another Gujarat cadre officer P D Vaghela, 1986-batch, will be the new Secretary in Department of Pharmaceuticals, the order said.

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Three persons killed in road accidents in Chamba district

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The deceased have been identified as Shalini (35) and her daughter Pavni (13). Police said that a case has been registered under Section 279, 337 and 304A of IPC. Three persons were killed in two different accidents in Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh. Two other persons were hospitalised with serious injuries.

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Three persons were killed in two different accidents in Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh. Download The Times of India News App for Latest City DHARAMSHALA: Three persons died in two different road accidents on Saturday morning in Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh. A woman and her daughter were killed after the car in which they were travelling fell into a 200-foot-deep gorge on Chamba-Pathankot road near Panjpura area. Two other persons were hospitalised with serious injuries. The deceased have been identified as Shalini (35) and her daughter Pavni (13). Police said that a case has been registered under Section 279, 337 and 304A of IPC. Eyewitnesses said that the car was speeding due to which the driver lost control over the vehicle. In another case, a person named Sanjeev Kumar was killed after his car skidded off the road near Bakhtpur.

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In Himalayas, quake-resistant tradition losing to 'modernity'

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"Nearly 20% houses in Dodra-Kwar were pure Kathkuni, while a majority had interventions," he says. One of Bharti's houses, too, has some interventions. "This is because of change in social fabric, lifestyle and occupations and, hence, needs," he says. "In some houses, the master craftsman uses cement for the foundation, instead of stones," she says. There is no knowledge of Kathkuni's origin. "When temples are constructed in Himachal Pradesh, locals replant a sapling for the axed tree. Before he co-authored Prathaa, Thakkar wrote the book "Matra: Ways of Measuring Vernacular Built Forms of Himachal Pradesh" with Sky Morrison. "Vernacular architecture (like Kathkuni) tends to evolve over time to reflect the environmental, cultural, technological and historical context in which it exists. "I visited a village which had all upper castes, but it was not even remotely as clean as some of the Dalit villages which we visited," she says.

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The design is such that Kathkuni houses are difficult to get around. Still popular Origin Urban scape Download The Times of India News App for Latest City Up in the mountains of Himachal Pradesh , before modernization brought roads and cement-and-brick buildings to remote villages, the hardened mountain man would teach his son how to build a house that would last at least 200 years and be able to withstand the blows of extreme weather. The family did not have to look far for resources as the structure only required wood and stone, and basic tools for digging earth, chiselling rocks, and shaping wood. The technique was so reliable it was used on many buildings – the grand temple, humble houses and even the one-room granary. At times, the temple would be as high as seven storeys and have intricate woodcarvings, which narrated tales of the village's devta (local deity). There was a name for the technique behind this: Kathkuni, or wood (kath, or kaath) and corner (khuni, kuni, koni, or

kona). There were several reasons for its popularity: It was environment-friendly, kept cold out, could survive earthquakes due to its high tensile strength, only needed two most locally available resources and had basic comforts needed for the harsh Himalayas. Today, though, tables have turned on this indigenous form of architecture. As "development" continues to make inroads into high hills and authorities get strict on tree felling, the remotest villages of Himachal Pradesh now prefer cement-and-brick houses. "They have become a matter of status," says Deepu Asheibam, an architect with specialization in environmental planning from CEPT University, Ahmedabad. Asheibam was part of an expert panel that conducted a workshop on documenting the Kathkuni architecture of the remote Dodra and Kwar villages of Rohru in Himachal, which got road connectivity in 2008, but is still cut-off during the four harshest months of winter. In spite of their remoteness, the two villages are losing their indigenous character – of slate-roofed, wood-and-stone houses, with the distinct design of a cowshed on the ground floor, living quarters on the floors above and an attic for storing ripe grain at the top. There are other reasons, too, for this. "Locals think RCC (reinforced concrete cement) structures are cleaner. Also, the design is such that Kathkuni houses are difficult to get around. For example, the staircase is too steep and it is difficult for older people to climb it," he says. The biggest hurdles are the resources – stone and timber. While the Supreme Court put a blanket ban on felling of trees this February, quarrying of stone is regulated in the state. "Also, raw material for conventional buildings is easily available now," says Mansi Shah, who co-authored the 2011 book "Prathaa: Kath-Khuni Architecture of Himachal Pradesh" with Bharat Dave and Jay Thakkar. Asheibam agrees. He also points to the space consumed by the walls of Kathkuni houses. "They have thicker walls and, because of lack of space, the houses of families belonging to lower castes are not as liveable as those of others," he says. Varun Bharti, whose family owns the popular homestay Raju Bharti's Guest House in Gushaini village near Jalori Pass in Kullu, says the width of Kathkuni walls is about 18 inches. Asheibam pegs the figure at 25 inches. "In an RCC structure, the wall is just nine inches," he adds. "So, in some cases, the houses of families from lower castes are in a poor condition," he adds. Shah, who documented villages in Shimla and Kinnaur for the book, feels otherwise. "I visited a village which had all upper castes, but it was not even remotely as clean as some of the Dalit villages which we visited," she says. Bharti adds though Kathkuni houses are easier to maintain, locals are not on the same page. Rahul Bhushan, 27, who started the architectural venture NORTH, which specializes in this building form, says Kathkuni is still followed in the construction and restoration of temples. This is because most villages still believe in rituals, adds Asheibam. "But I came across a case where the compound wall of a temple was an RCC structure," he says. The popularity of RCC structures is most pronounced in homes. "This is because of change in social fabric, lifestyle and occupations and, hence, needs," he says. The design is one with nature. "Most traditional houses have a cowshed on the ground floor and a beehive too," he says. While the cowshed keeps the house warm in winter and ensures there is no break in supply of dairy, the beehive helps in pollination and, indirectly, farmers. "There is interaction with nature," says Asheibam. RCC interventions have also been made in old houses built in the indigenous style, according to Asheibam. "Nearly 20% houses in Dodra-Kwar were pure Kathkuni, while a majority had interventions," he says. One of Bharti's houses, too, has some interventions. Varun, who leans towards Kathkuni, says he used cement in some of the new sections on his property, but that was out of necessity and for better structural strength. "One has to take into account the cost of stone and timber," he says. Shah

also came across such instances. "In some houses, the master craftsman uses cement for the foundation, instead of stones," she says. There is no knowledge of Kathkuni's origin. Ojasvi Jagitha, a Chandigarh-based urban planner who was an organizer of the workshop in Dodra and Kwar, says there is little literature on it. "But, given its availability in certain regions of Himalayas, it's understandable it must have occurred because of extreme weather conditions and the availability of raw material," she says. Asked if the slanting, slate roofs have been adopted from another style, Ojasvi says Kathkuni is a vernacular architecture style based on localized needs and construction materials, and reflecting traditions. "Vernacular architecture (like Kathkuni) tends to evolve over time to reflect the environmental, cultural, technological and historical context in which it exists. It is a response to a particular person's or society's building needs," she says. Basically, the slanting roof, according to Ojasvi, is innate to Kathkuni and has not been adopted from any foreign form of architecture. The Silk Route, which passes through Kinnaur, connected India to the remaining world. "You've similar styles in Afghanistan and even Europe," adds Shah. Even traditions that are not acceptable today intertwine with Kathkuni. For example, when a woman would be menstruating, she was forced out of the house in earlier times. "A separate room had been included in the design of these houses back then," says Rahul. That is not the case any more. According to Ojasvi, vernacular building methods like Kathkuni are tested through trial and error by society and are tailored to the climatic, aesthetic, functional, and sociological needs of that society. Asheibam says the attempt to document the "vernacular architecture" was an attempt at ensuring something was written about Kathkuni. "We also asked participants of the workshop to ensure they capture everything they can," he adds. Before he co-authored Prathaa, Thakkar wrote the book "Matra: Ways of Measuring Vernacular Built Forms of Himachal Pradesh" with Sky Morrison. Though many books have been written on Himalayan architecture, not many are specifically on Kathkuni. When a fire breaks out in Himachal, it often destroys an entire village, history has shown. In February this year, nine houses were destroyed in a fire in Jindi village of Kullu. In April 2018, 40 houses were gutted in Kaishani village of Shimla. In both cases, Kathkuni houses were catalysts to the flames. An officer with the public works department of Himachal Pradesh, who does not wish to be named as he is not authorized to speak to media, says Kathkuni is not sustainable today. "Imagine if all houses in Shimla are built in Kathkuni style and a fire breaks out. Who will you blame then?" he says. The officer admits to Kathkuni houses being better resistant to earthquakes. "At the end of the day, it is a matter of policy," he says. While Rahul feels Kathkuni has started to regain popularity, Asheibam says he has not come across any policy of the Himachal Pradesh government on the subject. "Even government buildings are RCC structures. So, in a way, authorities have already set a bar for what is best," he adds. Rahul, Asheibam and Ojasvi feel there is a need to strike a balance between Kathkuni and RCC structures. "We are trying to find a sweet spot where Kathkuni is more flexible: where the staircase is easier to use and walls narrower. It is ongoing, but I am sure we will find an alternative," Asheibam says. Rahul says he's already doing it. Shah feels Kathkuni has to be environmentally sustainable. "When temples are constructed in Himachal Pradesh, locals replant a sapling for the axed tree. We will need that kind of an approach when it comes to timber," she says. Chandigarh-based architect Shilpa Das would still choose the indigenous architecture: "The charm and romance will lure me to use it with caution and responsibility."=

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Himachal Pradesh: Illegal mining rampant; taking toll on natural resources

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Download The Times of India News App for Latest City DHARAMSHALA (HIMACHAL PRADESH): Illegal mining is taking a toll on natural resources in the border areas of Himachal Pradesh Unscientific extraction of natural resources from the three major rivers - Ravi, Beas, Swan - and their catchment is being done for minerals. Sand, boulders and Bajri are the main materials extracted after mining at river beds. Congress leaders have blamed the ruling BJP for this activity stating that it is being done in connivance with government officials only. As per the records, the number of cases of mining has increased in the last financial year. In 2016-17, the number of cases was 783, while the same increased to 1753 in 2017-18. The number for 2018-19 till July is 590, but the situation has turned worse in many areas. In Kangra district, Beas River and its rivulets are being targeted for mining. Recently, few villagers of Dehra area have sent 10,000

postcards to the Prime Minister's Office to register their resentment on mining. The district authorities came into action after that. "We had directed the SDMs of Rakkar and other areas from where complaint of mining has been received. The officials have to take action as their responsibility has been fixed for the same," said Rakesh Prajapati Kangra district commissioner. In Una district Swan River is extracted for minerals. In Santohgarh and Basal areas, dumps have come up along the riverside for the first time. Sitting Congress MLA of the area Satpal Raizada has warned authorities that if dumps were not removed, he would stage a public protest regarding this. "BJP leaders are taking financial aid in the name of party funds. Many involved are the relatives of the influential leaders. There are about 50 dumps from Bathu to Gagret area in district and this situation has arrived for the first time," said Raizada. In Chamba district river Ravi and its catchment areas are on target for mining. There are many areas near Chamera dam also which are good source of minerals. The people involved into this business usually work during night hours to extract the material. Large scale mining involves earth-mover or earth excavators and pock lane machines while on small scale people use tractors and they ferry material during early hours of the day. Industry minister Vikram Thakur when contacted said that he personally raided few areas near Indora belt of Kangra a day before on Sunday and will soon visit other areas too. "I have visited around 20 stone crushers and checked the mining lease also. A fine of 50,000 each was imposed on those violating rules. Few vehicles were also seized," he said, adding that complaints regarding mining will be considered seriously and violation of rules will not be allowed at any cost.

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Omar Abdullah mocks cleanliness drive at Parliament complex, says it's one of the cleanest places

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they sweeping?" Abdullah, a three-time member of the Lok Sabha, tweeted. A short video of the Bollywood actor cleaning a road inside the complex came in for severe criticism on social media as the broom of the Mathura MP was not even touching the ground as she swept. "Ma'am please practice how to wield the (broom) in private before your next photo op," Abdullah tweeted. "This technique you've employed won't contribute much to improving cleanliness in Mathura (or anywhere else for that matter)." Pre-empting any criticism, the NC vice-president said: "I knew sweeping the dormitories in Sanawar (Himachal Pradesh) would be useful for something. I'm now qualified to comment on the (sweeping) technique of others."

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Himachal Pradesh: 12 Army personnel among 13 killed in Solan building collapse

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He said that another NDRF team comprising of 25 personnel was called from Panchkula. The multi-storey building that collapsed on Sunday afternoon was constructed in 2009 and recently another storey was added to it. Rescuers operations under way at the building collapse site.

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Rescuers operations under way at the building collapse site. (AFP photo)
Download The Times of India News App for Latest City SHIMLA: Death toll in the building collapse incident in Himachal Pradesh 's Solan district rose to 13 on Monday, which includes 12 Army personnel and one civilian.As per the report, one Army man is still trapped under the debris. Twenty eight out of 42 people trapped have been rescued so far.Chief minister Jai Ram Thakur who visited the spot on Monday morning said the structure of the building was not according to the specifications and the matter is being probed. He has ordered a magisterial probe into the incident.Jai Ram Thakur while interacting with the media persons at the spot said that matter was being probed and further action would be initiated after receiving the report.The three-story building was located some 2km from Kumarhatti town.According to officials, FIR has been lodged against the building owner Sahil Kumar whose family was also residing in it. The multi-storey building that collapsed on Sunday afternoon was constructed in 2009 and recently another storey was added to it. Besides housing a dhaba, the private building was also running a guest house.On Sunday it was raining heavily in the area when 30 army personnel had stepped inside the dhaba for lunch. All of them were said to be from nearby Dagshai cantonment and had come at this place for lunch.According to eyewitnesses, when people sitting inside were having lunch, all of a sudden floor started shaking and

before anyone could understand what is happening, building collapsed. Jai Ram Thakur said that teams of the district administration and NDRF along with doctors and ambulances were rushed to the spot immediately after receiving information about the incident. He assured that remaining persons will be rescued as soon as possible. Director-cum-Special Secretary (Revenue and Disaster Management) DC Rana said that three NDRF personnel along with required equipment were airlifted from Sunni in Shimla to carry out the rescue operation while rest of the NDRF team from Sunni was sent by road to the spot. He said that another NDRF team comprising of 25 personnel was called from Panchkula.

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Punjab cops made hostage by Himachal villagers, rescued by state police

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Download The Times of India News App for Latest City DHARAMSHALA: A team of Punjab cops were made hostage by the villagers in the Indora area of Kangra district in Himachal. The cops were let off by the villagers after the intervention of the Himachal Police. The teams of the Punjab police had raided the village to arrest an accused in a case without informing the state police.SP Vimukt Ranjan said that the information was received at a police station after the Punjab police cops were in the captivity of the villagers. "Punjab police raided in the Channi village of Kangra district late Monday without the information about their move," he said.Intervention of the Himachal Police helped in the release of the Punjab cops.Further inquiries revealed, it was on a tip-off that the team of Punjab police had arrived in the village to arrest the accused when the villagers kept the cops hostage.The Punjab police, as per the sources, had succeeded to arrest the accused but the arms were taken away by the villagers.The Channi village belongs to the Sansi tribe people. It is also known as the hub of the drug rackets in the region. The village is located on the borders of Himachal and Punjab. The accused persons often take benefit of borders they use to fled to other side whenever such raids takes place.

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Download The Times of India News App for Latest City CHANDIGARH: The Himachal Pradesh (HP) forest department achieved its target of plantation of 25 lakh trees on the fifth and concluding day of Van Mahotsava campaign in the state on Wednesday. "Till 5pm, as per latest reports, around 25,35,441 number of saplings were planted with the active participation of 1,15,105 people across the state. State forest minister Govind Singh Thakur congratulated the forest officials and praised their efforts to meet the target and also thanked the people of the state, who have participated in such a large number," said a forest official. The campaign was organized in all the twelve districts of the state on 727 identified sites. Chamba Forest Circle topped with 3,85,875 number of saplings planted whereas among Forest Divisions, Nurpur Forest Division led with 1,88,467 number. Dharamshala Forest Circle topped with the maximum participation of 23,263 number of people.

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All the legislators of the state to attended the occasion on the invitation of Govind Thakur, Forests, Transport, Youth Services and Sports Minister. From school children to women, senior citizen to youngsters, all are participating in the plantation campaign. (Ends) "The name of application is Plantation Campaign Monitoring System, which can be downloaded on smart phones. In a nutshell, 700 sites across all the districts have been selected where plantation activities are going on full swing."

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Download The Times of India News App for Latest City CHANDIGARH: The Himachal Pradesh forest department is organising a five-day plantation campaign, Van Mahotsava , to plant 25 lakh plants across the state which will come to an end on Wednesday. According to forest officials, the special feature of the campaign is that people from diverse parts of the society are actively participating in the plantation campaign. Ajay Kumar, head of forest force in Himachal Pradesh, told TOI, "Seeing the enthusiasm of the public, it is expected that around one lakh people are expected to participate in the marathon drive. From school children to women, senior citizen to youngsters, all are participating in the plantation campaign. The boundaries of the state in north with Jammu and Kashmir to Yamuna River in South and Kinnaur district in the East to boundaries of the state with Punjab in the west, all sides are being covered for plantation. In a nutshell, 700 sites across all the districts have been selected where plantation activities are going on full swing." He said that by Sunday, some 10 lakh saplings have been planted and expressed hope that the massive of target of 25 lakh will also completed by Wednesday. Reports regarding the plantation drive is being updated on official website. "The name of application is Plantation Campaign Monitoring System, which can be downloaded on smart phones.

Authorized personnel from plantation sites are updating the entire information on plantation campaign,” said Kumar. The state had also conducted a similar campaign last year where with the participation of more than 80,000 people of the state including those from various public and private departments and institutions, some 17 lakh saplings were planted at different sites in the state. HOFF added, “The three-day plantation campaign had been very successful last year, owing to which it was decided that it must be extended to five days campaign with plantation target of 25 lakh plants this year. All our top officials are in the field to make this campaign a runaway hit.” Jai Ram Thakur, chief minister of Himachal Pradesh, had inaugurated this state level Van Mahotsava three days ago from Panarsa in Mandi Forest Division. All the legislators of the state attended the occasion on the invitation of Govind Thakur, Forests, Transport, Youth Services and Sports Minister. (Ends)

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In Himachal Pradesh, safety permit to be must

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Vimukt Ranjan takes charge as Kangra SP

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Vimukt Ranjan Download The Times of India News App for Latest City DHARAMSHALA: The officer who served as in-charge of the close protection team (CPT) of prime minister Narendra Modi for years while working with SPG (Special Protection Group), Vimukt Ranjan , a 2009 batch IPS officer has been appointed as superintendent of police in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh Ranjan took charge on Thursday at police headquarters in Dharamshala. In a short interaction with the media, Ranjan said that he has returned to the state from deputation at Center for almost seven years and now it is the time to pay back his home state by serving the public. “I would serve the public in best possible way and will be available to them in times they need me,” he said adding that he is lucky to have worked with a great prime minister. Talking about the core issues of the region, Ranjan said that his role at the Center was totally different from what he is going to perform here now. “I would look into traffic problems as this is tourist destination and a major pilgrimage place. The issues related to drug and illegal mining will also be monitored,” he added. The appointment of the Vimukt Ranjan at Kangra has added weight to the district. Kangra is already known as the political capital of Himachal Pradesh. It has 15 assembly constituencies, highest among 12 districts of the state.

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Compliance reminders sent to heads of colleges to install sanitary incinerators

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Representative image Download The Times of India News App for Latest City SHIMLA: With several educational institutions not submitting a status report regarding installation of sanitary napkin vending machines and incinerators for disposal of used napkins, the director (higher education) has sent a reminder to the deputy directors of higher education besides principals of all the government and private colleges, requesting them to ensure compliance. Hearing the matter on May 13, the Himachal Pradesh high court had fixed July 24 as the next date of hearing. Director (higher education) Amarjeet K Sharma in his letter dated July 18 has directed the deputy directors to issue strict necessary instructions to all the heads of private schools under their jurisdiction to install sanitary napkins incinerators in their schools and to submit the compliance report so that reply could be filed in the high court. "If any private educational institute fails to obey the orders, the no objection certificate (NOC) issued by the department of higher education may be cancelled immediately and the institution concerned will be held responsible for further loss," he added. In a similar letter to principals of all the government and private colleges, he said the directorate had several letters on different dates with direction to take necessary steps for the installation of sanitary napkin incinerators out of available institution funds and to send the compliance report within 15 days, but the required information is still awaited. Directions were issued to install the sanitary napkin incinerators within two days. During the last hearing on May 13, the HC had observed that state government needs to revisit the entire planning and submit a fresh proposal to the Government of India and for this purpose, the state government should submit its comprehensive

requirement to the appropriate ministry, who in turn was directed to consider the same and take a decision before the next date of hearing. Sharma said tenders to install sanitary napkin incinerators in 1,750 government schools in the rural areas have already been floated while maximum government and private colleges have submitted their compliance. He said a few who have not complied due to paucity of funds have been issued strict instructions to comply with the court directions. During the last hearing on May 13, two status reports, one on behalf of the ministry of health and family welfare and other by the additional chief secretary (health) to the government of Himachal Pradesh were filed.

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"It was during the recently held parliamentary elections that polling parties had risked their lives to reach this village via Chamba district," he said. "Around 35km of the trek to this village from Chamba is very dangerous. People from Bhangal village keep migrating to Bir village. "Now, food supplies to this village are being made with mules and horses. A team of 19 polling officials had trekked hills from Chamba to reach this village. Surjit Saroch (53) was the head of the polling party. The administration tried to deploy helicopter but bad weather created hindrance. We were lucky to be able to cross the area.

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Footbridge over a stream was washed away by flash floods in June 2018
Download The Times of India News App for Latest City DHARAMSHALA:
The remotest village of Himachal Pradesh Bara Bhangal in Kangra district is again connected by a footpath, which is the shortest trek (14 hours) to reach this village. Last year, the main foot bridge over a stream was washed away by flash floods. It had cost the state government around Rs 1 crore for supplying ration (food items) to this village via helicopter last year. Deputy commissioner, Kangra, Rakesh Kumar Prajapati told TOI that daily monitoring of the work for more than a month was being done that had resulted in restoring the connection. "Now, food supplies to this village are being made with mules and horses. We are going to store abundant ration in Bara Bhangal village before the area gets landlocked after snowfall in winter," he said, adding that so far one fourth of the supplies had reached the village. This trek from Bir to Bara Bhangal is the shortest route of about 50km. People from Bhangal village keep migrating to Bir village. The other trek to this village is from Chamba district, it is around 78km long and a person has to travel 300km from Bir via road till the starting point of the trek in Chamba. Chunni Lal Bhangalia, a former pradhan of

Bara Bhangal and a sitting member of the district planning board, said this was the long pending demand of the villagers in Bhangal area. "It was during the recently held parliamentary elections that polling parties had risked their lives to reach this village via Chamba district," he said. A team of 19 polling officials had trekked hills from Chamba to reach this village. Surjit Saroch (53) was the head of the polling party. "Around 35km of the trek to this village from Chamba is very dangerous. We were lucky to be able to cross the area. The administration tried to deploy helicopter but bad weather created hindrance. One has to face shooting stones while trekking this rocky path," said Saroch. A martial art expert, Saroch, said that it took around 60,000 steps to reach this village and it is good that the short trek to this village had been restored.

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Royal Enfield strengthens service network in Lahaul, Spiti

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With the launch of these service centres, Royal Enfield now has a total of 13 service centres in the state and 943 across the country, the statement added. With the expansion of our service network in Himachal Pradesh at Kaza and Keylong, we have ensured that riders get adequate support even at high altitudes and challenging terrains. "Over the last few years, we have seen an increase in the number of people riding to the Himalayas on Royal Enfields.

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Download The Times of India News App for Latest City SHIMLA: Travelling through the treacherous mountain passes to Leh on Royal Enfield motorcycle becomes stress-free as two new service centres are thrown open in Himachal Pradesh, the company said in a statement. The two new service centres are located at -- Kaza and Keylong. With the launch of these service centres, Royal Enfield now has a total of 13 service centres in the state and 943 across the country, the statement added. "Over the last few years, we have seen an increase in the number of people riding to the Himalayas on Royal Enfields. With the expansion of our service network in Himachal Pradesh at Kaza and Keylong, we have ensured that riders get adequate support even at high altitudes and challenging terrains. With places like Leh, Ladakh, Lahaul & Spiti getting featured on every rider's bucket list, these service centres will cater to riders travelling to Leh region from any of the two routes - via Manali or Shimla," Shaji Koshy, head of India+ business, Royal Enfield, said.

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Shift from cereals to vegetable successful in Himachal Pradesh: Study

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The study has 436 sample respondents from five districts that are participating in the project – Hamirpur, Una, Bilaspur, Kangra and Mandi involving.

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The area under vegetables increased by 232% in rabi and 328% in kharif. Download The Times of India News App for Latest City SHIMLA: Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project (HPCDP) being funded by the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has made a positive impact in increasing the yields of crops and income of the farmers, stated a study. The study, conducted by National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Union ministry of agriculture and farmers' welfare, has revealed that farmers participating in the project have shifted from cereals to vegetable successfully. The study assessed the increase in income of farmers, the extent of shift in crop area from traditional cereal-based cropping system to high value crops and other benefits after the implementation of the project. The study has 436 sample respondents from five districts that are participating in the project – Hamirpur, Una, Bilaspur, Kangra and Mandi involving. Before the implementation of project, area under cereal crops was predominant both in kharif and rabi season, whereas, after implementation of the project, area under vegetables increased significantly. JICA is funding to the tune of Rs 321 crore for the project. Almost all the crops have shown a positive growth and increase in yield levels due to the technical support, technology demonstration and training imparted in the project area. This finding is supported by crop diversification index, which increased to 0.62 from 0.48. The study has further shown that the average net farm income has increased from baseline Rs 20,000 (2011) to Rs 2,07,225 per house-hold. The area under vegetables increased by 232% in rabi and 328% in kharif, and the increase

in yield of vegetables recorded 108% both in rabi and kharif seasons. The area under cereals declined by 23% of paddy, 16% of wheat, 23% of maize and 76% of barley, which was replaced by vegetables. Yield has increased up to 30% in wheat, 17% in paddy, 21.17% in maize, 64.75% in pulses, 108% in vegetables and 37% in fodder crops. Nearly 70% of the respondents have attained self-sufficiency in food grains, milk and vegetables, while, 62.16% of the farmers are able to have marketable surplus in vegetables, 57.11% in milk and 45.87% farmers have surplus of food grains for marketing. Around 89.60% of the respondents received training on various aspects, 80.30% of the respondents received various inputs for crop demonstrations. About 21% of the respondents have acquired assets on account of increase in farm income after implementation of the project and increased income was invested on children education and health. It was further revealed that agricultural production, accessibility to the farm inputs, farm income and living standards have increased due to the intervention of the project. The cost of cultivation has also reduced due to new technological interventions in paddy and wheat.

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Kalraj Mishra sworn in as Governor of Himachal Pradesh

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Apart from being the party chief, he held the portfolios of public works, medical education and tourism. Looking at his devotion towards the Sangh for five years, he was posted at Azamgarh as the organising secretary of Bharatiya Jana Sangh. He was elected as an MLA many times and was also appointed as a Rajya Sabha member. Chief secretary B K Agarwal read out the warrant of appointment. He was given the complete charge of political workings in Azamgarh. During his career he occupied many positions in the government.

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Chief justice of Himachal Pradesh high court, Justice V Ramasubramanian administering the oath of office and s... Read More Download The Times of India News App for Latest City SHIMLA: Kalraj Mishra was sworn in as the Governor of Himachal Pradesh in a ceremony held at Raj Bhawan, Shimla on Monday. Chief justice of HP high court, Justice V Ramasubramanian administered the oath of office and secrecy to him. Governor of Punjab V P Singh Badnore and Himachal Pradesh chief minister Jai Ram Thakur were among the dignitaries who attended the ceremony. Kalraj Mishra was also given Guard of Honour on the occasion. Chief secretary B K Agarwal read out the warrant of appointment. Secretary to Governor, Rakesh Kanwar obtained his signature of on the charge certificate. In 1963 Kalraj Mishra had joined RSS as a pracharak in Gorakhpur and with this started his political career. Looking at his devotion towards the Sangh for five years, he was posted at Azamgarh as the organising secretary of Bharatiya Jana Sangh. He was given the complete charge of political workings in Azamgarh. During his career he occupied many positions in the government. Apart from being the party chief, he held the portfolios of public works, medical education and tourism. He was elected as an MLA many times and was also appointed as a Rajya Sabha member. During his tenure, he formulated the

road development policy in Uttar Pradesh under which many link roads to connect villages were constructed. He was elected as the member of Rajya Sabha thrice in 1978, 2001 and 2006. He made his debut at the Centre in 2014 when he won parliamentary election from Deoria constituency and was appointed as Cabinet Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) under Modi's prime ministership on May 27, 2014.

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Headline

Himachal bags Rs 4.5 crore skill development project from Centre

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Some of these are already involved in imparting industrial skills training to students of some participating institutions.

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Download The Times of India News App for Latest City SHIMLA: The Himachal Pradesh government has bagged a Rs 4.5-crore skill-development project from the Centre for a period of three years to provide quality training in tools and techniques in biotechnology to Class XII students and graduates. The Union ministry of science and technology's department of biotechnology has initiated a new skill programme to provide hands-on training to educated youth in multi-disciplinary areas of biotechnology. Himachal Pradesh is one of the six states in the country in which this programme is being initially implemented. Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Odisha, Punjab and Uttarakhand have also been selected for implementing this programme. Due to the efforts of Himachal Pradesh Council for Science, Technology and Environment (Himcoste), the state has succeeded in bagging the project in the first phase. HIMCOSTE member secretary D C Rana said the programme would be implemented in collaboration with Life Sciences Sector Skill Development Council and partnering institutes in the state, and efforts would be made to provide jobs to trained youth in relevant industries in and around the state. For imparting skills training to biotechnology and life sciences students, HIMCOSTE has roped in eight best research laboratories and academic institutions of state, including CSIR-Institute of Himalayan Bioresource and Technology (CSIR-IHBT) in Palampur, ICAR-Central Potato Research Institute (ICAR-CPRI) and Himachal Pradesh University (HPU) in Shimla, Jaypee University of Information Technology in Waknaghat, Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences in Solan, Baddi University of Emerging Sciences and Technologies in Baddi, Himalayan Skill Development Centre in Kala

Amb, and Eternal University in Baru Sahib (Sirmaur). A large number of major industries for fast-moving consumer goods (FMCGs), food, pharmaceutical and beverages industries are located in Baddi-Baroti-Nalagarh, Paonta Sahib and Kala Amb. Some of these are already involved in imparting industrial skills training to students of some participating institutions.

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‘Caesarean deliveries on rise in Himachal Pradesh’

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In government hospitals, it happens that many times people have to purchase surgical items which increases financial burden on poor. It went up to 9900 in 2016-17 and 11319 in 2017-18. The private hospitals in the state, however, are showing a downward trend in such cases. As for caesarean operations, he said the government would look into the matter. “In government hospitals caesarean operations are done only when needed. Not only in private hospitals the numbers are increasing in government hospitals too. Picture used for representational purpose only Download The Times of India News App for Latest City DHARAMSHALA: The number of caesarean deliveries is on rise in Himachal Pradesh . In 2015-16, the number was 5820. In 2015-16, the number of such deliveries was 9414.

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Picture used for representational purpose only Download The Times of India News App for Latest City DHARAMSHALA: The number of caesarean deliveries is on rise in Himachal Pradesh . Not only in private hospitals the numbers are increasing in government hospitals too. People generally opt for normal deliveries to avoid the risk of infections and improve the chances of conceiving again. The data for last three years, accessed by the TOI, shows a substantial increase in caesarean operations in government hospitals. In 2015-16, the number of such deliveries was 9414. It went up to 9900 in 2016-17 and 11319 in 2017-18. The private hospitals in the state, however, are showing a downward trend in such cases. In 2015-16, the number was 5820. It came down to 5501 in 2016-17, and in 2017-18, it was 5801. When asked about taking measures by concerned departments to keep a check on the increasing number of caesarean operations, the health minister, Vipin Parmar, said the state government was running various schemes to take care of new born babies and their mothers. As for

caesarean operations, he said the government would look into the matter. "In government hospitals caesarean operations are done only when needed. Still, we will look into this matter and take action if required," Parmar said. People, often, are under the impression that number of caesarean cases in private hospitals are usually high to get more money from patients. In government hospitals, it happens that many times people have to purchase surgical items which increases financial burden on poor.

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Summary of Article

DHARAMSHALA: Kangra district ranks on top for closure of number of industry units in Himachal Pradesh and government is going to hold a global investor meet here this year. But nobody paid the heed to change my project and a case was filed against me by the department.

Sentiment

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Content

DHARAMSHALA: Kangra district ranks on top for closure of number of industry units in Himachal Pradesh and government is going to hold a global investor meet here this year. Industrialists in the region are allegedly suffering losses due to lack of concern of government authorities. As per records, this district has the highest number of registered industries, around 10173 (as per official records till December 2018) out of which nearly 4192 are lying closed. A visit to the industrial areas revealed that influential people are using industry units as their storage places (godowns). The genuine businessmen are suffering losses due to noncooperation of the authorities. Vijay Kumar, an industrialist in Kangra industrial area with his unit Yogesh engineering industry told TOI that his machinery of around 10 lakh rupees decayed due to inaction by the department. "In 2007 I wrote to the department that the product I was manufacturing (electric gears) is now out of demand and is replaced by MCBs (multi circuit breakers). But nobody paid the heed to change my project and a case was filed against me by the department. Now from last 10 years I am attending courts almost every month" he said adding that his machinery decayed after he was stuck with litigation. In another case of domestic investors being overlooked, an industrialist running his printing press in same industrial area faced litigation for years. "Departments nab only those who don't have any approach. While units being used as godowns are not being considered for action" he said requesting anonymity. An industrialist from Indora area said that it has become impossible for him to meet installments of banks as routine

electricity cuts in the area adding to the losses. "If we use generators, it not only adds to the costs of fuel but officials from pollution control board objects it stating that it is creating pollution" he revealed on condition not to disclose the name. Industry minister Bikram Thakur, who was touring to various countries with chief minister Jai Ram Thakur to bring investments in state, said that if the genuine businessmen suffering losses due to non cooperation of authorities then they should represent the case to me and the same will be helped out. "The matter of non functional units are being taken to litigation in courts to get the units vacated and the same are auctioned to other interested people" he said. A retired Colonel near here, Dilip Kumar is awaiting NOC from Dharamshala corporation for last one year after investing huge amount to bring up his eatery but he is not been given the same due to which he has to pay the interests on installment of banks from his own savings as he is unable to run the business. Chief minister of Himachal has spent crore of rupees to woo investors from outside state but domestic investors are feeling ignored in this scenario.

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Himachal Pradesh eyes early earthquake warning system

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Download The Times of India News App for Latest City SHIMLA: Falling in one of the world's most seismically active regions, the state government is contemplating an earthquake early warning system for the state. A meeting was held in this regard in Shimla on Saturday. IIT Roorkee has already sent a proposal to the state government to establish the system. Revenue and disaster management principal secretary Onkar Chand Sharma said a developed earthquake early warning system could be an effort in the direction of mitigating seismic hazards in the state. He said IIT Roorkee has installed such a system in Uttarakhand and it is running effectively besides generating database of earthquake events, detailed research on seismic activities and public awareness. According to IIT Roorkee's proposal, Himachal Pradesh could put earthquake sensors in different parts of the state which will detect earthquake activities in real time. The warning could be communicated to the public by a network of sirens. He said if the earthquake has its epicentre in Kangra or Mandi regions, people in Shimla would get 30 to 35 spare seconds to take action. Similarly, expected lead time to major cities if the 1905 Kangra earthquake repeats in the region would be Solan 42 seconds, Mandi 20 seconds, Dalhausie 8 seconds, Dehradun 77 seconds, Chandigarh 43 seconds, Ludhiana 37 seconds, Amritsar 38 seconds, Panipat 93 seconds and Delhi 123 seconds, he added. Sharma said the state is likely to consider this proposal to minimize the expected loss and damage due to impending earthquakes by creating a culture of safety, improving mock exercises and awareness for earthquake safety among the public. The meeting was attended by IIT Roorkee associate professor Dr Kamal, School of Earth & Environment Sciences Central University (Kangra) dean Prof A K Mahajan, IMD Shimla director Dr Manmohan Singh, HIMCOSTE principal scientific officer Dr S S Randhawa

and disaster management director-cum-special secretary D C Rana.

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'BJP government tweaked guidelines of Smart City project in Himachal Pradesh'

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The secretaries of government are already engaged with their departments, it is not easy for them to monitor this project properly” he added. The other directors in board are secretaries of different departments. Most of the directors in the SPV are based at Shimla while project is being implemented at Dharamshala.

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The smart city office in Dharamshala Download The Times of India News App for Latest City DHARAMSHALA: The BJP government in Himachal Pradesh has tweaked the guidelines of the smart city project laid by the Government of India, which is being implemented at Dharamshala . The guidelines of the center government regarding the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) are contrary to the move of the state government.Urban development minister Sarveen Choudhary said that they had amended the board of directors in the SPV made to implement the smart city project.“This has been done to bring transparency into the use of funds and proper implementation of the funds,” she said.The SPV in smart city project was aimed to implement the project at a faster pace and also a separate technical wing has been formed for the same.The state government has appointed the Chief Secretary as the chairperson of the SPV. The other directors in board are secretaries of different departments. Most of the directors in the SPV are based at Shimla while project is being implemented at Dharamshala. The officials from Dharamshala have to rush to Shimla for meetings.Former Urban development minister and the Congress leader Sudhir Sharma said that during our regime the BOD of SPV was formed with the officials who were easily available at Dharamshala but BJP leaders in the state had spoiled it.“BJP government

has added the complication to this project. The secretaries of government are already engaged with their departments, it is not easy for them to monitor this project properly” he added.

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Punjab cops held hostage by Himachal villagers

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People often take refuge at border areas whenever such raids takes place. The place is also known as hub of drug rackets in the region. The village is located on the borders of Himachal and Punjab. It was later revealed that two teams of Punjab police had raided the village without informing the state police. "It is Channi village of Kangra district that a party of Punjab police had arrived late on Monday. The cops, who had come from Bhogpur police station of Punjab to arrest an accused, were let off by the villagers only after the intervention of Himachal Police. One team lured the accused to come out of his home.

Sentiment

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Download The Times of India News App for Latest City Dharamshala: Punjab police had to face an embarrassing situation when some of its policemen were held hostage by the people of a Himachal village in Indora area of Kangra district. The cops, who had come from Bhogpur police station of Punjab to arrest an accused, were let off by the villagers only after the intervention of Himachal Police. It was later revealed that two teams of Punjab police had raided the village without informing the state police. Further inquiries revealed that cops did manage to arrest the accused, but lost hold on him as he slipped off with the help of villagers. Superintendent of police, Vimukt Ranjan, when contacted, said they came to know about the gherao of Punjab cops from a police station. "It is Channi village of Kangra district that a party of Punjab police had arrived late on Monday. They, probably, wanted to keep the raid secret. When we got to know about their captivity, we rushed to the spot and rescued them." As per the sources, it was on a tip-off that teams of Punjab police had arrived in the village to arrest an accused. One team lured the accused to come out of his home. They took him to a distance where another team was waiting to nab him. The first team took the accused in a

vehicle and left the spot. However, villagers of the area gheraoed the second team and did not let them go out of the village due to which the first team had to come back and they could not take the accused with them. Villagers had even taken the arms of cops into their custody. The Channi village is inhabited by Sansi tribe. The place is also known as hub of drug rackets in the region. The village is located on the borders of Himachal and Punjab. People often take refuge at border areas whenever such raids takes place.

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Bridge swept away, 30-year-old drowns in swollen Himachal Pradesh rivulet

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Summary of Article

The first trial run on July 4 was unsuccessful because of poor road conditions and swollen Chhota Dara. Hem Chand Verma, the sub-divisional magistrate (SDM) said as the deceased was the only earning member, the administration has issued Rs 10,000 as immediate relief. He is the only earning member of the family. When Narain went missing on Sunday evening, the villagers and the family formed a team to search for him. His boy was recovered on Monday by the search team.

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A video grab of villagers using makeshift bridge to carry across body for cremation at Mangli in Chamba (With inputs from agencies) Download The Times of India News App for Latest City DHARAMSHALA: A 30-yearold man was washed away in a rivulet in the remotely-located Mangli village of Chamba district on Sunday night. His boy was recovered on Monday by the search team. Residents of Mangli claim that they have been demanding a foot-over bridge over the rivulet that separates their village from others for the last five years. The deceased, identified as Narain Singh, is survived by his two small children, wife and parents. He is the only earning member of the family. When Narain went missing on Sunday evening, the villagers and the family formed a team to search for him. His dead body was finally located on Monday, which was fished out of the rivulet after a lot of effort from the team. Ram Kumar, a villager said, "We have made a makeshift arrangement to cross the water body, as the bridge was washed away during the monsoons a few years ago." The villagers claimed that in the past, too, people have drowned in the rivulet, but the government is yet to pay heed to their need. Repeated attempts to contact deputy commissioner Vivek Bhatia proved futile. Hem Chand Verma, the sub-divisional magistrate (SDM) said as the deceased was the only earning member, the

administration has issued Rs 10,000 as immediate relief. "We are going to disburse Rs 4 lakh at the earliest," said the SDM, adding that he has come to know about the lack of bridge only after this incident. Meanwhile, Himachal's picturesque Kinnaur district has been cut off due to massive landslides triggered by heavy rainfall in the region in the past few days have blocked the highway, an official said here on Monday. Hundreds of vehicles, carrying tourists and locals, have been stranded on the national highway as boulders and debris have blocked it near Bhawanagar, some 200 km from Shimla, a government spokesperson told IANS. He said the highway is likely to be reopened by Tuesday. The entire tribal district and the Spiti Valley have been cut off. Meanwhile, with the Border Roads Organization (BRO) reconstructing the damaged stretches on Manali-Spiti road, Himachal Roads Transport Corporation (HRTC) will conduct a second trial run of its bus on the stretch on Tuesday. The first trial run on July 4 was unsuccessful because of poor road conditions and swollen Chhota Dara.

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Week before martyrdom, he consented for marriage

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Kalia was commissioned into the Army's 12-JAK LI regiment in December 1995. He followed and gave his best to the Army," recalls Sharma. "I was a teacher, I told him that he will be able to serve the country in the Army and the place is less corrupt than other fields. Amol's mother Usha Sharma retired from accountant-general branch of the Punjab government. Kalia visited home last time to attend the wedding of his elder brother. However, Sharma says he imposed his wish upon his son and asked to join the NDA. "At that time, he kept on dancing for long during the marriage function. Before leaving, he even asked his brother to rehearse for his marriage.

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Kargil martyr Captain Amol Kalia's father Sat Pal Sharma and mother Usha Sharma at their residence at Nangal Download The Times of India News App for Latest City NANGAL (RUPNAGAR): The last letter written by Captain Amol Kalia of 12-Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry (JAK LI) to his family from the battleground during the Kargil conflict was an optimistic one. "I hope to be back to Delhi by end of this month. Thereafter you can fix my marriage, in case you all are in a hurry," he wrote. Unfortunately, the letter dated June 2, 1999, was received by his family on June 15, almost a week after he attained martyrdom in a fierce battle in the Batalik-Yaldor sector. Kalia was awarded Vir Chakra (posthumously), the third highest gallantry award of the country. Talking to TOI at his residence, Capt Kalia's father Sat Pal Sharma said initially Amol was busy with post-commission courses in the Army and kept on deferring their requests for marriage. "Unfortunately, when we got his consent, he was no more with us," says 75-year-old Sharma, who retired from the state education department. The family, which has roots in Himachal Pradesh's Chintpurni decided to live in Nangal because Amol was born and brought up there. Their elder son

Aman Kalia is Wing Commander in the Indian Air Force (IAF). Amol's mother Usha Sharma retired from accountant-general branch of the Punjab government. Kalia visited home last time to attend the wedding of his elder brother. "At that time, he kept on dancing for long during the marriage function. Before leaving, he even asked his brother to rehearse for his marriage. For us, time has stopped from where he left us. There is not a single moment when we do not miss him," says Sharma. Kalia was extremely good in academics and studied nonmedical along with biology in Class XI and XII. He was selected for medical and engineering courses and qualified for the NDA as well. However, Sharma says he imposed his wish upon his son and asked to join the NDA. "I was a teacher, I told him that he will be able to serve the country in the Army and the place is less corrupt than other fields. He followed and gave his best to the Army," recalls Sharma. Kalia was commissioned into the Army's 12-JAK LI regiment in December 1995.

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Shawls made by prisoners to go on sale

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Haryana and Himachal have sent their product lists for display at Srijan outlet.

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Download The Times of India News App for Latest City CHANDIGARH: Now the city's residents will be able to buy Kullu shawls, Himachali caps and kurta-pajama made by jail inmates of Himachal Pradesh and Haryana at Srijan outlet in Sector 22. Authorities of the Model Jail here have received a list of products made by the prisoners of Himachal and Haryana, which will soon be on display at the Srijan outlet. Himachal Pradesh will sell around 25 different products made by the jail inmates through the outlet and Haryana will showcase 32 products of his prisoners there. The Burail jail officials said the motive behind giving space to display products from other states is to encourage the inmates lodged in those prisons to learn new skills. According to information, 11 jail authorities including Ambala and Hisar central jails of Haryana, have provided their list of products -- like furniture, aloe vera gel, Tulsi ark, Gulab ark, bags, flower pots, wall clocks, mirrors, paintings, kurta-pajamas, shirts and bed-sheets -- to display at Srijan. Similarly, shawls of different varieties, blankets, mufflers, yoga mats and spinning wheels (Charkha), among other items, will be displayed at the outlets of Himachal's jails. Talking to TOI, O P Mishra, IG Prison of Burail Model Jail, said, "We have written to Himachal Pardesh, Haryana, Punjab and Delhi prison authorities to send their products being made by the inmates their jails for sale at our outlet. Haryana and Himachal have sent their product lists for display at Srijan outlet. Rates are being finalized and after that products will go on sale." In first of its kind initiative, Burail Model Jail had started "Ausadhi Vatika", where prisoners cultivated medicinal plants within the jail premises. Around 150 medicinal plants including basil, aloe vera, avocado, cinnamon, heeng, gurmaar, chandan, black pepper,

lemon grass, sage, peppermint, thyme, fenugreek seeds were planted on a small piece of land near the cr che inside the jail. The exclusive showroom for the products made by the inmates of Burail jail was inaugurated by UT adviser Manoj Parida on February 21 this year.

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1,300 security personnel freed of VIP duty after Home Ministry review

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Summary of Article

A number of those who have been taken off the “central” list of VIP security would be secured by the State police forces. These security personnel were drawn from forces such as the Central Reserve Police Force, Central Industrial Security Force, National Security Guard and the Delhi Police. BJP Rajya Sabha member O.P. Nearly 3,000 personnel of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) would still be part of the Central VIP security set-up.

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As many as 1,300 security personnel have been freed of VIP duty following a comprehensive review of the protection provided to 350 dignitaries, including politicians, by the Union Home Ministry this week, a senior government official said on Wednesday. These security personnel were drawn from forces such as the Central Reserve Police Force, Central Industrial Security Force, National Security Guard and the Delhi Police. Nearly 3,000 personnel of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) would still be part of the Central VIP security set-up. A number of those who have been taken off the “central” list of VIP security would be secured by the State police forces. In cases where such a protectee is in Delhi, the Delhi Police would take care of his or her security requirements, the official said, adding that the review was a regular exercise and would not compromise the security of the individuals. The top level ‘Z+’ category NSG covers former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav; and ‘Z’ cover of former Bihar Chief Minister Lalu Prasad, BJP MP and former Minister Rajiv Pratap Rudy, former BJP members Kirti Azad and Shatrughan Sinha, newly appointed Himachal Pradesh Governor Kalraj Mishra, former Lok

Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar, two granddaughters and a grandson of former President Pranab Mukherjee, and daughter and grandson of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has been taken off the list or has been removed. BJP Rajya Sabha member O.P. Mathur; Acharya Pramod Krishnam, who unsuccessfully contested from the Lucknow parliamentary seat on Congress ticket; RSS leader Indresh Kumar; former BJP MP Udit Raj; and sitting BJP MP from Etawah Ram Shankar Katheria have also been taken off from the list.

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Summary of Article

The reshuffle includes IAS officers of 1984, 1985 and 1986 batches. This is the first reshuffle in the top bureaucracy after the parliamentary polls that saw return of the Narendra Modi government with thumping majority. Telecom Secretary Anshu Prakash has been appointed new Secretary, Telecommunications, in place of Aruna Sundararajan, who is superannuating on July 31. Promoted as Secretaries The government has promoted a dozen IAS officers of the 1986 batch to Secretary level in their postings where they were currently Additional Secretaries. Mr. Chakraborty is currently Secretary, Disinvestment, in the Government of India. Shukla is new Secretary, Parliamentary Affairs, and G.V. He has been replaced by a Himachal Pradesh cadre IAS officer of 1986 batch Anil Kumar Khachi.

Sentiment

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The Modi government on Wednesday reshuffled over a dozen Secretaries. A 1984 batch IAS officer and currently Secretary, Ministry of Power, Ajay Kumar Bhalla has been appointed Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to the Ministry of Home Affairs with immediate effect. He will take over as Home Secretary from incumbent Rajive Gauba. Mr. Bhalla will have a fixed two-year tenure as Union Home Secretary till August 2021. In another significant change, Subhash Chandra Garg, Secretary, Economic Affairs, and designated as Secretary, Finance, in the Ministry of Finance, has been shifted to the Power Ministry as Secretary, while Gujarat cadre IAS officer Atanu Chakraborty has been made new Economic Affairs Secretary. Mr. Chakraborty is currently Secretary, Disinvestment, in the Government of India. He has been replaced by a Himachal Pradesh cadre IAS officer of 1986 batch Anil Kumar Khachi. Telecom Secretary Anshu Prakash has been

appointed new Secretary, Telecommunications, in place of Aruna Sundararajan, who is superannuating on July 31. Another Gujarat cadre IAS officer P.D. Waghela has been made Secretary, Pharmaceuticals, while his batchmate and currently chief of the Airports Authority of India Guruprasad Mohapatra has been made Secretary, Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, in the Ministry of Commerce. Ravi Capoor is new Textiles Secretary and Atul Chaturvedi will be the new Animal Husbandry and Dairying Secretary. R.S. Shukla is new Secretary, Parliamentary Affairs, and G.V. Venugopal Sarma will be Member-Secretary in the National Disaster Management Authority. Mr. Shukla is currently serving in his cadre in West Bengal. Promoted as Secretaries The government has promoted a dozen IAS officers of the 1986 batch to Secretary level in their postings where they were currently Additional Secretaries. This is the first reshuffle in the top bureaucracy after the parliamentary polls that saw return of the Narendra Modi government with thumping majority. The reshuffle includes IAS officers of 1984, 1985 and 1986 batches.

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Efforts on to take adventure sports to new heights in Himachal

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Summary of Article

Youth Service Sports Minister Govind Singh Thakur said that Himachal Pradesh is going to represent State in Asian Rafting Championships cup next year. The president of the world Rafting Federation wrote an appreciation letter to the CM regarding the performance of Indian team. CM Jai Ram Thakur has also expressed happiness over the achievement of the institute. The State has moved forward in the field of adventure sports and adventure tourism under the auspices of Atal Bihari Vajpayee Mountaineering and Allied Sports Institute, Manali. With an aim of enhancing the adventure sports and tourism activities the state the state government has founded Atal Bihari Vajpayee Mountaineering and Allied Sports Institute at Manali 1961. Through this institute the government is offering specialized training courses for skiers, trekkers and mountaineers from across the country. In addition to these activities, the institute is providing insurance facility to the customers at Rs.

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Himachal Pradesh is making its name as adventure hub of India and has earned special identity at international level in adventure sports. The State has moved forward in the field of adventure sports and adventure tourism under the auspices of Atal Bihari Vajpayee Mountaineering and Allied Sports Institute, Manali. With an aim of enhancing the adventure sports and tourism activities the state the state government has founded Atal Bihari Vajpayee Mountaineering and Allied Sports Institute at Manali 1961. Through this institute the government is offering specialized training courses for skiers, trekkers and mountaineers from across the country. They also assist government in conducting search and rescue operations in the snow-covered slopes and treacherous trekking routes under freezing condition as they have skilled manpower trained in rescue operations in

high-altitude mountainous areas and its services are requisitioned whenever trekkers or tourists go missing. Given to the climatic conditions and geography of Himachal Pradesh, the State Government is offering several adventure and recreational activities. The state offers once-in-lifetime adventures apart from the picturesque scenery and wonderful experiences. The adventure sports lovers can enjoy paragliding in toughing heights, rafting in rushing rivers, trekking in the lush rainforests, rock climbing in the abode of Himalayas and zorbing. To promote adventure tourism the State Government has identified Tatapani and Larji dam for white water games for which Mountaineering and Allied Sports Institute Manali is soon going to establish infrastructure and other facilities in both the areas. The tourists will be provided all the modern facilities like hydro-falling, water biking and Jet vetoes, at these points. The state government has been continuously making corrective efforts to safeguard adventure sports in the state. Recently, a 14-day Rafting Exercise class of 25 people was organised by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Mountaineering and Allied Sports Institute, Manali and the candidates who passed the test were issued rafting licenses. To check the eligibility of paragliding pilot, a machine has been set up by the institute which checks the glider's capacity. In addition to these activities, the institute is providing insurance facility to the customers at Rs. 150 for Rs. 5 lakh and Rs. 10 lakh to the pilot at Rs. 550. To boost the adventure activities, the State Government organised a successful international level games event in March 2019 in which 40 teams from different parts of the world participated in various adventure sports like tracking, racing, mountain biking and rafting etc. These adventure races started from Manali and reached Shimla by covering a distance of 450 kms. This event helped in popularising the state as one of the favourite adventure sports destination. The rafting team of the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Mountaineering and Allied Sports Institute represented the country in the World Rafting Championship organized by the World Rafting Federation in June 2019 at Turkey. CM Jai Ram Thakur has also expressed happiness over the achievement of the institute. The president of the world Rafting Federation wrote an appreciation letter to the CM regarding the performance of Indian team. Youth Service Sports Minister Govind Singh Thakur said that Himachal Pradesh is going to represent State in Asian Rafting Championships cup next year.

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For central funds, Himachal Govt demands to declare HPU as Central University

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Summary of Article

has been done online. The University would be fully computerized by end of July this year and counseling of B. Ed. He emphasised that proper planning and research must be done before executing developmental projects so that maximum benefits could be derived. He said that the teachers, students and staff of the University were committed to maintain the "A" grade given by NAAC to the University. He said that the state government would establish special library for visually impaired students in selected colleges and even schools in order to facilitate the students with special ability. He said that the government would provide all possible help to ensure WiFi facility in the University campus. The government would ensure that autonomy of the University was maintained at any cost.

Sentiment

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HP University budget enhances to Rs. 130 crore Special library for visually impaired students in selected colleges and schools Shimla: The state government would take up the matter with the government of India for declaring Himachal Pradesh University (HPU) as Central University so that it could get adequate funds for development and expansion. This was stated by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur in the 50th Foundation Day of the HPU, here today. Jai Ram Thakur announced enhancement of budget of HPU from existing Rs. 115 crore to Rs. 130 crore. The Chief Minister while congratulating the teachers, students and non-teaching members on this occasion said that this University was established with a specific aim to empower the people of Himachal Pradesh through educational process by undertaking teaching, research and outreach programmes and it is heartening to see that it has succeeded in its endeavour. Jai Ram Thakur said the University should be a repository of knowledge, an

instrument of dissemination of knowledge and promoting the traditions, values enshrined in Indian heritage and tradition, for which the teachers should come up with new ideas and concepts. He reiterated to state government commitment to provide adequate infrastructure in the University so as to facilitate the students. He said that due to topographic constraints, the University campus was not well planned and organized. He emphasised that proper planning and research must be done before executing developmental projects so that maximum benefits could be derived. Jai Ram Thakur said that the establishing of library for visually specially-abled students in the University campus is a major initiative of the University. He said that the state government would establish special library for visually impaired students in selected colleges and even schools in order to facilitate the students with special ability. He said that the government would provide all possible help to ensure WiFi facility in the University campus. The Chief Minister said that the state government would provide all possible help for establishing new campus at Ghanahatti as well as for expansion of other activities of the University. The government would ensure that autonomy of the University was maintained at any cost. He said that teachers should also come forward to check the menace of drug abuse amongst the youth of the State. The Chief Minister released University newsletter "Himshikhar", research journals, souvenir and other publications and books on the occasion. Thakur honoured Padamshri Dr. Omesh Bharti for his contribution in providing cost effective treatment of rabies on the occasion. He also honoured teachers, students and employees for their outstanding contributions on the occasion which includes Dr. Sushma Sharma, Dr. Saraswati Bhalla and Dr. Anurag Sharma with best teacher awards. He conferred best researcher award to Prof. Ram Prakash Sharma, Dr. Anita Sharma and Dr. Amarjit Singh. The best employee awards were given to Shrawan Kumar, Jamna Dass and Kewal Krishan. He also honoured students Manisha and Divya. Education Minister Suresh Bhardwaj said the HP University has created a special place for itself. He said that since its establishment in 1970, the University has produced several alumni who have brought laurels to the University and State. Vice Chancellor, HPU Prof. Sikander Kumar, said the fifty years of this university were full of achievements and milestones. He said the students passed out from this University have excelled in various fields, the credit of this goes to the students, teachers and non-teaching staff of the University. He said that the teachers, students and staff of the University were committed to maintain the "A" grade given by NAAC to the University. The University would be fully computerized by end of July this year and counseling of B. Ed. has been done online.

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Cong demands withdrawal of proposal to shift ARTRAC from Shimla, submit memorandum with Governor

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Summary of Article

Congress assured the Governor of solidarity on social issues with the Government. Governor also expressed concern on the issue of increasing drug abuse by the youth of state and asked for support from all Political Parties on the issue. The Governor agreed with the concern of Congress Leaders on issue of scab and asked for support to propagate organic farming in the state. Congress president Kuldeep Singh Rathore, along with other leaders, met state Governor Acharya Devrat today and handed over a memorandum against shifting of ARTRAC from Shimla to Meerut. Himachal Pradesh Congress has demanded to withdrawal of proposal to shift ARTRAC from Shimla.

Sentiment

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Content

Himachal Pradesh Congress has demanded to withdrawal of proposal to shift ARTRAC from Shimla. Congress president Kuldeep Singh Rathore, along with other leaders, met state Governor Acharya Devrat today and handed over a memorandum against shifting of ARTRAC from Shimla to Meerut. Rathore stated that people of Himachal Pradesh has emotional attachment with the institute and shifting it to other place will require creation of new infrastructure and mobilisation cost which will effect employment in Shimla and will be unnecessary burden on national exchequer . Rathore also expressed concern on issue of scab disease on apples fruit and pleaded the Governor to direct state Government to provide quality pesticides to apple growers to deal with the disease. The Governor agreed with the concern of Congress Leaders on issue of scab and asked for support to propagate organic farming in the state. Governor also expressed concern on the issue of increasing drug abuse by the youth of state and asked for support from all Political Parties on the issue. Congress

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OYO nurturing asset owners in Manali and creating quality tourism in Himachal

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Summary of Article

This will also allow creating thousands of jobs in Tier II and III cities by nurturing micro-entrepreneurs in the hospitality sector thus leading to their economic growth. However, due to his lack of experience in the sector, this dream of his couldn't materialise. I did not have the kind of financial backing to ensure occupancy and drive marketing initiatives for my property. Since the year 1995, he toyed with the idea of having his own camping resort and entered into the hospitality business with this vision. Shekhar says, "As a traditional camping site, the only visibility I had was through word of mouth. The app helps to enhance the quality of standalone hotels and improves occupancy from 25% to 65% on an average, increasing the yield on underutilized assets for asset owners. Recently the company also launched OYO Partner Engagement Network (OPEN) a year-long initiative with 6 core promises for 8700+ asset owners in India (only for India).

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As a traditional camping site, the only visibility I had was through word of mouth. I did not have the kind of financial backing to ensure occupancy and drive marketing initiatives for my property. This is where the OYO's model felt very unique and rewarding: Camp site owner Manali's natural beauty has a captivating sight marked with snowy capped towering mountains, deep gorges, lush green valleys and fast flowing rivers. The tourism industry in Himachal Pradesh has been rapidly growing and empowering people through various employment opportunities. Utilising the potential of curating unique experiences for tourists, OYO Hotels & Homes has been empowering asset owners across the country. One such successful hotelier Chandra Shekhar a resident of Manali is not only an asset owner but also a seasoned teacher at a private school and is

adorning two hats at once. Since the year 1995, he toyed with the idea of having his own camping resort and entered into the hospitality business with this vision. However, due to his lack of experience in the sector, this dream of his couldn't materialise. Being a person of great mettle and possessing an entrepreneurial spirit he took it upon himself to start afresh and reverse the losses by collaborating with OYO a brand steadily making its mark in the hospitality sector in Manali. Ever since his property was on-boarded on OYO, he witnessed a manifold jump in occupancy and visibility. He has always been passionate about creating unique experiences for his guests which he believes gives him a high that he believes that no salary or job can give. His resort OYO 36903 Retro valley Camping Resort boasts a view of mountains and apple orchards to all the guests who stay at his hotel. Shekhar says, "As a traditional camping site, the only visibility I had was through word of mouth. I did not have the kind of financial backing to ensure occupancy and drive marketing initiatives for my property. This is where the OYO's model felt very unique and rewarding. The best part about OYO is how they helped me gain visibility through online and offline channels which ensured a huge spike in occupancy. It has only been a couple of months but I can see a big difference in the way we would function before and after collaborating with OYO. I personally take great pride in actively participating in the day to day functioning of my property be it in the kitchen or managing guest relations. I am confident that with OYO's continuous support I shall be able to open other campsite properties in the near future" OYO Hotels & Homes, has revolutionized the budget hotel industry by offering great customer experience and creating micro-entrepreneurs in the city. While the guests receive quality-ensured accommodations across different formats, OYO has given asset owners a chance to run a viable business in the hospitality industry by providing technology, reach and branding in the hands of small, budget hotel owners in the city. A success story like that of Shekhar is reflective of how OYO helps asset owners with the operational capabilities and technology that enables them to compete with big hotel chains and achieve high occupancies and, therefore, yields. OYO ensures every hotel that gets onboard is upgraded to match the OYO standards. With over 150 quality checks in place, OYO's on-ground team of civil experts work round-the-clock to ensure standardization across in-room amenities, hotel offerings and overall services, promoting a value-driven customer experience. This helps drive consumer satisfaction and ultimately ensure guest loyalty. Additionally, OYO works closely with asset owners across geographies to help them realize business goals and point out what is working well and what could be done better. Recently the company also launched OYO Partner Engagement Network (OPEN) a year-long initiative with 6 core promises for 8700+ asset owners in India (only for India). It further introduced an upgraded Co-OYO app for asset owners that provides complete visibility on all business & customer metrics. The app helps to enhance the quality of standalone hotels and improves occupancy from 25% to 65% on an average, increasing the yield on underutilized assets for asset owners. Further to the above OYO also sanctions financial support for overhauling the property, while extending additional support like equipping the hotel with LED televisions, AC, Wi-Fi, CCTV, Dish TV, quality linen, etc. This will also allow creating thousands of jobs in Tier II and III cities by nurturing micro-entrepreneurs in the hospitality sector thus leading to their economic growth.

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Summary of Article

The BJP has got almost 70 percent of vote share in Himachal, which is highest. In 17th Lok Sabha, BJP candidates Anurag Thakur, Ram Swaroop Sharma, Suresh kashyap and Kishan Kapoor won comfortably. Suresh Kashyap got 6,06,183 votes whereas Dhani Ram Shandil got 2,78,668 votes. Anurag Thakur polled 682692 votes, while his nearest opponent Congress candidate Ram Lal Thakur got 283120 votes. Kishan Kapoor got 725218 votes while Pawan Kajal got 247595 votes. BJP candidates have registered thumping lead in all 68 assembly constituencies. Ram Swaroop Sharma secured 6,47,189 votes whereas Aashray Sharma got 2,41,730 votes.

Sentiment

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Content

Shimla: In Lok Sabha Election 2019, the BJP has registred thumping victory in all four parliamentary segment in Himachal Pradesh. In 17th Lok Sabha, BJP candidates Anurag Thakur, Ram Swaroop Sharma, Suresh kashyap and Kishan Kapoor won comfortably. From Hamirpur parliamentary constituency BJP candidate Anurag Thakur decimated Congress candidate Ram Lal Thakur with record 399572 margin. Anurag Thakur polled 682692 votes, while his nearest opponent Congress candidate Ram Lal Thakur got 283120 votes. Interestingly 8026 voters pressed NOTA option which is third highest in Hamirpur Parliamentary. In Kangra segment Kishan Kapoor has been declared elected by defeating his nearest rival Pawan Kajal of INC by a margin of 477623 votes. Kishan Kapoor got 725218 votes while Pawan Kajal got 247595 votes. 11327 voters opted for NOTA option. From Shimla reserved Parliamentary constituency BJP candidate Suresh Kashyap defeated his nearest rival Dhani Ram Shandil of INC by a margin of 3,27,515 votes. Suresh Kashyap got 6,06,183 votes whereas Dhani Ram Shandil got 2,78,668 votes. 8357 voters opted for NOTA option as well. In

Mandi Parliamentary constituency, Ram Swaroop Sharma has defeated his nearest rival of INC Aashray Sharma by a margin of 4,05,459 votes. Ram Swaroop Sharma secured 6,47,189 votes whereas Aashray Sharma got 2,41,730 votes. 5298 electorates also opted for NOTA. BJP candidates have registered thumping lead in all 68 assembly constituencies. The BJP has got almost 70 percent of vote share in Himachal, which is highest.

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Summary of Article

Apart from Shimla, another prominent destination Mcleodganj and other places in periphery in Dharamshala town have also been developed. As of now Shimla MC could have developed parking facility for about 5000 vehicles and the city has around 80k registered vehicles in the city. The Craignano Nature Park offers different kind of flowers, tree house, pristine deodar, rhododendron and oak forest while adventure parks at Kufri and Fagu are delight among the tourists. Similarly, Kullu-Manali are also the most famous destinations among the tourists that offers the thrill of river-rafting, paragliding and other adventure activities in Solang Valley. For those interested in adventure sports, Dharamshala offers a vast range in the form of paragliding at Bir-Billing, trekking at Triund and to Dhauladhar range. For the tourists wishing to witness snow all round the year, the administration has made special arrangements for their visit to Rohtang Pass, 51 kilometers away from Manali. Besides, one can also enjoy the nature walking trail amid cool weather of hills at Mashobra, Naldehra and Chail.

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Himachal Pradesh has emerged as one of the favourite destination for the domestic and overseas tourists in the past few years and keeping this in view, the state government is under pressure to provide best facilities and add more attractions to facilitate the tourists at the famous destinations. The administration emphasizing to improve basic amenities in prominent places like Shimla, Kullu-Manali, Dharamshala, Janjehli, Kasauli and Dalhousie which are full of natural wonders and most visited by the tourists. Once the summer capital of British India, Shimla is one of the most popular hill destinations that retains its colonial heritage with grand old buildings besides being blessed with all the natural bounties. Known as 'the 'Queen of Hills',

Shimla administration battling to provide parking facilities for the tourists. As of now Shimla MC could have developed parking facility for about 5000 vehicles and the city has around 80k registered vehicles in the city. That's why many vehicles can be seen parked on most part of the road. Shimla city had witnessed worst water crises in the summer of 2018 and to avoid it in this summer the state government meticulously worked on it and this summer city is getting 45 to 50 million litre water per day (MLD) to the town as compared to 28 MLD average during last year which is more than sufficient to meet the demand of local residents as well as tourists. Keeping in view the tourist inflow on weekends, the water lifting is also being increased to 55 to 60 MLD so that the tourists get ample water. In order to augment the water availability at Gumma source by 10 MLD, a new water supply scheme to link river Satluj at Chaba with Gumma has also been established. Administration has also tried to develop few more facilities at nearby places like Nature Park at Cragano, Mashobra and Naldehra, Fagu, Kufri, Chail etc., the tourists now have more options to spend extra days in the town. The Cragano Nature Park offers different kind of flowers, tree house, pristine deodar, rhododendron and oak forest while adventure parks at Kufri and Fagu are delight among the tourists. Besides, one can also enjoy the nature walking trail amid cool weather of hills at Mashobra, Naldehra and Chail. A new lift with additional capacity connecting the cart road to the Mall road has been installed in the town to facilitate the tourists. The State Police has also deployed special police personnel's at prominent places in order to guide/help tourists. The famous Jakhoo Temple has been connected with a rope way. Shimla is also well connected with air service with Delhi and Chandigarh. Apart from Shimla, another prominent destination McLeodganj and other places in periphery in Dharamshala town have also been developed. For those interested in adventure sports, Dharamshala offers a vast range in the form of paragliding at Bir-Billing, trekking at Triund and to Dhauladhar range. Similarly, Kullu-Manali are also the most famous destinations among the tourists that offers the thrill of river-rafting, paragliding and other adventure activities in Solang Valley. The area also offers trekking opportunities to hard core trekkers who intend to go on to easy treks and can even reach areas of Great Himalayan National Park and reach Lahaul-Spiti also. For the tourists wishing to witness snow all round the year, the administration has made special arrangements for their visit to Rohtang Pass, 51 kilometers away from Manali. Now the tourists can avail the online permit facility for the vehicle which would be allowed to go to the 13,050 feet high pass. The Kullu-Manali valley has been attracting Bollywood in the past and many popular Hindi films have been shot here in its beautiful locales. Apart from regular air services between Delhi, Shimla, Kullu and Dharamshala, now helicopter service under UDAN scheme from Chandigarh to Shimla and further from Shimla to Kullu and Dharamshala has now been made operational and bookings can be done online at portal: www.pawanhans.co.in. In Chamba district, hill stations of Dalhousie and Khajjiar are also favourite destinations of the tourists. At Khajjiar, the tourists have the option for trekking and hiking. The scenic valley of Janjehli and Kamru Nag Lake in Mandi district, Chail and Kasauli in Solan district, Churdhar peak and Sri Renuka ji in Sirmour are among the other beautiful destinations in the State, which are being developed on priority.

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Dr Parvinder Kaushal today took over as the new Vice-Chancellor of the Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry (UHF), Nauni. The notification of his appointment was released by the Governor's Secretariat, Himachal Pradesh. Dr Parvinder Kaushal, belongs from Kahnani Village of Nalagarh in Solan district of Himachal Pradesh. Before joining, Dr Kaushal was serving as the Vice-Chancellor of Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi, Jharkhand. An alumnus of UHF Nauni, Dr Kaushal has completed his M.Sc. Forestry from the University. He got his doctorate in Forestry from University of Nancy, France. Dr Parvinder Kaushal has been actively involved in teaching, research and development, extension and administration for the past 35 years during which he served different Institutions and universities in different capacities. Prominent among these are Indian Council for Forestry Research and Education Dehradun (1979-1981), Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiana (1981-1992) as

Assistant and Associate Professor and as Dean. Faculty of Forestry at Birsa Agriculture University, Ranchi, Jharkhand (2005-2009). Speaking on the occasion Dr Kaushal thanked Governor of Himachal Pradesh Acharya Devvrat, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur and the entire Cabinet of ministers for giving him this opportunity to serve the agricultural community of the state and the country. He said that sincere efforts will be made to establish the university among the top institutions in the country through world class education, research and extension activities. Dr Kaushal has published more than 100 research papers and technical reports, and has authored over 13 books chapters/manual. He has participated in 26 world congresses and international conferences and has handled 63 Projects. He is recipient of National Award for young scientist in 1989 and Himachal Shri Award in 2014. He was also awarded French Govt. Fellowship for Doctoral research 1984. In addition, he has visited several countries including France, Italy, United Kingdom, Mexico, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Belgium, Holland, Spain, Estonia, Canada, Finland, Turkey, Malaysia and Sri Lanka for presentation of papers and in exposure visits. Dr. Parvinder Kaushal has served as member of various important committees and groups including Regional Deans' Committee for South Asia 2009; Member of National Core Group (ICAR) to review and restructure PG course curricula in Agricultural Sciences; Convener of Broad Subject Matter Area Committee (BSMA) in Forestry ICAR 2007; Member of Quinquennial Review Team (QRT), ICAR for Indian Institute of Natural Resins and Gums (IINRG) for the period 2001-2007; member of the Peer Review Team (ICAR Accreditation Board) for accreditation of Sher-e-kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology, Srinagar (2008); Member various UGC expert committees on Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry, Environment, Skill development etc. 2013-2016; Member Research Advisory Committee constituted by Indian Council For Agricultural Research for ICAR-Central Agro-forestry Research Institute Jhansi. UP (2015-17). Dr Kaushal has served as Deputy Leader of International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO), Research Group on 'Forest Stand Establishment Operations and Techniques' (2000-05). He had been Chairman of IUFRO Working Party on Plantations Establishment (1990-2000).

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Summary of Article

Apart from Shimla, another prominent destination Mcleodganj and other places in periphery in Dharamshala town have also been developed. As of now Shimla MC could have developed parking facility for about 5000 vehicles and the city has around 80k registered vehicles in the city. The Craignano Nature Park offers different kind of flowers, tree house, pristine deodar, rhododendron and oak forest while adventure parks at Kufri and Fagu are delight among the tourists. Similarly, Kullu-Manali are also the most famous destinations among the tourists that offers the thrill of river-rafting, paragliding and other adventure activities in Solang Valley. For those interested in adventure sports, Dharamshala offers a vast range in the form of paragliding at Bir-Billing, trekking at Triund and to Dhauladhar range. For the tourists wishing to witness snow all round the year, the administration has made special arrangements for their visit to Rohtang Pass, 51 kilometers away from Manali. Besides, one can also enjoy the nature walking trail amid cool weather of hills at Mashobra, Naldehra and Chail.

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Himachal Pradesh has emerged as one of the favourite destination for the domestic and overseas tourists in the past few years and keeping this in view, the state government is under pressure to provide best facilities and add more attractions to facilitate the tourists at the famous destinations. The administration emphasizing to improve basic amenities in prominent places like Shimla, Kullu-Manali, Dharamshala, Janjehli, Kasauli and Dalhousie which are full of natural wonders and most visited by the tourists. Once the summer capital of British India, Shimla is one of the most popular hill destinations that retains its colonial heritage with grand old buildings besides being blessed with all the natural bounties. Known as 'the 'Queen of Hills',

Shimla administration battling to provide parking facilities for the tourists. As of now Shimla MC could have developed parking facility for about 5000 vehicles and the city has around 80k registered vehicles in the city. That's why many vehicles can be seen parked on most part of the road. Shimla city had witnessed worst water crises in the summer of 2018 and to avoid it in this summer the state government meticulously worked on it and this summer city is getting 45 to 50 million litre water per day (MLD) to the town as compared to 28 MLD average during last year which is more than sufficient to meet the demand of local residents as well as tourists. Keeping in view the tourist inflow on weekends, the water lifting is also being increased to 55 to 60 MLD so that the tourists get ample water. In order to augment the water availability at Gumma source by 10 MLD, a new water supply scheme to link river Satluj at Chaba with Gumma has also been established. Administration has also tried to develop few more facilities at nearby places like Nature Park at Cragano, Mashobra and Naldehra, Fagu, Kufri, Chail etc., the tourists now have more options to spend extra days in the town. The Cragano Nature Park offers different kind of flowers, tree house, pristine deodar, rhododendron and oak forest while adventure parks at Kufri and Fagu are delight among the tourists. Besides, one can also enjoy the nature walking trail amid cool weather of hills at Mashobra, Naldehra and Chail. A new lift with additional capacity connecting the cart road to the Mall road has been installed in the town to facilitate the tourists. The State Police has also deployed special police personnel's at prominent places in order to guide/help tourists. The famous Jakhoo Temple has been connected with a rope way. Shimla is also well connected with air service with Delhi and Chandigarh. Apart from Shimla, another prominent destination McLeodganj and other places in periphery in Dharamshala town have also been developed. For those interested in adventure sports, Dharamshala offers a vast range in the form of paragliding at Bir-Billing, trekking at Triund and to Dhauladhar range. Similarly, Kullu-Manali are also the most famous destinations among the tourists that offers the thrill of river-rafting, paragliding and other adventure activities in Solang Valley. The area also offers trekking opportunities to hard core trekkers who intend to go on to easy treks and can even reach areas of Great Himalayan National Park and reach Lahaul-Spiti also. For the tourists wishing to witness snow all round the year, the administration has made special arrangements for their visit to Rohtang Pass, 51 kilometers away from Manali. Now the tourists can avail the online permit facility for the vehicle which would be allowed to go to the 13,050 feet high pass. The Kullu-Manali valley has been attracting Bollywood in the past and many popular Hindi films have been shot here in its beautiful locales. Apart from regular air services between Delhi, Shimla, Kullu and Dharamshala, now helicopter service under UDAN scheme from Chandigarh to Shimla and further from Shimla to Kullu and Dharamshala has now been made operational and bookings can be done online at portal: www.pawanhans.co.in. In Chamba district, hill stations of Dalhousie and Khajjiar are also favourite destinations of the tourists. At Khajjiar, the tourists have the option for trekking and hiking. The scenic valley of Janjehli and Kamru Nag Lake in Mandi district, Chail and Kasauli in Solan district, Churdhar peak and Sri Renuka ji in Sirmour are among the other beautiful destinations in the State, which are being developed on priority.

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Summary of Article

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Shimla: Himachal Pradesh Congress staged protest against arrest of INC General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi while on way to meet violence affected adivasi people in Sonbhadar District of Uttar Pradesh. Hundreds of Congress activists and workers gathered near Congress Office Rajiv Bhawan Shimla and burnt effigy of UP Chief Minister Yogi Aditya Nath in protest against illegal detention of Priyanka Gandhi. Congress state President Kuldeep Singh Rathore termed arrest of Priyanka Gandhi as murder of democracy and autocratic behaviour of BJP after coming in power both at Centre and UP is dangerous for democratic values of our country which our leaders and freedom fighters had preserved till now. Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra was detained at Chunar guest house in Mirzapur on Friday after she sat on dharna to insist that she be allowed to go to Sonbhadra to meet the families of those killed and injured in the firing on Wednesday. Party leaders later staged protests in several districts against the police action to stop her from going to Sonbhadra. मैंने यह स्पष्ट करते हुए कि मैं किसी धारा का उल्लंघन करने नहीं बल्कि पीड़ितों से मिलने आयी थी सरकार के दूतों से कहा है कि बिना मिले मैं यहाँ से वापस नहीं जाऊँगी। - Priyanka Gandhi

Vadra (@priyankagandhi) July 19, 2019 Gandhi claimed that she had not violated any law and just want to meet the victims' family. She stated that if meeting victims is crime, govt can put me in jail. अगर सरकार पीड़ितों से मिलने के अपराध के लिए मुझे जेल में डालना चाहें तो मैं इसके लिए पूरी तरह से तैयार हूँ। - Priyanka Gandhi Vadra (@priyankagandhi) July 19, 2019 Finally met the families of the Ubbha massacre. What they have been through is unimaginably brutal and unjust. Every single Indian should stand with them in the name of humanity. pic.twitter.com/232oJITUjj - Priyanka Gandhi Vadra (@priyankagandhi) July 20, 2019 Condemning arrest of Priyanka Gandhi, State Congress leader Rajneesh Kimta stated instead of arresting main accused the BJP led UP government has arrested Congress leader.

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The News Himachal JP Nadda appointed BJP's Working President, Amit Shah to remain party chief

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Summary of Article

After Prem Kumar Dhumal formed a government, he inducted Nadda in his cabinet, as cabinet minister responsible for Forest, Environment, Science and Technology, from 2008 to 2010. In 2014, during a cabinet reshuffle, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made Nadda, the Minister of Health. Nadda did not seek re-election to the Legislative Assembly in 2012, and instead got elected to Rajya Sabha, Indian Parliament's upper chamber. The meeting was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, home minister Amit Shah and defence minister Rajnath Singh, who are all members of the BJP's parliamentary board. The decision was taken at the meeting of the parliamentary board, the highest decision-making body, of the BJP. Even when he was part of the Modi cabinet in the government's first term in office, he held some important posts in the party hierarchy. During his first term, he served as the Leader of his party group in the H.P.

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The ruling BJP on Monday appointed former health minister Jagat Prakash Nadda as its working president. The decision was taken at the meeting of the parliamentary board, the highest decision-making body, of the BJP. Newly appointed Home Minister Amit Shah will remain BJP's national president. The meeting was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, home minister Amit Shah and defence minister Rajnath Singh, who are all members of the BJP's parliamentary board. Since the appointment of Amit Shah as Home Minister it was speculated of appointing new party chief. Nadda's appointment as the working president of the ruling party was being speculated after he was not made a member of the Union council of ministers. Even when he was part of the Modi cabinet in the government's first term in office, he held some important posts in the party hierarchy. In

the run-up to the 2019 general elections, Nadda was in-charge of BJP's election campaign in Uttar Pradesh, where the party faced a tough challenge following the alliance between the Samajwadi Party and Bahujan Samaj Party. JP Nadda has long political career started from student politics. He was first elected to the Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly in the election of 1993 and subsequently re-elected in 1998. During his first term, he served as the Leader of his party group in the H.P. Legislative Assembly, from 1994 to 1998. He was the Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Parliamentary Affairs during his second term. Nadda was elected for another term in the 2007 elections. After Prem Kumar Dhumal formed a government, he inducted Nadda in his cabinet, as cabinet minister responsible for Forest, Environment, Science and Technology, from 2008 to 2010. Nadda did not seek re-election to the Legislative Assembly in 2012, and instead got elected to Rajya Sabha, Indian Parliament's upper chamber. In 2014, during a cabinet reshuffle, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made Nadda, the Minister of Health.

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has been done online. The University would be fully computerized by end of July this year and counseling of B. Ed. He emphasised that proper planning and research must be done before executing developmental projects so that maximum benefits could be derived. He said that the teachers, students and staff of the University were committed to maintain the "A" grade given by NAAC to the University. He said that the state government would establish special library for visually impaired students in selected colleges and even schools in order to facilitate the students with special ability. He said that the government would provide all possible help to ensure WiFi facility in the University campus. The government would ensure that autonomy of the University was maintained at any cost.

Sentiment

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HP University budget enhances to Rs. 130 crore Special library for visually impaired students in selected colleges and schools Shimla: The state government would take up the matter with the government of India for declaring Himachal Pradesh University (HPU) as Central University so that it could get adequate funds for development and expansion. This was stated by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur in the 50th Foundation Day of the HPU, here today. Jai Ram Thakur announced enhancement of budget of HPU from existing Rs. 115 crore to Rs. 130 crore. The Chief Minister while congratulating the teachers, students and non-teaching members on this occasion said that this University was established with a specific aim to empower the people of Himachal Pradesh through educational process by undertaking teaching, research and outreach programmes and it is heartening to see that it has succeeded in its endeavour. Jai Ram Thakur said the University should be a repository of knowledge, an

instrument of dissemination of knowledge and promoting the traditions, values enshrined in Indian heritage and tradition, for which the teachers should come up with new ideas and concepts. He reiterated to state government commitment to provide adequate infrastructure in the University so as to facilitate the students. He said that due to topographic constraints, the University campus was not well planned and organized. He emphasised that proper planning and research must be done before executing developmental projects so that maximum benefits could be derived. Jai Ram Thakur said that the establishing of library for visually specially-abled students in the University campus is a major initiative of the University. He said that the state government would establish special library for visually impaired students in selected colleges and even schools in order to facilitate the students with special ability. He said that the government would provide all possible help to ensure WiFi facility in the University campus. The Chief Minister said that the state government would provide all possible help for establishing new campus at Ghanahatti as well as for expansion of other activities of the University. The government would ensure that autonomy of the University was maintained at any cost. He said that teachers should also come forward to check the menace of drug abuse amongst the youth of the State. The Chief Minister released University newsletter "Himshikhar", research journals, souvenir and other publications and books on the occasion. Thakur honoured Padamshri Dr. Omesh Bharti for his contribution in providing cost effective treatment of rabies on the occasion. He also honoured teachers, students and employees for their outstanding contributions on the occasion which includes Dr. Sushma Sharma, Dr. Saraswati Bhalla and Dr. Anurag Sharma with best teacher awards. He conferred best researcher award to Prof. Ram Prakash Sharma, Dr. Anita Sharma and Dr. Amarjit Singh. The best employee awards were given to Shrawan Kumar, Jamna Dass and Kewal Krishan. He also honoured students Manisha and Divya. Education Minister Suresh Bhardwaj said the HP University has created a special place for itself. He said that since its establishment in 1970, the University has produced several alumni who have brought laurels to the University and State. Vice Chancellor, HPU Prof. Sikander Kumar, said the fifty years of this university were full of achievements and milestones. He said the students passed out from this University have excelled in various fields, the credit of this goes to the students, teachers and non-teaching staff of the University. He said that the teachers, students and staff of the University were committed to maintain the "A" grade given by NAAC to the University. The University would be fully computerized by end of July this year and counseling of B. Ed. has been done online.

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Summary of Article

Kalraj Mishra won the Parliament Elections 2014 from Deoria constituency and thereafter was appointed as a Cabinet Minister in the Modi government. He contended from Lucknow East assembly constituency and won the seat for BJP. He was elected as an MLA many times and was also appointed as a Rajya Sabha member. During his political career he occupied many positions in the government. After serving as a minister under various governments in Uttar Pradesh, Kalraj Mishra fought direct elections in 2012 on the BJP ticket. Rana, State Minister of Labour Welfare Council, Uttar Pradesh Sunil Bhardwaj, Chairman State Public Service Commission Maj General D.V.S Rana, Mayor, Kusum Sadret, DGP S.R. Mardi, Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of various Boards and Corporations, Vice-Chancellors of Universities, senior officers of the army, police and civil were also present on the occasion.

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Shimla: Kalraj Mishra sworn in as the Governor of Himachal Pradesh in a simple but impressive ceremony held at Raj Bhawan here today. Chief Justice of HP High Court Justice V. Ramasubramanian administered the oath of office and secrecy to him. The Governor was also given Guard of Honour on the occasion. Chief Secretary B.K. Agarwal read out the warrant of appointment. Secretary to the Governor Rakesh Kanwar obtained signature of the Governor on the charge certificate. Governor of Punjab V.P. Singh Badnore, Speaker H.P. Vidhan Sabha Dr. Rajiv Bindal, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, Former Chief Ministers Virbhadr Singh and Prem Kumar Dhumal, Irrigation & Public Health Minister Mahender Singh Thakur, Education Minister Suresh Bhardwaj, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Minister Virender Kanwar, Industries Minister Bikram Singh, Forest Minister Govind Singh, Social Justice & Empowerment Minister Dr. Rajiv Saizal,

Leader of Opposition Mukesh Agnihotri, Judges of H.P High Court, Deputy Speaker Hans Raj, MLAs, Chairman State Consumer & Redressal Commission P.S. Rana, State Minister of Labour Welfare Council, Uttar Pradesh Sunil Bhardwaj, Chairman State Public Service Commission Maj General D.V.S Rana, Mayor, Kusum Sadret, DGP S.R. Mardi, Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of various Boards and Corporations, Vice-Chancellors of Universities, senior officers of the army, police and civil were also present on the occasion. Kalraj Mishra Political biography Veteran politician Kalraj Mishra, a fourth son of a middle class Brahmin agriculturist family of a very small village Malikpur (Saidpur) of Gazipur District, became politically active at very young age. During his political career he occupied many positions in the government. Apart from being the party chief, Mishra held the portfolios of Public Works, Medical Education and Tourism. He was elected as an MLA many times and was also appointed as a Rajya Sabha member. During his tenure, he formulated the Road Development Policy in UP under which many link roads to connect villages were constructed. He was elected as the member of Rajya Sabha thrice in 1978, 2001 and 2006. Kalraj Mishra started a campaign wherein all state highways would be made crater free. He also played a major role in the formation of Uttarakhand. After serving as a minister under various governments in Uttar Pradesh, Kalraj Mishra fought direct elections in 2012 on the BJP ticket. He contended from Lucknow East assembly constituency and won the seat for BJP. Kalraj Mishra won the Parliament Elections 2014 from Deoria constituency and thereafter was appointed as a Cabinet Minister in the Modi government.

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Himachal Pradesh is making its name as adventure hub of India and has earned special identity at international level in adventure sports. The State has moved forward in the field of adventure sports and adventure tourism under the auspices of Atal Bihari Vajpayee Mountaineering and Allied Sports Institute, Manali. With an aim of enhancing the adventure sports and tourism activities the state the state government has founded Atal Bihari Vajpayee Mountaineering and Allied Sports Institute at Manali 1961. Through this institute the government is offering specialized training courses for skiers, trekkers and mountaineers from across the country. They also assist government in conducting search and rescue operations in the snow-covered slopes and treacherous trekking routes under freezing condition as they have skilled manpower trained in rescue operations in

high-altitude mountainous areas and its services are requisitioned whenever trekkers or tourists go missing. Given to the climatic conditions and geography of Himachal Pradesh, the State Government is offering several adventure and recreational activities. The state offers once-in-lifetime adventures apart from the picturesque scenery and wonderful experiences. The adventure sports lovers can enjoy paragliding in toughing heights, rafting in rushing rivers, trekking in the lush rainforests, rock climbing in the abode of Himalayas and zorbing. To promote adventure tourism the State Government has identified Tatapani and Larji dam for white water games for which Mountaineering and Allied Sports Institute Manali is soon going to establish infrastructure and other facilities in both the areas. The tourists will be provided all the modern facilities like hydro-falling, water biking and Jet vetoes, at these points. The state government has been continuously making corrective efforts to safeguard adventure sports in the state. Recently, a 14-day Rafting Exercise class of 25 people was organised by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Mountaineering and Allied Sports Institute, Manali and the candidates who passed the test were issued rafting licenses. To check the eligibility of paragliding pilot, a machine has been set up by the institute which checks the glider's capacity. In addition to these activities, the institute is providing insurance facility to the customers at Rs. 150 for Rs. 5 lakh and Rs. 10 lakh to the pilot at Rs. 550. To boost the adventure activities, the State Government organised a successful international level games event in March 2019 in which 40 teams from different parts of the world participated in various adventure sports like tracking, racing, mountain biking and rafting etc. These adventure races started from Manali and reached Shimla by covering a distance of 450 kms. This event helped in popularising the state as one of the favourite adventure sports destination. The rafting team of the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Mountaineering and Allied Sports Institute represented the country in the World Rafting Championship organized by the World Rafting Federation in June 2019 at Turkey. CM Jai Ram Thakur has also expressed happiness over the achievement of the institute. The president of the world Rafting Federation wrote an appreciation letter to the CM regarding the performance of Indian team. Youth Service Sports Minister Govind Singh Thakur said that Himachal Pradesh is going to represent State in Asian Rafting Championships cup next year.

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and the lowest in Lahaul & Spiti. The First voter of Independent India Shyam Saran Negi aged 102 years made sure to cast his vote for 32nd time and 17th time for Lok Sabha elections. He was given a red carpet welcome by the administration for his encouraging spirit to contribute towards making of democracy. He reached his Booth set up at Government Primary School, Kalpa at around 11 a.m. falling under Mandi Parliamentary constituency and was accorded a warm welcome besides he was also honored with a shawl and a cap. Devesh Kumar informed that voting was held at Tashigang, the highest polling station of the Country situated at a height of 15,256 feet, where voters turned up in their traditional attire to cast their vote and also danced to the tune of traditional music. He said that despite challenges like reaching out to polling stations such as remotest Bara-Bhangal, bad weather and tough geographical conditions in the tribal areas as Chask-Bhatori and Thandal of Pangi in Kangra PC, Shakti polling station at Banjar in Mandi PC, where polling party had to travel 20 kilometers on foot to reach out the polling station and another polling station Pandar in Dodra Kwar area in Shimla PC, where the polling party had to travel around six kilometers through tough terrain, the Election department left no stone unturned to uphold ECI's motto of 'no voter to be left behind'

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Mahajan, Director IMD Shima Dr. Manmohan Singh, Principal Scientific Officer, HIMCOSTE Dr. S.S. Randhawa and Director-cum-Special Secretary (DMC) D.C. Rana were present in the meeting. Associate Professor IIT Roorkee Dr. Kamal, Dean-School of Earth & Environment Sciences Central University Himachal Pradesh, Kangra Prof. A.K. IIT Roorkee sent proposal to establish Earthquake Early Warning System To mitigate the seismic hazards, Himachal Pradesh Government is mulling to install Earthquake Early Warning System. The warning may be communicated to the general public by a network of sirens. He said that according to IIT Roorkee’s proposal Himachal Pradesh may put earthquake sensors in different parts of the State which will detect earthquake activities in real time. He revealed that the IIT Roorkee had sent a proposal to the State Government to establish Earthquake Early Warning System. Sharma emphasized that Earthquake Early Warning System could be an effort in the direction to mitigate the seismic hazards in the state.

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Earning System in Uttarakhand with the help of State Government which is running very effectively by generating database of earthquake events, generating public awareness and detailed research on seismic activities. He said that according to IIT Roorkee's proposal Himachal Pradesh may put earthquake sensors in different parts of the State which will detect earthquake activities in real time. The warning may be communicated to the general public by a network of sirens. If the earthquake has its epicenter in Kangra or Mandi regions, the people in the State Capital may get lead time to take action say by 30 to 35 seconds. Similarly, the expected lead time to the major cities if 1905 Kangra earthquake repeats in the region would be Solan 42 seconds, Mandi 20 seconds, Dalhausie 8 seconds, Dehradun 77 seconds, Chandigarh 43 seconds, Ludhiana 37 seconds, Amritsar 38 seconds, Panipat 93 seconds and Delhi 123 seconds. Sharma said that timely action may save many lives if there is earthquake in the State in future and such an early warning system is in place and institutionalized and such EEWS will help generating database of earthquakes in the state and generating mass awareness on earthquake safety. After detailed deliberations, Onkar Sharma said the State Government may consider and more discussion will be held to take up this proposal to minimize the expected loss and damage due to impending earthquakes in the State of high magnitude in future by creating a culture of safety, improving the mock exercises familiarities and awareness for earthquake safety in general public. Associate Professor IIT Roorkee Dr. Kamal, Dean-School of Earth & Environment Sciences Central University Himachal Pradesh, Kangra Prof. A.K. Mahajan, Director IMD Shima Dr. Manmohan Singh, Principal Scientific Officer, HIMCOSTE Dr. S.S. Randhawa and Director-cum-Special Secretary (DMC) D.C. Rana were present in the meeting.

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As a traditional camping site, the only visibility I had was through word of mouth. I did not have the kind of financial backing to ensure occupancy and drive marketing initiatives for my property. This is where the OYO's model felt very unique and rewarding: Camp site owner Manali's natural beauty has a captivating sight marked with snowy capped towering mountains, deep gorges, lush green valleys and fast flowing rivers. The tourism industry in Himachal Pradesh has been rapidly growing and empowering people through various employment opportunities. Utilising the potential of curating unique experiences for tourists, OYO Hotels & Homes has been empowering asset owners across the country. One such successful hotelier Chandra Shekhar a resident of Manali is not only an asset owner but also a seasoned teacher at a private school and is

adorning two hats at once. Since the year 1995, he toyed with the idea of having his own camping resort and entered into the hospitality business with this vision. However, due to his lack of experience in the sector, this dream of his couldn't materialise. Being a person of great mettle and possessing an entrepreneurial spirit he took it upon himself to start afresh and reverse the losses by collaborating with OYO a brand steadily making its mark in the hospitality sector in Manali. Ever since his property was on-boarded on OYO, he witnessed a manifold jump in occupancy and visibility. He has always been passionate about creating unique experiences for his guests which he believes gives him a high that he believes that no salary or job can give. His resort OYO 36903 Retro valley Camping Resort boasts a view of mountains and apple orchards to all the guests who stay at his hotel. Shekhar says, "As a traditional camping site, the only visibility I had was through word of mouth. I did not have the kind of financial backing to ensure occupancy and drive marketing initiatives for my property. This is where the OYO's model felt very unique and rewarding. The best part about OYO is how they helped me gain visibility through online and offline channels which ensured a huge spike in occupancy. It has only been a couple of months but I can see a big difference in the way we would function before and after collaborating with OYO. I personally take great pride in actively participating in the day to day functioning of my property be it in the kitchen or managing guest relations. I am confident that with OYO's continuous support I shall be able to open other campsite properties in the near future" OYO Hotels & Homes, has revolutionized the budget hotel industry by offering great customer experience and creating micro-entrepreneurs in the city. While the guests receive quality-ensured accommodations across different formats, OYO has given asset owners a chance to run a viable business in the hospitality industry by providing technology, reach and branding in the hands of small, budget hotel owners in the city. A success story like that of Shekhar is reflective of how OYO helps asset owners with the operational capabilities and technology that enables them to compete with big hotel chains and achieve high occupancies and, therefore, yields. OYO ensures every hotel that gets onboard is upgraded to match the OYO standards. With over 150 quality checks in place, OYO's on-ground team of civil experts work round-the-clock to ensure standardization across in-room amenities, hotel offerings and overall services, promoting a value-driven customer experience. This helps drive consumer satisfaction and ultimately ensure guest loyalty. Additionally, OYO works closely with asset owners across geographies to help them realize business goals and point out what is working well and what could be done better. Recently the company also launched OYO Partner Engagement Network (OPEN) a year-long initiative with 6 core promises for 8700+ asset owners in India (only for India). It further introduced an upgraded Co-OYO app for asset owners that provides complete visibility on all business & customer metrics. The app helps to enhance the quality of standalone hotels and improves occupancy from 25% to 65% on an average, increasing the yield on underutilized assets for asset owners. Further to the above OYO also sanctions financial support for overhauling the property, while extending additional support like equipping the hotel with LED televisions, AC, Wi-Fi, CCTV, Dish TV, quality linen, etc. This will also allow creating thousands of jobs in Tier II and III cities by nurturing micro-entrepreneurs in the hospitality sector thus leading to their economic growth.

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In Lok Sabha Election 2019, overall turnout percentage for the state stood at 72.25 which is 07.80 percent higher as compared to 64.45 percent in 2014 Lok Sabha elections. The result for the election is slated to be declared on 23rd May. He said that this time, 186 model polling and 136 women managed polling stations were also set up in the state. Similarly, in Shimla Parliamentary Constituency, total 9,08,512 voters cast the vote which includes 4,75,351 male, 4,33,154 female and seven third gender voters, with total turn out percentage of 72.65. In Hamirpur Parliamentary Constituency, total 9,71,961 voters cast the vote which includes 4,58,029 male, 5,13,929 female and three third gender voters, with total turn out percentage of 72.64. Chief Electoral Officer Devesh Kumar revealed that 38, 01,793 voters cast their vote in all the four Parliamentary Constituencies out of total 52,62,126 voters of the state. Out of these 19,37,392 women electorates casted their votes, while men votes counted 18,64,386 and 15 third gender exercised their franchise.

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Kalraj Mishra won the Parliament Elections 2014 from Deoria constituency and thereafter was appointed as a Cabinet Minister in the Modi government. He contended from Lucknow East assembly constituency and won the seat for BJP. He was elected as an MLA many times and was also appointed as a Rajya Sabha member. During his political career he occupied many positions in the government. After serving as a minister under various governments in Uttar Pradesh, Kalraj Mishra fought direct elections in 2012 on the BJP ticket. Rana, State Minister of Labour Welfare Council, Uttar Pradesh Sunil Bhardwaj, Chairman State Public Service Commission Maj General D.V.S Rana, Mayor, Kusum Sadret, DGP S.R. Mardi, Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of various Boards and Corporations, Vice-Chancellors of Universities, senior officers of the army, police and civil were also present on the occasion.

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Shimla: Kalraj Mishra sworn in as the Governor of Himachal Pradesh in a simple but impressive ceremony held at Raj Bhawan here today. Chief Justice of HP High Court Justice V. Ramasubramanian administered the oath of office and secrecy to him. The Governor was also given Guard of Honour on the occasion. Chief Secretary B.K. Agarwal read out the warrant of appointment. Secretary to the Governor Rakesh Kanwar obtained signature of the Governor on the charge certificate. Governor of Punjab V.P. Singh Badnore, Speaker H.P. Vidhan Sabha Dr. Rajiv Bindal, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, Former Chief Ministers Virbhadra Singh and Prem Kumar Dhumal, Irrigation & Public Health Minister Mahender Singh Thakur, Education Minister Suresh Bhardwaj, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Minister Virender Kanwar, Industries Minister Bikram Singh, Forest Minister Govind Singh, Social Justice & Empowerment Minister Dr. Rajiv Saizal,

Leader of Opposition Mukesh Agnihotri, Judges of H.P High Court, Deputy Speaker Hans Raj, MLAs, Chairman State Consumer & Redressal Commission P.S. Rana, State Minister of Labour Welfare Council, Uttar Pradesh Sunil Bhardwaj, Chairman State Public Service Commission Maj General D.V.S Rana, Mayor, Kusum Sadret, DGP S.R. Mardi, Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of various Boards and Corporations, Vice-Chancellors of Universities, senior officers of the army, police and civil were also present on the occasion. Kalraj Mishra Political biography Veteran politician Kalraj Mishra, a fourth son of a middle class Brahmin agriculturist family of a very small village Malikpur (Saidpur) of Gazipur District, become politically active at very young age. During his political career he occupied many positions in the government. Apart from being the party chief, Mishra held the portfolios of Public Works, Medical Education and Tourism. He was elected as an MLA many times and was also appointed as a Rajya Sabha member. During his tenure, he formulated the Road Development Policy in UP under which many link roads to connect villages were constructed. He was elected as the member of Rajya Sabha thrice in 1978, 2001 and 2006. Kalraj Mishra started a campaign wherein all state highways would be made crater free. He also played a major role in the formation of Uttarakhand. After serving as a minister under various governments in Uttar Pradesh, Kalraj Mishra fought direct elections in 2012 on the BJP ticket. He contended from Lucknow East assembly constituency and won the seat for BJP. Kalraj Mishra won the Parliament Elections 2014 from Deoria constituency and thereafter was appointed as a Cabinet Minister in the Modi government.