

Over 50 prominent citizens appeal Modi, Malik, people to celebrate Accession Day

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JAMMU, Oct 24: More than fifty prominent citizens have jointly appealed the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Governor Satya Pal Malik to celebrate the Accession Day of Jammu and Kashmir officially to respect the sentiments of the people of the State.

The Accession Day falls on 26th October as on this day in 1947 the Maharaja Hari Singh, the Ruler of J&K, had signed the Instrument of Accession, acceding his sovereign state into secular dominion of India which was ratified by the J&K Constituent Assembly, representing the collective will of the people, on 6th February, 1954.

The joint statement said that Accession Day is a fulfillment and jubilation and needs to be celebrated as such by the people of the State and also officially by the State and the Central Governments.

The statement said that constitutionally, legally and politically the Accession made by Maharaja Hari Singh under India Independence Act, 1947 is final and irrevocable. It was a sovereign act as prescribed under India Independence Act which did not have any provision of "conditional", "tempo-

HC directs for protection of green spaces in J&K

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gardens in the State.

Out of 11 gardens, Amicus directed by the Court physically inspected 4 gardens, the Court directed the counsel to visit the rest of the gardens and submit his report before court on next date of hearing.

The Division Bench of Chief Justice Gita Mittal and Justice Alok Arada also directed for protection of Mughal Gardens namely Shalimar Garden, Nishat Garden and Cheshma-Shahi. The Court called for strict surveillance of all these gardens and remarked that they are of archaeological importance.

"We direct respondents to issue publicity at large regarding defacement of public property and authorities shall ensure that public hoardings are installed and strict action be taken for defacing structures at Mughal gardens or at any other place", DB reiterated.

Hearing the PIL on parks and gardens, the Division Bench passed direction to government after Amicus Curiae, submitted his report before Court which has pointed many deficiencies related to the maintenance of parks and

Div Com reviews progress on construction of civilian bunkers

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JAMMU, Oct 24: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Sanjeev Verma today reviewed the progress on construction of bunkers for civilians here at a meeting with the Deputy Commissioners of border districts.

Deputy Commissioners and SDMs of Kathua, Samba, Jammu, Rajouri and Poonch districts attended the meeting through video conference while senior functionaries of executing agencies were also present in the meeting.

The DC Kathua apprised that work of 1559 individual bunkers against target of 1956 and 164 community bunkers out of 170 has been allotted, while 41 individual bunkers are under evaluation. He further informed that the work has been started on 145 individual and 10 community bunkers in the district.

The DCs of Samba, Jammu,

Power shut down

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affected on 26 from 8 am to 2 pm. Meanwhile, to carry out reconductoring/repositioning and allied works, the power supply to Vijaypur, Koulpur, Bandal, Ramgarh and its adjoining areas on rotational basis will remain affected on October 26 to October 31 from 9 am to 5 pm.

During the shutdown, the power supply to Bahu Fort and its adjoining areas will remain affected on October 25 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Ratnachak, Sainik Colony and its adjoining areas will remain affected on October 25 from 7 am to 2 pm.

As per Superintending Engineer EM&RE Circle Kathua, to carry out the work for replacement and installation of 33KV VCB, CT, C&R panels, the shutdown of 33/11KV Sub-Station is being observed.

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SRINAGAR, Oct 24: The Government today revised the interest rates on GP Fund and other similar funds.

Govt revises GP Fund interest rate

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