



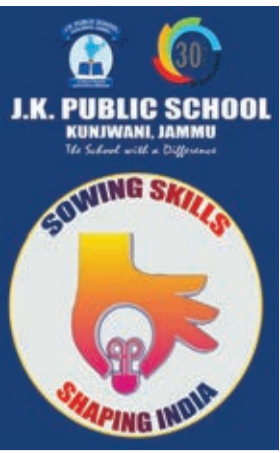
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## Addresses Shrimad Bhagwat Samagam at Mahakumbh Our prime objective should be to promote idea of unity of all mankind: LG Sinha

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday addressed Shrimad Bhagwat Samagam at Mahakumbh, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh. The occasion was graced by Acharya Mahamandleshwar Swami Kailashanand Giri ji Maharaj.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor called upon the spiritual leaders, thinkers and social leadership to work for unity of mind and heart and contribute in nation building. "Our prime objective should be to promote the idea of unity of all mankind," he said.

"Mahakumbh is the confluence of spirituality, education, experience and enlightenment. It is the symbol of India's spiritual heritage, culture and traditions," the Lieutenant Governor observed.

He said the presence of revered saints at Mahakumbh illuminates our path and guides us for virtuous living.

"Samagam is the door to enter the highest level of consciousness. This is also a confluence of great personalities who provide leadership to various sectors of society," the Lieutenant Governor said. He asked the religious heads, saints,



LG Manoj Sinha being honoured at Shrimad Bhagwat Samagam at Mahakumbh on Wednesday.

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## CB registers FIR against 6 for duping Rs 1.34 Cr from 15 unemployed youth

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Crime Branch (CB) on Wednesday booked six accused, including a bank employee for duping 15 candidates of Rs. 1.34 crore on the pretext of providing jobs in Territorial Army and J&K Bank.

CB official said, "Two written complaints with same contents were received in Crime Branch wherein the complainants namely Jugal Kumar, son of Sain Dass, resident of Village Shahzad Pur Ramgarh Samba and Gopal Chand, son of Amir Chand, resident of Village Rajpur Jatan Tehsil Ramgarh District Samba

and others alleged that Tarsem Singh, son of Balbir Singh and Balbir Singh, son of Khazan Singh, both residents of Dhyansar W.No. 02, Bari Brahmana, District Samba fraudulently told the complainants about the vacancies in sports category in Territorial Army and also demanded money from them and the complainants transferred amount through cheques, online and cash modes in their favour as per their demand."

Thereafter, official said, the above-mentioned persons prepared fake call letters for the purported to be related with the joining of the com-

plainants in Territorial Army and also put the fake signatures and stamps of senior officers.

"When the complainants went for their joining as per the joining letters, they were not allowed to join and then they realised that fraud was committed with them. The original qualification certificates as well as the other documents are still lying in the possession of accused persons and they refused to return the same. The accused have received Rs. 09 lakhs per head from candidates by fraudulent means," official said.

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## Over 100 sheep charred to death in blaze

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Over 100 sheep died after a cowshed caught fire and was gutted in the Samba district early Wednesday, officials said. The fire broke out in the cowshed of Shapiyan, son of Jamal Din, at Rakh Barotian in the Vijaypur tehsil around 3.30 am, the officials said. They said four fire tenders were rushed to the spot and the blaze was put off quickly. "More than 100 sheep were burnt to death in the fire, while a few could be saved," Station House Officer of Vijaypur Zaheer Mushtaq told PTI. "All possible assistance will be extended to the affected family which has suffered a significant loss," Tehsildar Sudesh Kumar said.

## Cabinet approves continuation of NHM for another 5 years

### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved continuation of the National Health Mission for another five years.

Briefing reporters about the decisions taken at the Cabinet meeting, Union minister Piyush Goyal said the Mission has met historic targets in the last 10 years.

Goyal pointed out that nearly 12 lakh healthcare workers joined the National Health Mission (NHM) between 2021 and 2022 and India fought the COVID-19 pandemic under the Mission.

The Union Cabinet also approved a minimum support price of Rs 5,650 per quintal for raw jute for marketing season 2025-26, an increase of 6 per cent or Rs 315 over the previous MSP.

The information was given by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal after the meeting of the Union Cabinet chaired by

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 23.3°C Min: 9.5°C

Humidity  
Max: 82 Min: 50

Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 12.5°C Min: 2.9°C

Humidity  
Max: 87 Min: 56

Sunset : 17:53 Hours  
Sunrise : 07:31 Hours

## India faces threat from within, not outside: Farooq "Nobody can dictate terms to government"

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir National

Conference president Dr Farooq Abdullah on Wednesday said that India does not face a threat from the outside but from within. He emphasised the importance of unity and countering divisive narratives to secure the nation's future.

"The country demands sacrifice even today to save it. India does not face a threat from outside but from within. People inside the country can destroy it, not those from

outside. To make the nation strong, we must make ourselves, our brothers, and our



sisters strong", Dr Abdullah said while speaking at a function at the National Conference headquarters here.

Dr Abdullah criticised divisive propaganda, particularly

the narrative that Hindus are under threat. "There are 80 per cent Hindus in this country, so where is the threat? This narrative is meant to create fear among people. It is everyone's duty to break this falsehood," he said.

Reflecting on historical narratives, he recalled misinformation during his tenure as chief minister in 1996 regarding the settlement of people from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

"It was falsely propagated that they would come and take over your lands.

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## Centre to establish 100 new sainik schools to improve education quality: Rajnath

### STATE TIMES NEWS

ALAPPUZHA: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday said that the Centre's decision to establish 100 new sainik schools across the country was part of its efforts to improve the quality of basic education in India, contributing to the overall development of the nation.

After inaugurating the 47th annual day celebrations of the Vidyadhiraja Sainik School in Alappuzha, Singh stated that the Central government has also paved the way for the admission of girls to sainik schools.

He added that the Centre had decided to expand the reach of sainik schools to



every region and district of India to include personnel from diverse cultural backgrounds and remote areas of the country.

The Defence Minister, who is in Kerala for a couple of events, further emphasised that as the country moves towards self-reliance, with advancements in various

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## Maha Kumbh: UP CM, ministers take dip at Sangam after Cabinet meet

### STATE TIMES NEWS

MAHAKUMBH NAGAR: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath along with his Cabinet on Wednesday took a dip in the Triveni Sangam during the ongoing Maha Kumbh Mela. The bathed around 2.15 pm after the Cabinet meet here to discuss policies.

The ministers also engaged in some light-hearted, celebratory moments of camaraderie in the sacred waters. CM Adityanath was surrounded by his Cabinet colleagues, who splashed water on him together as the entourage bathed

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## Unexplained deaths: Badhaal village declared containment zone

Div Com, ADGP visit area; review safety measures

### STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: To cope with the health crisis in Badhaal village, which led to 17 deaths in the area, the District Administration Rajouri on Wednesday introduced an array of preventive measures to prevent the situation from escalating.

The authorities have replaced existing supplies with safe food and water to the households in the affected localities.

Designated officers are tasked with maintaining a log book with three daily entries documenting food distribution and consumption to safeguard public health and contain the spread of the situation.



Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and ADGP Jammu Anand Jain assessing situation at Badhaal village.

The area has already been declared as the containment zone with implementation of comprehensive surveillance measures and imposition of Section 163 of the BNSS for immediate compliance.

To contain the situation

and prevent further escalation, the area has been divided into 3 containment zones which include the locality of families which suffered deaths. The affected houses have been sealed and

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## 4 more hospitalised

RAJOURI: Four people, including three sisters, have been shifted to hospitals from Badhaal village in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district where a mysterious illness has claimed 17 lives over the past one-and-a-half months.

A central team continued its investigation into the cause of the deaths, which took place in three families, on Wednesday. A senior doctor part of the investigations said over 200 samples have been sent for testing to different institutes.

Three sisters, aged between 16 and 22,

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## J&K Govt flags non-compliance in employee registration on Karmayogi portal

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir government has raised concerns over the non-compliance of employees in registering on the Karmayogi portal, designed to enhance core competencies for effective public service delivery.

Officials have been directed to ensure immediate registration and enrollment in the

Competency Assessment Tests (CAT) available on the platform.

Mission Karmayogi, implemented through the iGOT Karmayogi platform - a comprehensive online tool aimed at guiding civil service officials in capacity-building to improve governance and execution capabilities.

"Notwithstanding the instructions, it has been

observed that a significant number of employees have not registered themselves on the iGOT Karmayogi Portal, a matter which has been viewed seriously by the authorities", Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD) M Raju said in an order. The order called for immediate adherence

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## Army troops open fire on Pakistani drone along LoC

### STATE TIMES NEWS

MENDEHAR/JAMMU: Army troops opened fire to bring down a Pakistani drone which entered into the Indian side from across the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district early Wednesday, officials said.

However, the drone returned to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK)

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