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# Felicitates recipients of Maharaja Hari Singh Peace & Harmony Award All sections of society must have stake in Viksit Bharat: LG

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Sinha conferred with 'Maharaja Hari Singh Award in Reforms and Planning'

Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday felicitated the recipients of 'Maharaja Hari Singh Peace & Harmony Award', organised by Gulistan News Network at Jammu

The Lieutenant Governor paid tributes to Pandit Prem Nath Dogra, Pandit Girdhari Lal Dogra and Devender Singh Rana, who were honoured with the award posthumously for their leadership qualities and tenacity and dedicating the life for the welfare of people.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor paid homage to Maharaja Hari Singh and spoke on the revolutionary reforms introduced by him that had made a profound impact on the society and the development of J&K. "Maharaja Hari Singh Ji



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at 'Maharaja Hari Singh Peace & Harmony Award' ceremony organised by Gulistan News Network in Jammu on Tuesday.

was a key architect of modern Jammu Kashmir. He also played a major role in shaping its destiny during a critical period in history and ensured the dream of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' becomes a reality," the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor

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# Modi will do 'what is right' on illegal immigrants, likely to visit US in Feb: Trump

#### AGENCY

WASHINGTON: President Donald Trump has said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will do "what is right" on illegal immigrants, underlining that dis-

cussions are going on with

President Trump made these remarks on Monday while talking to reporters aboard Air Force One on his way back to Joint Base Andrews from Florida. He also mentioned that Prime Minister Modi is likely to

visit the White House in

Separately, in a readout of a phone call between both leaders, the White House said that Trump had a "productive" phone call with Modi and sought a move towards a "fair" bilateral trading relationship and deeper India-US cooperation.

While talking to House Republicans at a Florida retreat on Monday, President



would impose tariffs on the countries that "harm" America as he named China, India and Brazil as high-tariff countries.

"We're going to put tariffs on outside countries and outside people that really mean harm to us... Look at what others do. China is a tremendous tariff maker, and India and Brazil and so many

going to let that happen any longer because we're going to put America first," he said.

Meanwhile, during their phone call, the two leaders also discussed plans for Modi to visit the US, the White House said in the readout.

While talking to reporters aboard Air Force One, Trump was asked "Did he (Modi) agree to take illegal immigrants."

"He (Modi) will do what's

said the president.

"I had a long talk with him this morning (Monday). He is going to be coming to the White House, over next month, probably February. We have a very good relationship with India," Trump told reporters aboard Air Force

The president was responding to a question on the phone call he had with Modi on Monday.

"Everything came up (in a phone call with Modi), Trump told reporters when asked about the details of his call with the Prime Minister.

The prime minister's trip to the US, the first under Trump 2.0 was finalised during the call. Trump's last foreign trip as president was to India during his first term.

Trump and Modi enjoy a good friendly relationship. The two addressed thousands of people at two

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#### Vaishno Devi Ropeway Project: Committee says open to further discussions

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KATRA: A high-level committee formed to address the ple over a proposed ropeway project to the Vaishno Devi shrine held its fourth meeting with stakeholders on Tuesday, assuring them that it is open for further discussions before a final decision

The meeting was attended by the representatives of various associations and groups, including the rural development forum, senior citizens' welfare forum and prominent members of panchayats surrounding Katra, the base camp for the pilgrims visiting

#### Maha Kumbh: 5 cr devotees take holy dip in Sangam on Jan 28, total pilgrims cross 20-crore mark

#### STATE TIMES NEWS MAHAKUMBH NAGAR:

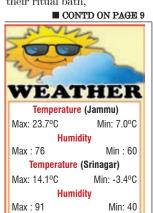
The Triveni Sangam witnessed an unprecedented surge of faith and devotion on Tuesday, a day before the Mauni Amavasya Amrit Snan, as approximately five crore devotees took a holy dip, marking the highest single-day turnout in the ongoing Maha Kumbh.

So far, nearly 20 crore people have taken holy dip in the sacred waters of the Sangam the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna and UttarSaraswati.  $_{
m the}$ Pradesh government said in a statement

Prior to Tuesday's record, over 3 crore devotees took the holy dip on Sunday and Monday combined, it said.

The UP government said it anticipates a turnout of 10 crore on Mauni Amavasya alone, with over 45 crore expected to participate in the entire Maha Kumbh.

By 8 pm on Tuesday, 4.83 crore people had completed their ritual bath,



Sunset: 17:59 Hours

Sunrise: 07:28 Hours

#### the cave shrine atop the Trikuta hills in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, the shrine board said in a state-

It said the committee, set up by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, who is also the chairman of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board. held discussions with associations and groups, with a focus on addressing concerns and gathering feedback from stakeholders, ensuring that their voices are also heard in the decision-making process. The groups extended their

wholehearted support to the various development

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

Minister of State (MoS) for

Union Ministry of Micro,

Small & Medium Enterprises

Karandlaje, on Tuesday

chaired a meeting at

Baramulla to review progress

on various indicators of NITI

Ayog's Aspirational District

The meeting was attended

by Member Legislative

Assembly Baramulla, Javed

Hassan Beig; Deputy

Commissioner Baramulla,

Minga Sherpa; officers from

Shobha

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## Migrant workers' killing: NIA conducts raids at 6 locations in J&K

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR/NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday conducted searches at six locations in Jammu and Kashmir in connection with the killing of two migrant workers from Punjab in Shaheed Ganj area of Srinagar last year.

On February 7, Amritpal Singh and Rohit -- hailing fromChamyari in Amritsar -were shot by suspected Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists. Singh died on the spot while Masi succumbed to his injuries at a Srinagar

Reviews progress under ADP **Union Minister inaugurates MRD Registration** 

Center at GMC, Hi-Tech Polygreen House

the Ministry of MSME,

Labour and Employment

and other officers from the

concerned departments. She



hospital the next day.

The NIA took over the probe on June 15 last year on the directions of the Union Home Ministry. The NIA had earlier file charge

the case.

The searches were conducted in Srinagar, Badgam and Sopore, officials said.

15 Mata Vaishno Devi

#### pilgrims injured in road mishap STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: At least 15 pilgrims were injured when the driver of the bus lost control of the vehicle, near the Jumbo Zoo area in the Nagrota area of Jammu district on Tuesday while en route to the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in

Katra.

Officials confirmed that the vehicle carrying the pilgrims met with an accident on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway in Nagrota. The crash left 15 people, including three children and two women, with varying degrees of injury.

#### dences of three persons identified as Javaid Ahmad Sheikh, A R Shalla and Nisar Ahmad. Simultaneous raids were also carried out at two places in Srinagar, including a residential house and an office premises belonging to a man hailing from Sopore town," an NIA statement said. The searches resulted in

out the searches at the resi-

seizure of "incriminating materials" from the residence belonging to "sympathisers, cadres and overground workers" of the proscribed LeT and its offshoot

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#### 17-year-old boy killed over personal rivalry in Bishnah, 3 held STATE TIMES NEWS conductor of the matador by

#### JAMMU: Three people were

arrested for allegedly killing a 17-year-old boy with a sharp-edged weapon here, police said on Tuesday.

As per details, On 13 January 2025 at 11:55 PM, an alert was received at Police Station Bishnah. reporting that an unidentified individual had been brutally murdered with a sharpedged weapon and the body was lying along Bhatyari, Bishnah Road. The deceased was later identified as Ajay Kumar(minor boy, age 17 years), son of Romesh Lal, resident of Bhatyari, Bishnah. The deceased was a profession. Acting promptly, FIR No.

04/2025 103/190/191(2)/191(3)BNS & 4/25 Arms Act was registered at Police Station Bishnah and an intensive investigation was launched.

A special investigation team led by SHO Bishnah, Inspector Sushil Choudhary under the close supervision of SDPO R.S. Pura and SP Headquarters Jammu. meticulously worked through technical analysis and human intelligence to track down the suspects. Their persistent efforts led to

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decide on this and not the

### Parliament to take final decision on UCC, Waqf issues: Omar

JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday said it is Parliament which will take a final call on the Uniform Civil Code and the Waqf (amendment)

Monday became the first state to implement UCC with the ruling BJP fulfilling a

Uttarakhand commitment made ahead of the 2022 every change moved by oppoassembly polls, while the sition members. Parliamentary "Let them do what they want to do till a law is enact-Committee scrutinising the Waqf (Amendment) Bill ed for the country. Finally, it

adopted all amendments proposed by the ruling BJP-led

individual UTs or States, Abdullah reporters here, reacting to the implementation of the UCC in Uttarakhand. In response to another question

related to the Waqf bill, he said the parliamentary committee is still holding discussions and the govern-

ment is not implementing any law. In the

recent past, Hurriyat Conference

#### Search operations underway at nearly two dozen places across Jammu



#### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Security forces on Tuesday launched a massive search operation at nearly two dozen places, mostly in the higher reaches and forest areas along the Line of Control, to counter terrorists who carried out several attacks last year in various districts of Jammu region, officials said. After carrying out deadly

attacks in the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch since 2021, terrorists spread their activities to six other districts in Jammu region last year, leaving 44 people, including 18 security personnel and 13 terrorists dead. Though the Pir Panjal dis-

tricts of Rajouri and Poonch witnessed a

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# DGP reviews operational preparedness in Reasi-Ramban sector

MoS MSME Shobha Karandlaje at Baramulla on Tuesday.

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Ranking, issued by NITI

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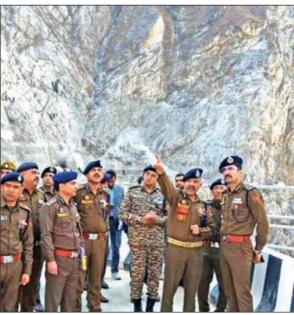
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#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat on Tuesday conducted an extensive review of the operational preparedness in the Reasi and Ramban districts, a police spokesman said.

Accompanied Additional Director General of Police, Jammu Zone, Anand Jain and other senior officers, Prabhat visited multiple forward operating bases, ensuring that the forces were adequately prepared and equipped to handle any potential security challenges, the spokesman

He added that the primary objective of the visit was to assess the security arrangements and operational readiness of various security



forces deployed across the hilly region.

"The visit was part of ongoing efforts to strengthen security measures in view of the strategic importance of the area," the spokesman said, adding that the DGP received a detailed briefing regarding the existing security setup, challenges, and countermeasures.

The police chief also interacted with officers of security forces and stressed the importance of total operational coordination and efficient resource utilization, the spokesman said.

the DGP also took the opportunity to engage with Special Operations Group personnel, discussing strategies and the way forward.

He further mentioned that

#### narcotic dealers held **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: A major interstate drug trafficking network has been dismantled and two narcotic dealers from Delhi and Uttar Pradesh arrested, police said here on Tuesday. "This breakthrough under-

**Drug trafficking network** 

unearthed, 2 suspected

scores the police's commitment in combating the drug menace," a police official

Based on evidence from the investigation, including bank transactions and communication records, two key drug suppliers Raju Gupta from Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh, and Mohammad Abrar from Bhajanpura, Delhi were identified as major sources of narcotics supplied to local drug peddlers, the official

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