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## Unveils Panchang Calendar, Diary for 2026 LG lauds SMVDSB's efforts in preserving timeless spiritual traditions



LG Manoj Sinha unveiling Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board's Panchang Calendar for 2026.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday unveiled the Panchang Calendar-2026 and the official diary of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) at Lok Bhawan.

The 2026 Panchang, curated under the expert guidance of eminent scholars and priests, serves as a comprehensive spiritual guide for

devotees. It provides detailed information on auspicious dates (tithis), festivals, and religious observances for the year 2026.

The Lieutenant Governor appreciated the Shrine Board's efforts in preserving timeless spiritual traditions while ensuring modern utility for pilgrims. He observed that such initiatives strengthen the spiritual connect of devotees across the

globe and underscore the Shrine Board's commitment to service.

Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB briefed that the calendar also highlights several landmark initiatives of the Shrine Board dedicated to devotees, community welfare and environmental sustainability.

The board has also taken up green Trikuta Hills initia-

tive, an environmental drive aimed at preserving the natural sanctity of the Shrine's surroundings; the provision of free Langar Seva for devotees; the Swachhata Abhiyan, reinforcing the message of cleanliness and collective responsibility along the pilgrimage route, and the dedication of five temples to the public in District Reasi, symbolizing the

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Probe ordered after cricketer wears helmet with Palestinian flag

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Friday ordered a preliminary enquiry after a cricketer from south Kashmir wore a helmet with the Palestinian flag during a private cricket tournament match in Jammu, a police spokesperson said.

The accused include 15 executive engineers, six assistant accounts officers, an accounts assistant, six head assistants, four senior assistants (including the kingpin Mushtaq Ahmad Malik, son of Sonawallah Malik, resident of Aragam, Bandipora), four junior assistants and an

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**Senior IPS officer Mukesh Singh appointed as DGP Ladakh**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Mukesh Singh, a 1996-batch IPS officer, was on Friday appointed Ladakh's Director



take over the police establishment in Ladakh.

Singh was originally from the Jammu and Kashmir cadre before it was merged with the J&K M U T cadre after the abrogation of Article 370 that granted special status to the erstwhile state.

Before moving to the ITBP, Singh served as the Inspector General and later as the Additional

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MHA delegates Rs 100 Cr project approval powers to Ladakh LG

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
LEH/JAMMU: The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Friday delegated powers to the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh for appraisal and approval of projects costing up to Rs 100 crore under the delegation of financial powers rules (DFPRs).

In an official order of MHA, the ministry said it has approved the delegation of powers for appraisal and approval of projects up to Rs 100 crore under DFPRs, 2024, to the Administrators, LGs' of union territories without legislatures,

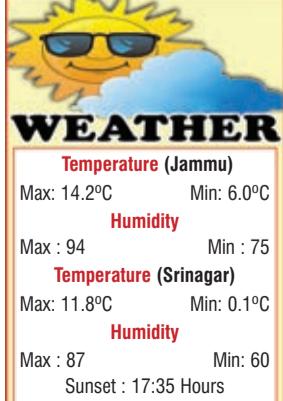
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**PIL seeking implementation of Sports Code, 2011 in J&K Ex-Minister/sitting MLA resigns from post of President Badminton Association of J&K**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In the much publicized Public Interest Litigation (WP (C) PIL No.07/2025) filed by three Former Badminton Players of Jammu namely Bakhtawar Singh, Romesh Kumar Sharma and Rishi Khurana seeking implementation of National Development Sports Code of India, 2011 as well as Guidelines of J&K Sports Council in various Sports Associations across J&K including Badminton Association of J&K, has taken a new turn, as Badminton Association of J&K in its reply has informed the Division Bench of High Court of J&K and

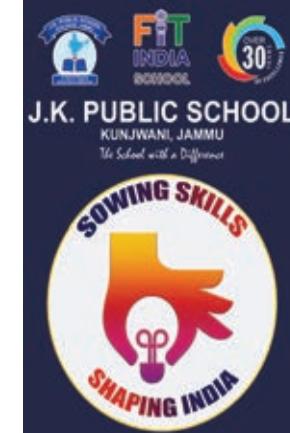
Ladakh that pursuant to the filing of the instant PIL and upon receipt of the notices from the High Court of J&K and Ladakh, the Badminton Association of J&K took immediate steps to review its compliance with the Sports Code, 2011 and the Guidelines of J&K Sports Council and accordingly Chander Prakash Sharma (Ganga) (Aged above 70 years)-Former Minister/Sitting MLA from Vijaypur, President of Badminton Association of J&K and B.S. Jamwal (Aged above 70 years) General Secretary, Badminton Association of India and Badminton Association of J&K had granted last opportunity to

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**WEATHER**  
Temperature (Jammu)  
Max: 14.2°C Min: 6.0°C  
Humidity  
Max : 94 Min : 75  
Temperature (Srinagar)  
Max: 11.8°C Min: 0.1°C  
Humidity  
Max : 87 Min: 60  
Sunset : 17:35 Hours  
Sunrise : 07:33 Hours

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5 houses gutted, 2 people injured in fire

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

KISHTWAR: Five houses were gutted and two people sustained injuries after a fire, triggered by an LPG cylinder blast, broke out in a remote village of Kishtwar district, officials said on Friday.

The fire erupted in a house in Thachna village late on Thursday night and spread rapidly to nearby homes, they said.

Teams from the district administration, police, army, and fire services, assisted by local residents, launched a joint operation to douse the flames. Fire tenders were rushed to the remote area, while LPG cylinders

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Rajnath raises alarm over educated people indulging in anti-national activities

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDAIPUR: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said that an alarming trend of white-collar terrorism is emerging in the country, wherein highly-educated people are engaging in anti-social and anti-national activities.

working against society and the country," Singh said at



prescriptions, yet have RDX in their hands. This highlights the need for knowledge to be accompanied by values and character," the defence minister said.

"The purpose of education is not only professional success but also the development of morality, ethics and human character," he said. The explosives-laden i20 car that detonated outside the Red Fort

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No general increase in electricity tariffs across J&K in 2025-26: Omar

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday said there will be no general increase in electricity tariffs across Jammu and Kashmir in the current financial year.

general increase in electricity tariffs across J&K and the Time of Day (ToD) tariff

He said the government continues to prioritise people's welfare by keeping electricity affordable.

The Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Corporation Limited had petitioned the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission, seeking an increase in the existing 20 per cent surcharge on consumers during morning and evening hours.

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"For 2025-26, there is no remains unchanged," the Chief Minister's Office said in a post on X.

Property of Pakistan-based terror handler attached

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH/JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Friday attached the immovable property of a Pakistan-based terror handler in Mandi tehsil of Poonch district, officials said.

The attached property, measuring 6 kanal and 13.5 marla (approximately 39,528 sq ft), is estimated to be around Rs 13.36 lakh.

The property belongs to Jamal Lone alias Jamala, son of Sultan Lone,

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