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## Pays tributes to Sahibzadas, Mata Gujri Ji, Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Nation changed with new dynamism, unity key to Viksit Bharat: LG 'Sacrifice of Sikh Gurus inspires nation's unity, integrity'



LG Manoj Sinha paying tributes to the Sahibzadas on Veer Baal Diwas in Jammu on Friday.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: On 'Veer Baal Diwas', the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha paid tributes to the Sahibzadas, Mata Gujri Ji and Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

"We remember Sahibzadas' unparalleled bravery, sacrifice and courage, commitment of Mata Gujri Ji and Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Their lives and teachings are a source of inspiration for all citizens, the Lieutenant Governor said.

He was speaking at a Vishesh Shaheedi Samagam 'Safar-E-Shahadat', organised by All Jammu Kashmir Sikh Coordination Committee, at Gurdwara Digiana Ashram.

"The supreme sacrifice of our Sikh Gurus inspires all of us to uphold the unity and integrity of the nation. It should be our sincere endeavour to build a prosperous country which is united and strong in its diversity," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor stated that, the Sikh tradition, imbued with devotion, valor, and glory, truly symbolizes the invaluable spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'.

"The path of righteousness paved by the Sikh Gurus serves as the foundational strength for modern India's inclusive development. Their legacy continues to empower those on the frontlines of nation-building," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, historic steps have been taken to honor the legacy of Sikh Gurus, and preservation and promotion of Sikh heritage.

PM Narendra Modi ensured justice to the victims of the 1984 anti-Sikh riots. The grant of FCRA approval to Sri Harmandir Sahib has enabled the global Sangat to participate in the service of the holy shrine. Furthermore, the Sri Kartarpur Sahib corridor, rejuvenation of Jallianwala Bagh memorial and the promotion of academic research into the teachings of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji and many such historic steps have ensured that the Gurus' message of universal brotherhood remains a guiding force for India's future, he added.

The Lieutenant Governor praised the Sikh community's historical role in nation-building

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## Red Fort blast: Court extends NIA custody of 2 accused

### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: A court here on Friday extended the NIA custody of two accused in the Red Fort blast case.

Additional Sessions Judge Prashant Sharma allowed the probe agency to quiz the accused Yasir Ahmed Dar in its custody for ten more days, while the other accused Dr Bilal Naseer Malla will be quizzed for eight more days.

Media persons were barred from covering the proceedings.

According to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) investigations, Umar-un-Nabi, who was driving the explosive-laden car that detonated outside the Red Fort on November 10, was the alleged planner of the terrorist attack that left 15 people dead.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) arrested Dr Malla in Delhi on December 9, calling him a key accused in the conspiracy.

According to the NIA investigations, Naseer had knowingly harboured Umar-un-Nabi by providing him logistical support. He is also accused of destruction of evidence related to the

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## Probe in Pahalgam attack, Red Fort blast examples of 'watertight investigations': Shah

### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday praised the investigation into the Pahalgam terror attack and Delhi blast cases stressing that they are not cases of ordinary policing but outstanding examples of watertight investigation.

Lauding the security forces for neutralising the perpetrators of the Baisaran Valley (Pahalgham) terror attack, Shah said the terrorists wanted to disrupt communal harmony in the country and deliver a blow to the new era of development and tourism that has begun in Kashmir.

Inaugurating a two-day Anti-Terror Conference organised by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) here, he said that the results of the investigation into the Pahalgam terrorist attack will put Pakistan in the dock on international platforms.

The home minister said that the security forces neutralised all three terrorists based on extremely precise intelligence, delivering a stern message to Pakistan.

This is the first terrorist incident in which those who



planned the terrorist act were punished by us through Operation Sindoor, and those who carried out the act with the weapons provided to them were neutralised through Operation Mahadev, he said.

Shah said at both ends, the government of India, the Indian security forces and the people of the country have given a strong and befitting reply to Pakistan's terrorist masters through security forces and intelligence agencies.

The minister said a complete and successful investigation was conducted of the Pahalgam terrorist attack, which agencies around the

world will study.

Shah praised the investigation of the Jammu and Kashmir Police and Delhi Police in exposing the complete network behind the Red Fort area blast case.

"...investigations into the Pahalgam and Delhi blast cases are not ordinary policing but outstanding examples of watertight investigation. This is also a great example of how an alert officer can save the country from such a major crisis by remaining vigilant at all times," he said.

He mentioned that the landscape of terrorism in the world is now changing due to the use of technology

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## Fisherman found Goddess Durga sculpture from Jhelum River

### STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: A stone sculpture of Goddess Durga was recovered by a fisherman from the Jhelum River in Baramulla district, police said on Friday.

A police spokesman said that on Thursday, Nazir Ahmad Latoo, a resident of the Shaltang-Zogyar area of the north Kashmir district, reported that he had found a stone sculpture while fishing. The sculpture was

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## Unclaimed suitcase on busy Udhampur road creates panic

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Panic spread in a part of Udhampur town in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday after an unidentified suitcase was discovered on a busy road, prompting swift action from the police, officials said.

Acting on information received from locals, police immediately cordoned off the area near the post office

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### WEATHER

**Temperature (Jammu)**  
Max: 20.2°C Min: 10.0°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 95 Min: 71

**Temperature (Srinagar)**  
Max: 12.7°C Min: 0.2°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 90 Min: 83

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

## ACB arrests RDD clerk for accepting bribe in Anantnag

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday trapped and arrested Manzoor Ahmad Ahanger, a clerk posted in the office of the Rural Engineering Wing (RDD), Anantnag, for demanding and accepting a bribe for releasing payment of a sanctioned bill.

According to an official spokesperson of the ACB, the bureau received a written complaint alleging that the complainant's father had constructed irrigation Ladh and, after completion of the work, submitted the bill through the concerned chan-

nels. "It was alleged that the bill reached the office of the Rural Engineering Wing, Anantnag, where the concerned clerk, Manzoor Ahmad Ahanger, demanded an illegal gratification for releasing the payment," the ACB official said.

The complainant, instead of succumbing to the demand, approached the Anti-Corruption Bureau for legal action. "On receipt of the complaint, a discreet verification was conducted, which confirmed the demand of bribe by the accused government employee," the official added.

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## Jammu Railway Div to run special trains for 6 days to ease New Year rush



### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu Railway Division will operate special reserved train services for six days from Saturday between New Delhi and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra to facilitate passengers amid

heavy rush during the New Year celebrations, officials said.

The special trains will run from December 27 to January 1 to manage increased passenger traffic during the holiday season,

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Jammu Division, Uehit Singhal said.

According to officials, a special reserved train will operate from New Delhi to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra from December 27 to December 31 (five trips).

Similarly, another special reserved train will run from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra to New Delhi from December 28 to January 1 (five trips).

Singhal said that the special trains have been introduced to cater to the

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## Search ops launched across Jammu region ahead of New Year



### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Security forces have launched search and verification operations in Kishtwar, Kathua, Samba, and Jammu, ahead of the new year to maintain height-

ened security, officials said.

The operations are aimed at sensitising hinterland areas, upper reaches, and border belts to keep troops on high alert, they said.

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## President Murmu confers PM Rashtriya Bal Puraskar to 20 children

### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: President Droupadi Murmu on Friday conferred the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar to 20 children for their exceptional achievements in the fields of Bravery, Social Service, Environment, Sports, Art & Culture and Science & Technology at a ceremony held in New Delhi.

Speaking on the occasion, she congratulated the recipients of the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar and said the award winning children have brought pride to their families, communities, and the entire country.

President Murmu expressed confidence that these awards will inspire all children across the country,



President Droupadi Murmu presenting PM Rashtriya Bal Puraskar to Shvan Singh for his daily support to Army troops during Operation Sindoor in May 2025.

and stated that this award has been presented to them for their encouragement.

Talking about the significance of the Veer Bal Diwas, which is observed on December 26, she said about 320 years ago, Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the tenth Sikh

Guru who is revered by all Indians, and his four sons made the "supreme sacrifices" while fighting in support of truth and justice.

She said the bravery of the two youngest Sahibzadas -- Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh -- is hon-

oured and respected both in India and abroad. She remembered with reverence the great child heroes who laid down their lives with pride for truth and justice.

The President said that the greatness of a country is certain when its children are filled with patriotism and high ideals, adding that she was happy to note that the children have showcased their exceptional talent in various fields such as bravery, art and culture, environment, innovation, science and technology, social service, and sports.

"It is because of talented children such as the seven-year-old Vaka Lakshmi Pragatika that India is considered a chess

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## Govt's reform trajectory will continue vigorously: Modi

### STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the government's reform trajectory will continue with even more vigour in the coming times," Modi said.

With the hashtags #ReformInAction & #GoodGovernance, the central government said in the posts that the real test of reform is whether it reduces stress for people and 2025

marked a clear shift in governance, with reforms focused on outcomes, not complexity. Simpler tax laws, faster dispute resolution, modern labour codes, and decriminalised compliance reduced friction for citizens and businesses alike. The emphasis was on trust, predictability, and long-term growth, showing how well-designed policy can quietly improve everyday life, the posts by MyGovIndia



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For millions of Indians, tax relief became real. Incomes up to Rs 12 lakh attract zero tax. Middle-class families now retain more of what

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