

03 Kashmir was, is & will always remain an Integral Part of India: LG Kavinder

03 Even Constitution of India could be named as First Victim of 'Article' 35A

10 Hope India wins T20 World Cup by comfortable margin: Omar

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CM stresses on zero casualty goal for linemen, emphasizes proper use of safety gear



■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday presided over Lineman Diwas celebration at Convention Centre Jammu. Organised by Jammu Power Development Corporation Limited, the event recognised linemen as the frontline technical workforce maintaining the electricity supply in Jammu and Kashmir. It marked a step in acknowledging the welfare of personnel who work during emergencies and natural calamities to ensure uninterrupted power.

Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister, Dheeraj Gupta; Financial Commissioner (ACS) Power Development Department, Ashwani Kumar; Managing Director JKPDCL, Rahul Yadav and Managing Director JPDCL, Gural Singh besides other dignitaries attended the function. In his keynote address, Chief Minister Omar

Omar welcomes Nepal polls, says regime change must be people's choice
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday welcomed the elections in Nepal, saying the formation of governments must be the choice of the people of the country and not the result of external intervention or aerial bombardment.

Abdullah said he had suggested reviewing the FIRs and releasing those detained during protests in the Kashmir valley over the killing of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

"As I said earlier, the only people who get to choose their regime are the people who live in that country. Therefore, it is for the people of Iran to decide about their regime, not for somebody sitting in

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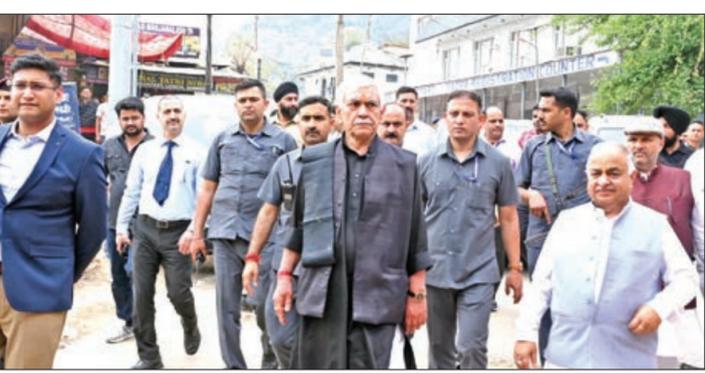
Inaugurates infrastructure upgradation, beautification works at holy Shiv Khori J&K undergoing spiritual, cultural, social renaissance after centuries: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday inaugurated the infrastructure upgradation and beautification works at holy Shiv Khori Shrine in Reasi District. The works were completed by JSW Group under its Corporate Social Responsibility.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor expressed gratitude to Sajjan Jindal, CMD of JSW Group and his entire team for the historic endeavour. "I see this as a profound act of kindness for humanity's shared heritage," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor said since the 2023 MoU with JSW Group, we awaited this day and today, anticipation ends.

"Shiv Khori's awakening begins. We have not only upgraded infrastructure but fortified faith itself. I have always held a firm



conviction that the light of spirituality must be readily accessible to every person in society," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor emphasised that the infrastructure upgradation of Shiv Khori is an announcement that the holy shrines of our ancient tradition are being reawakened and restored to life. He said that, today, devotees' perseverance bears fruit and we fulfilled the vibrant dreams of our ancestors who yearned for it.

"Our strong belief in spirituality has guided every effort - from the historic upgradation for Baba Amarnath Yatra, to the Shri

Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board's vision of transforming the entire region into a living spiritual corridor, to placing Shiv Khori firmly on the map of India's great centers of devotion," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor reiterated that it is his prime objective to make

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Army holds 'synergy' conference with ITBP, BSF at Northern Command headquarters

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Army's Northern Command in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district on Saturday hosted a "synergy" conference with the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and the Border Security Force (BSF) to enhance coordination in view of the evolving security landscape, officials said.

The conference, under the leadership of General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, focused on sharing insights into the operational construct, align-

Sex racket crackdown; three girls rescued, three arrested

Prostitution racket operating from residential house in Greater Kailash

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a significant crackdown on immoral trafficking and illegal activities, Jammu Police's South Zone team busted an alleged prostitution racket operating from a residential house in the Greater Kailash area and rescued three girls while arrested three persons involved in the illegal trade.

According to police sources, acting on specific and reliable information about immoral activities being carried out at a house located in Lane No. 31, Greater Kailash, a police team conducted a well-planned raid at the premises owned by Amreek Singh, son of Natar Singh. The raid was conducted after it came to light that the house was allegedly being used as a hub for immoral trafficking, where women were being procured and

induced into prostitution.

The operation was carried out by the In-charge Police Post Sainik Colony along with the Station House Officer (SHO) of Police Station Channi Himmat, under the supervision of the SDPO City East and the overall supervision of SP City South Dr Ajay Sharma. Acting swiftly on the credible input, the police team raided the premises and found evidence suggesting the involvement of certain individuals in illegal prostitution activities.

Police said that during the raid it was revealed that girls were allegedly being brought to the location and engaged in prostitution in exchange for money. Following the intervention of the police team, three girls were rescued from the premises and taken into protective cus-

tody.

During the operation, the police also apprehended three persons, two males and one female, who were allegedly involved in running and facilitating the immoral trafficking activities from the house. The arrested individuals are currently being questioned as part of the ongoing investigation.

In this connection, FIR 62/2026 has been registered at Police Station Channi Himmat, Jammu, under Sections 3, 5 and 7 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956. Further investigation is underway to ascertain the wider network involved in the racket and to identify other persons who may have been linked to the illegal activities.

Officials said the action reflects the proactive

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Congress's appeasement politics denied citizenship to Hindu refugees: Shah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
HARIDWAR: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said it was the Congress's "politics of appeasement" that denied citizenship to Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, and Jain refugees.

He said that the Narendra Modi government will grant Indian citizenship to these refugees from Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Afghanistan, irrespective of the Congress's opposition.

Shah made the remarks

while addressing the 'Jan Jan Ki Sarkar, Chaar Saal Bemisal' programme held at Saturday said it was the Congress's "politics of appeasement" that denied citizenship to Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, and Jain refugees.

Bairagi Camp here to mark four years of Pushkar Singh Dhami's government in the state.

"I want to say that Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, and Jain refugees from Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Afghanistan have as much right to this country as Narendra

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DM Jammu closes Spa, Massage centres; notices issued; legal action initiated

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Following the order issued by District Magistrate Jammu, Dr. Rakesh Minhas to regulate the functioning of spa and massage centres in the district, the District Administration conducted a comprehensive inspection drive, during which the establishments found in serious violation of the prescribed directions and were closed forthwith with notices issued to them.

In furtherance of the order, the District Magistrate constituted dedicated inspection teams under the supervision of Additional Deputy Commissioners Anusya Jamwal and Vidhu Shekhar. During the drive, the teams, including one led by ADC Vidhu Shekhar inspected a number of spa and massage centres across the district, some of which were found to be in violation of the directions stipulated under the order.

The establishments closed and served notices include K

Crystal Spa, Evergreen Thai Therapy Centre, Touch of Magic, The Bubble Spa; The Golden Thai Unisex Spa and Health Ayurveda Spa and Salon.

The violations observed across the inspected establishments included, among others: lack of mandatory undertaking, absence of display board and site plan; provision of cross-gender services; presence of door locks inside private cabins; non-production of identity

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Attempts to smuggle phones to jail inmate foiled in Doda

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Two mobile phones were recovered from a parcel meant for an inmate lodged at a jail in Doda district on Saturday, officials said.

The recovery was made by authorities during routine checking of parcels delivered at the district jail Baderwah.

According to officials, the parcel was meant for delivery to an inmate who has been lodged in the jail under the Public Safety Act (PSA) for the past one month. He is from the Hajin area of north Kashmir's Bandipora.

Preliminary inquiry revealed that the parcel

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LPG price hiked by Rs 60; no petrol or diesel hike

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Domestic cooking gas LPG price was hiked on Saturday by a steep Rs 60 per cylinder, the second increase in rate in less than a year, as the spike in global energy rates following the West Asia crisis weighed on the world's third largest energy consumer.

Top government sources, however, were quick to state that an increase in petrol and diesel prices is not in the offing as state-owned oil firms have enough financial muscle to absorb the warranted increase.

Non-subsidised LPG -- the one that common households use in kitchens -- will now cost Rs 913 per 14.2-kg cylinder in Delhi as against Rs 853 previously, according to the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) website.

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ROZA TIMING

SEHR TIME: 05:27 (MARCH 9)
IFTAAR TIME: 06:35 (MARCH 8)

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 30.0°C Min: 19.1°C

Humidity
Max: 71 Min: 63

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 21.2°C Min: 10.5°C

Humidity
Max: 94 Min: 69

Sunset: 18:32 Hours
Sunrise: 06:51 Hours

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