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LG chairs UHQ meeting; reviews situation, security for Amarnathji Yatra



LG Manoj Sinha chairing Unified Headquarters meeting at Srinagar on Tuesday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday chaired Unified Headquarters (UHQ) meeting at Raj Bhawan in Srinagar to review the current security scenario in the Union Territory and the security arrangements for the annual Shri Amarnathji Yatra.

The meeting was attended by Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, Chief Secretary

Atal Dulloo, DGP Nalin Prabhat, GoC 15 Corps Lt Gen Prashant Srivastava, GoC 16 Corps Lt Gen P K Mishra, GoC 9 Corps Lt Gen Rajan Sharawat, Air Vice Marshal Vikas Sharma, AOC J&K, Principal Secretary Home Chandraker Bharti, ADGP CID Nitish Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor and CEO SASB Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, senior officials of Armed Forces, CAPFs, J&K Police, Intelligence Agencies

and civil administration.

The Lieutenant Governor congratulated armed forces, Security agencies and J&K Police for 'Operation Sindoor' and successfully neutralising the terrorists in the past few days.

The Lieutenant Governor directed all the security agencies for precise, intelligence-led operations to neutralise terrorists and dismantling of support cells. He discussed the key strategies and broad-

approaches for security and intelligence agencies to achieve the goal of 'Terror-Free J&K'.

He also reviewed the security preparedness for Shri Amarnathji Yatra which is scheduled from 3rd July to 9th August 2025 and directed the senior officials of Armed Forces, CAPFs, Intelligence Agencies and J&K Police to take all necessary action to ensure safe and peaceful sacred pilgrimage.

Shailendra gets Addl charge of Finance Deptt

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Tuesday assigned the additional charge of the Finance Department to Shailendra Kumar, IAS (AGMUT: 1995).

"It is ordered that Shailendra Kumar, IAS (AGMUT: 1995), Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production Department (holding additional charge

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Gillani posted as Special DG Coordination PHQ, Alok gets Addl charge

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Tuesday appointed S J M Gillani (IPS) as Special DG Coordination, PHQ, and given additional charge to Alok Kumar (IPS).

According to the order issued by Chandraker Bharti, Principal Secretary Home Department, S.J.M Gillani, IPS (1994), MD, J&K Police Housing Corporation, holding

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CM unveils key dev projects, lays foundation for new works in Ganderbal

Takes stock of facilities at Kheer Bhawani

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday inaugurated several development projects, laid foundation stones for various upcoming works and interacted with people to know their grievances.

The Chief Minister, who represents the Ganderbal constituency in the J&K Legislative Assembly, said it reflected "our government's commitment to improving basic amenities and the quality of life for all."

At Bakura, the Chief Minister inaugurated the Water Supply Scheme-a vital project that will ensure clean and dependable drinking water in the area. The scheme has been completed under the JKIDFC programme. The scheme, with a revised cost of Rs 329.04 lakh, is a groundwater-based project.

The Chief Minister also inaugurated the Old Age



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah paying obeisance at Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple on Tuesday.

Home at Pandach, constructed at a cost of Rs 499 lakh. The two-storey facility includes medical rooms, dining halls, and accommodation for elderly residents. Chief Minister inspected the facility and toured different rooms including male and female wards, kitchen, and cardio section.

The Chief Minister expressed his satisfaction over the facility, saying it is a significant step towards

ensuring dignity and care for our senior citizens.

Similarly, at Safapora, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone of the Science Block at Government College of Engineering & Technology (GCET) Safapora-a key addition to strengthen technical education of the institution.

"Technology is the backbone of modern entrepreneurship-our youth must

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Properties of 4 Pak-based terrorist handlers attached in Kashmir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Properties of four Pakistan-based terror handlers were attached in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, police said.

A police spokesperson said three properties were attached in the Sopore area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district, while a fourth was seized in the Avantipora area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

In Sopore, police attached 29 marlas, or around 8,000 square feet, of land belonging to Arshid Ahmad Teli, a resident of Nowpora Tujjar, Firdous Ahmad Dar alias Umar Dar, and Nazir

Ahmad Dar alias Shabir Illahi, both residents of Harwan, the spokesperson said.

The attachment was made under Sections 82 and 83 of the CrPC by Sopore police in coordination with the revenue authorities.

The three had earlier been declared proclaimed offenders by a court, the spokesperson said.

In Avantipora, land measuring around 79 sq ft in Frestabal Pampore, belonging to Pakistan-based terrorist handler Owais Feroze Mir, was attached, he said. The property was attached

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Pakistan army suffered major setbacks in Op Sindoor: Brig Mudit "Op Sindoor not over, only suspended"

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: In a high-stakes and intensively coordinated military campaign, the Indian Army's Poonch Brigade emerged as the core operational force during Operation Sindoor, aimed at neutralizing unprovoked aggression and terror-sponsored escalation by Pakistan across the Line of Control (LoC).

Stating this while interacting with media persons on Tuesday, Brigadier Mudit Mahajan, Commander of the Poonch Brigade emphasized that the Indian Army was not caught off guard, but rather "prepared to respond" to any form of hostility.

"We did not wait to react; we prepared to respond. To that extent, I will say that Poonch Brigade was not a part but the heart of Operation Sindoor" he said, underlining the critical role his brigade



Commander Poonch Brigade, Brigadier Mudit Mahajan briefing media.

played in the recent hostilities.

Brigadier Mahajan detailed how the Army's initial response was carefully

calibrated and focused solely on eliminating terrorist infrastructure.

"The Army struck with unmatched precision and purpose-six of nine critical terrorist targets struck were opposite Poonch, Rajouri and Akhnor. These were neutralized effectively that night," he added.

However, the nature of the conflict shifted when the Pakistan Army escalated its actions, targeting civilian areas indiscriminately. This provocation triggered a robust and strategic counter from the Indian side, he said.

"Only when the Pakistan Army escalated by indiscriminately targeting civilian areas did the Indian Army decisively shift to hitting their military assets," Brigadier Mahajan explained, making it clear that India's response was proportionate and

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Tamboli Fakirbhai appointed Joint Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: A 2009 batch IAS officer of Chhattisgarh Cadre, Tamboli Ayyaj Fakirbhai was on Tuesday appointed as Joint Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat.

"The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the

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Special Crime Wing files charge-sheet in fraud case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Special Crime Wing, Jammu on Tuesday filed a charge-sheet in a high-value fraud and cheating case, following a thorough investigation based on a complaint lodged against one Gagandeep Singh, son of Sukhdev Singh, resident of Upper Gadigarh, Jammu.

Sharing details of the case, SSP SCW Jammu, Sanjay Parihar said that the accused fraudulently obtained Rs 11.50 lakhs from the complainant under the

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Chief Justice visits District Court Complex Srinagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Justice Arun Palli, Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, alongwith Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Administrative Judge for District Srinagar, on Tuesday paid visit to the District Courts Srinagar. The visit marked a significant step toward strengthening the judiciary at the grass-roots level and reinforcing the commitment of the High Court to ensure accessible and efficient justice delivery.

On the arrival at the District Court Complex, Srinagar, Chief Justice was warmly received by the Principal District & Sessions



Chief Justice Arun Palli chairing a meeting at Srinagar.

Judge, Srinagar, and other judicial officers.

Chief Justice was accompanied by Mohinder Kumar Sharma, Registrar General (Officiating) and Rajiv Gupta, Registrar Vigilance, High Court of Jammu &

Kashmir, who joined Chief Justice in inspecting the facilities and administrative arrangements at the court complex.

Justice Palli inspected the court facilities and interacted

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Waqf case hearing: Presumption of validity in favour of law, make strong case for relief: SC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Underlining the "presumption of constitutionality in favour of law", the Supreme Court on Tuesday said petitioners challenging the waqf law needed a "strong and glaring" case for interim relief.

A bench comprising Chief Justice B R Gvai and Justice Augustine George Masih commenced the hearing on a batch of pleas challenging the validity of Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025 for passing interim orders on three issues, including the power to denotify properties declared as "waqf by courts, waqf-by-user or waqf by deed".

"There is a presumption of constitutionality in favour of



every statute. For interim relief, you have to make out a very strong and glaring case. Otherwise, presumption of constitutionality will be there," the CJI said when senior advocate Kapil Sibal, leading the charge against the legislation, began his submissions.

Sibal described the law as a "complete departure from

historical legal and constitutional principles" and a means to "capture waqf through a non-judicial process".

Centre's Solicitor General Tushar Mehta had urged the bench to confine the hearing on pleas to three issues.

One of the issues is the power to denotify properties declared as waqf by courts,

waqf-by-user or waqf by deed.

The second issue relates to the composition of state waqf boards and the Central Waqf Council, where they contend only Muslims should operate except ex-officio members whereas the last one is over the provision stipulating a waqf property won't be treated as a waqf when the collector conducts an inquiry to ascertain if the property is government land.

Mehta's submission was vehemently opposed by senior advocates Sibal and Abhishek M Singhvi, appearing for those challenging the provisions of the 2025 law, that there cannot be any piecemeal hearing.

"This is a case about the systematic capture of waqf

properties. The government cannot dictate what issues can be raised," Sibal said.

Sibal said the amended law enables a systematic expropriation of waqf properties through executive means, bypassing due judicial process and moreover, waqf properties can become non-waqf ones that too by an executive order denying the right to access courts by the aggrieved parties.

"Waqf is the dedication of properties to 'Allah' by the waqif and the concept that once a waqf always a waqf is jeopardised by the 2025 law," he said.

Earlier laws on the subject, he added, safeguarded the properties and the present one intended to take

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Tiranga Yatra in Amritsar reflects nation's gratitude, unity for Op Sindoor: Chugh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AMRITSAR: Bharatiya Janata Party National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Tuesday led a massive Tiranga Yatra in Amritsar, saying that India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi has shown the world that peace and terror cannot coexist.

The Yatra, held in the backdrop of the successful Operation Sindoor, was a mark of gratitude to the Indian Armed Forces and the Prime Minister for safeguarding the nation and responding to terror with unprecedented resolve.



BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh leading Tiranga Yatra at Amritsar on Tuesday.

Chugh said that this is a new India - an India that seeks peace but is ready to go

to any length to annihilate terrorism. He asserted

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Indian forces acted like skilled surgeons during Op Sindoor: Rajnath

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LUCKNOW: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday said the Indian armed forces operated with the precision of skilled

surgeons during Operation Sindoor, targeting the roots of terrorism across the border with accuracy and discipline.

Addressing an event on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of KN Memorial Hospital, Singh said, "Our forces acted just like expert doctors or surgeons. A surgeon uses his instruments precisely where the disease lies, and the Indian forces have done the same - striking

at the root of terrorism with

unmatched precision."

This was Singh's first public appearance since the May 7 Indian military operation that struck several terrorist bases in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Drawing a comparison between the work of soldiers and doctors, Singh said both serve the nation in vital ways - one protecting health, the other safeguarding national security. "Both undergo

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 40.8°C Min: 25.5°C

Humidity
Max: 36 Min: 25

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 31.4°C Min: 14.9°C

Humidity
Max: 59 Min: 30

Sunset : 19:26 Hours
Sunrise : 05:29 Hours