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Modi Govt's priority is to ensure comfort, security of Shri Amarnath pilgrims: Amit Shah

LG Manoj Sinha participates in high level meeting to review Yatra preparations

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said the Narendra Modi government's priority is to ensure that Shri Amarnath pilgrims have a comfortable visit and directed officials to make adequate security arrangements along the entire pilgrimage route in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Home Minister said this while chairing a high-level meeting where he took stock of the preparations for the Amarnath pilgrimage with top officials of the central government, Army and the Jammu and Kashmir administration.

The 62-day-long annual pilgrimage to the cave shrine of Amarnath, located at a height of 3,880 metres in the south Kashmir Himalayas, will begin on July 1 and continue till August 31.

During the meeting, the Home Minister said it is the priority of the Narendra Modi government that Amarnath pil-

grims should have comfortable "darshan" and should not face any difficulty. He directed officials to make adequate security arrangements on the entire route of Amarnath pilgrimage, according to an official statement.

The pilgrims travel through two routes -- Baltal and Pahalgam -- in Jammu and Kashmir.

At the meeting, it was apprised that all the pilgrims will be given RFID cards so that their real-time location can be traced and everyone will be given Rs 5 lakh insurance cover. There will be insurance cover of Rs 50,000 for each animal carrying pilgrims.

Shah stressed on providing smooth arrangements on the route from the airport and railway station to the pilgrimage base camp and directed to make available air service from Srinagar and Jammu at night for the convenience of the pilgrims.

The Home Minister also directed to ensure ade-



Home Minister Amit Shah flanked by LG Manoj Sinha chairing a high-level meeting to take stock of the preparations for Shri Amarnath pilgrimage with top officials of the central government, Army and Jammu and Kashmir administration.

quate stock of oxygen cylinders and their refilling and asked for availability of additional teams of doctors.

He directed to ensure adequate number of medical beds and deployment of ambulances and helicopters to meet any medical emergency.

Shah gave instructions to make proper arrangements for all necessary facilities for the pilgrims and that include travel, stay, electricity, water, communication and health. He directed to ensure better communication system on the pilgrimage routes and deployment of machines to immediately open routes in case of a landslide.

Besides, arrangements for tent city, Wi-Fi hotspots and proper lighting will be made on the travel routes. Additionally, online-live "Darshan of Baba Barfani", live telecast of morning and evening "aarti" in the holy

Amarnath cave and religious and cultural programmes will be organised at the base camps, the statement said.

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, the Army's Northern Command chief Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi, Union

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- ▶ Directions given to ensure better communication system on the Yatra route and deployment of machines to immediately open route in case of landslide.

Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla, Director of Intelligence Bureau Tapan Deka were among the top functionaries who attended the meeting.

Sources said all stake-

holders of the pilgrimage have taken part in the meeting and all issues relating to arrangements being made for it have been discussed.

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H&ME Deptt elevates 243 faculty members of GMCs

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Health and Medical Education (H&ME) Department, has promoted nearly 243 members of teaching faculty of Medical Education cadre working in various Government Medical Colleges of J&K.

Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar, has congratulated the elevated faculty members and exuded confidence that all the Government Medical Colleges in J&K will become centers of excellence in teaching, research and patient care, and make Jammu &

Kashmir emerge as hub of Medical Education.

Out of the 243 promotees, 92 belong to GMC Srinagar while 73 are from GMC Jammu. In new Government Medical Colleges of J&K, which are at the nascent stage of their development, most of the direct recruits at the level of Assistant Professor have been elevated.

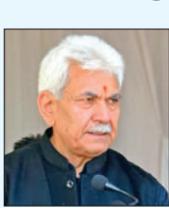
These included 20 faculty members of GMC Anantnag, 15 of GMC Baramulla, 12 of GMC Doda, 17 of GMC Kathua and 14 of GMC Rajouri. Most of the elevated doctors included those who have rendered requisite

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JKBOSE declares Class 12th result; girls excel again

"Uniform Academic Calendar successfully implemented", says Chairman

LG congratulates students



JAMMU/SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has extended his hearty congratulations to the students who have passed the class 12th Annual Regular Examination-2023 of J&K Board of School Education, and wished them a successful future. He also complimented the parents, teachers and Jammu Kashmir Board of School Education.

In a tweet, the Lt Governor said, "Many congratulations to the students, who have passed JKBOSE class 12th Annual Regular Examination-2023. Wishing you all the very best for your future. Compliments to parents, teachers & @Office_JKBoSE. Historic Uniform Academic Calendar has streamlined conduct of exams".

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in the UTs of J&K, and Ladakh, of which 40045 students passed the exams. Girls have excelled again by scoring a higher pass percentage against that of the boys. The exam was conducted at 1255 centres established across the Soft and Hard Zone areas identified in both the UTs.

Expressing satisfaction over the entire examination process, Chairperson JKBOSE, Professor Parikshat Singh Manhas congratulated all the stakeholders and expressed gratitude to Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, Advisor to LG, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar and Principal Secretary, Education, Alok Kumar. He also conveyed gratitude

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Lt Gen Sanjay Mitra takes over as Commander of Strike 1 Corps

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant General Sanjay Mitra on Friday took over as the Commander of the prestigious Strike 1 Corps, a defence spokesperson said.

He succeeds Lt Gen Gajendra Joshi.

Lt Gen Mitra is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy (NDA), Khadakwasla and the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun.

He graduated from Defence Services Staff College, Wellington. He has attended the higher command course at National Defence College, Delhi and

other basic courses of the Indian Army, the spokesperson said.

In his career spanning 34 years, Lt Gen Mitra has commanded an Infantry Battalion, an Infantry Brigade and an Infantry Division, all of them along the Line of Control (LoC) in northern Jammu and Kashmir and the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh.

He has held multiple instructional and staff appointments, including that of instructor at Commando School, Belgaum; squadron commander in

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Headmaster suspended for fake social media post

STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: A headmaster of a government high school in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district has been put under suspension for allegedly circulating fake content on social media, officials said on Friday.

An order to this effect was issued by the Director of School Education Ashok Kumar Sharma in Jammu.

"Pending inquiry regarding the circulation of fake contents on the social media pertaining to annual transfer drive, Shah Nawaz, lookafter headmaster of government high school Sarthal (Kishtwar) is hereby placed under suspension with immediate effect", Director said in an order here.

The official shall remain attached with the Directorate during the suspension period.

Kishtwar chief education officer will conduct an inquiry into the matter and furnish the report within a week.

Three key conduits of Sunderbani narco-terror case arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Three key conduits, involved in Rs 150 crore narcotics recovery case in Sunderbani area, were arrested by security forces in the Poonch border district on Friday, officials said.

The duo was part of an inter-state drug peddling racket, which was busted by security forces on June 1. Two of its members were arrested here with 22 kg of narcotics worth over Rs 150 crore in the international market, they said.

"In the follow up operations to the Sunderbani narcotics recovery case, multiple joint



Narco smugglers in custody of security forces.

operations have been conducted by the Indian Army and police in Poonch district in the last 72 hours," Public Relations Officer (PRO) Defence said.

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Pawan Kotwal takes over as Advisor to Ladakh LG

STATE TIMES NEWS
LEH/JAMMU: Senior IAS officer Pawan Kotwal took charge as Advisor to Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh B D Mishra on Friday, officials said.

Kotwal becomes the second Advisor to the LG of Ladakh after outgoing advisor Umang Narula. Narula was the first official to be appointed to the post in 2019 when Ladakh became a Union Territory. Narula has been appointed as the Advisor to the LG of Delhi.

Kotwal, a 1994-batch IAS officer from AGMUT cadre, took charge in the

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Traffic halted after landslide in Kishtwar

STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: The Sarthal-Kishtwar road was closed for vehicular movement after a landslide in the Hasti area of Kishtwar district on Friday, officials said.

The incident occurred when a massive rock rolled down the hill and blocked the road, they added.

However, no casualty was reported, the officials said, adding that work to clear the road is underway.

The road stretch daily caters to around 20,000 people in the region.

3.9 magnitude quake hits Ladakh, J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS
LEH/JAMMU: An earthquake of magnitude 3.9 jolted Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, the National Centre for Seismology (NCS) said.

There was no report of any loss of life or damage to property, officials said.

The earthquake struck at 10.23 am and lasted for a few seconds, the NCS said.

The depth of the earthquake was 10 kilometers below the surface of the earth at latitude 35.64 degrees north and longitude 76.62 degrees east.

Its epicentre was in Ladakh, officials said.

Two cattle smugglers detained under PSA

STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: Two persons were arrested Friday for their alleged involvement in cattle smuggling in Kishtwar district, officials said.

The duo identified as Ishfaq Ahmed and Atta Mohd were also slapped with the Public Safety Act (PSA), they said.

A police team detained them after conducting a raid in the Chatroo area. Kishtwar District Magistrate has also issued an order to book them under PSA for their repeated involvement in cattle smuggling cases, officials said.

The accused were involved in several other crimes as well, including

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Union Law Minister visits Rajouri; counts 9 years of Modi Govt achievements

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: Union Minister of Law and Justice, Arjun Ram Meghwal on Friday counted remarkable progress achieved under various government schemes during nine years of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's government.

Union Law Minister, during his extensive visit to Rajouri district, said that the government's renewed focus on taking the nation to new dimensions of growth and development under the leadership of Narendra Modi has significantly improved implementation of schemes across the region.

In his address to the gathering, Meghwal commended the Pradhan Mantri Awas



Union Minister of Law and Justice, Arjun Ram Meghwal addressing a gathering at Rajouri.

Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) scheme for its exceptional achievements. He acknowledged that previously, the scheme's progress was sluggish, but with the government's increased funding and a strict timeline for completion, houses are now being constructed at an unprecedented pace.

Leveraging advanced technologies such as geo-tagging, the scheme ensures transparency and accountability in allocation of houses while the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode facilitates seamless and corruption free fund transfers. Union Minister proudly stated that this remarkable progress reflects government's commitment towards '9 Saal Be

Misaal' development.

Furthermore, Union Minister shed light on remarkable accomplishments recorded under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), announcing that a staggering 11 crore toilets have been successfully constructed across the country after the campaign was launched. This monumental achievement

is a testament to the government's unwavering dedication towards creating a clean and hygienic India, he asserted.

During his press briefing, Union Law Minister also highlighted the significant strides made under Ayushman Bharat scheme and other crucial projects undertaken nationwide. The Ayushman Bharat scheme has revolutionised healthcare accessibility by providing financial protection and quality medical services to millions of Indians, he added.

Union Minister, while responding to questions raised by the media, reaffirmed the government's commitment towards rapid development, inclusive

growth and welfare for all citizens.

Also, Union Minister chaired a mega beneficiary Samelan at Rajdhani Thanamandi during his visit to the district which was attended by a large number of beneficiaries of the Central Government schemes.

While interacting with the beneficiaries, the Union Minister received feedback about the implementation of these schemes including Ayushman Bharat, PMAY, SBM, PMGKAY, PM KISAN, JJM and others.

The beneficiaries expressed satisfaction with the benefits they were receiving due to government's efforts of transforming their lives.

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 39.3°C Min: 26.0°C
Humidity
Max: 40 Min: 37
Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 30.6°C Min: 14.7°C
Humidity
Max: 62 Min: 35
Sunset : 19:38 Hours
Sunrise : 05:24 Hours