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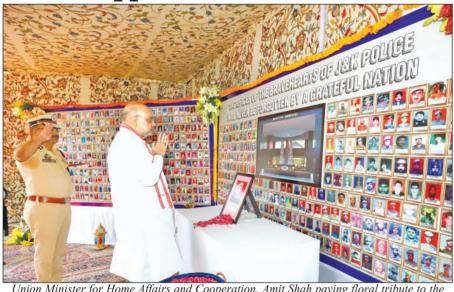
PM Modi's speech mesmerise Indian diaspora in Washington

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Mother-son duo arrested, 40 stolen

# Shah lays martyr's memorial foundation stone, hands appointment letters to kin of slain cops



Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Amit Shah paying floral tribute to the martyrs of Jammu and Kashmir Police at Srinagar on Saturday

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday laid the foundation stone of a martyr's memorial here and distributed appointment letters to the next of kin

of eight Jammu and Kashmir Police personnel martyred in the line of duty, officials said.

The 'Balidaan Stambh' memorial, a project under the Srinagar Smart City initiative, is a tribute to martyrs who have sacrificed their lives for the nation, they said. Shah, who was on a twoday visit to the Union territonear the Lal Chowk city cen-

"Jammu and Kashmir is the land of indomitable courage and bravery of the nation's bravehearts. To immortalise the valour of such heroes, the foundation stone of the 'Balidaan Stambh' was laid at Pratap Park in Srinagar, today. It will inspire patriotism among the youth by immortalising the memory of the martyrs," the Union home minister later said in a tweet in Hindi.

Stringent security arrangements were put in place for the event but shops in and around the venue were open, they said, adding that traffic movement remained normal except when it was briefly stopped on the stretch between Regal Crossing and Lal Chowk till Shah left the

venue, the officials said. The Union minister also

## **2nd Convocation Ceremony of IUST**

# NEP empowering students to succeed in machine-dominated world: LG

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

AWANTIPORA: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, National Education Policy (NEP) is empowering our students to succeed in a machine-dominated world and it is blended with the value system to ensure perfect balance in inner and outer growth of every student.

"Education should awaken the inner curiosity, critical thinking, trigger more questions in classrooms and provide the courage to walk on an unknown path. Through NEP 2020 efforts are being made to ensure that our classrooms reflect the real world instead of four walls," the Lieutenant Governor said while addressing the second Convocation of Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST)



LG Manoj Sinha addressing 2nd Convocation Ceremony of IUST at Awantipora on Saturday.

Prof. K Kasturirangan, Chairman, Drafting Committee of the National Education Policy 2020, was the Chief Guest on the occa-

The Lt Governor, who is also the Chancellor of the University, congratulated the graduating students and gold medalists for their achievements and wished them the

"Convocation is also an opportunity to celebrate eternal values, humility, creativity, righteousness, individuality, and compassion, nurtured by the institution. These values are invisible gold medals that empower students to create a better future of the country," the Lt Governor

The Lt Governor exhorted the youth to focus on innovation, new ideas, new technologies that will shape the

future. "Education is the birth of new consciousness. It is the energy of society. Education is ecstasy, education is elation, education is elegance.

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## Governors of Punjab, Tamil Nadu to attend final event of 'Vitasta Festival' today

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Governor of Punjab, Banwarilal Purohit and Governor of Tamil Nadu, R. N. Ravi, will attend the prestigious closing ceremony of Cultural Festival taking place at 'Sheri Kashmir International Convention Centre' (SKICC) here tomor-

cultural festival 'Vitasta', organised by the Union Ministry of Culture in collaboration with the North Zone Cultural Centre, Patiala, represents the final installment in a series of programmes. This day extravaganza, named after the revered

#### Summer vacation in Kashmir schools from July 1

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: In view of the prevailing hot weather, the Directorate of School Education in Kashmir on Saturday announced summer vacations in all the schools of the Valley for ten days starting from July 1.

In an order, the director of school education said all the government educational institutions and recognised private schools up to

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#### **SPO** among two arrested for beating their wives

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Two men, including a special police officer (SPO), were arrested for allegedly beating their wives under the influence of liquor in separate incidents in Samba district on Saturday. police said.

SPO Ravi Kumar was arrested for causing severe blunt injuries to his wife at their house in Swankha village of Ramgarh, a police spokesman said.

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Sunset: 19:38 Hours

Sunrise: 05:16 Hours

Min: 46

Max: 66

ancient Vedic name of the Jhelum River, holds the noble objective of embodying Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's visionary concept of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' (One India, Great India) as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav initiative.

The grand closing ceremony of this enriching festival will be held on Sunday.

Banwarilal Purohit, Governor of Punjab, will be the chief guest, while Tamil Nadu Governor, RN Ravi will attend the function as a special guest.

The concluding event will feature a diverse array

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ry, and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha laid its founda-

visited the Karan Mahal

### ADGP Jammu reviews security along Jammu-Srinagar highway ahead of Amarnath Yatra care so that the pilgrims feel comfortable and secure, the

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS** BANIHAL: Additional

Director General of Police of Jammu zone Mukesh Singh on Saturday visited several towns along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway and took stock of the security arrangements for the upcoming Amarnath Yatra.

Singh, accompanied by senior police officers, visited Lambar-Banihal, Ramsoo, Ramban and Chanderkot to take stock of the security measures.

The first batch of pilgrims will leave for Kashmir from the base camp in Bhagwati Nagar in Jammu on June



ADGP Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh during visit to several towns along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway.

30, one day before the scheduled commencement of the yatra to the 3,880-metrehigh cave shrine in the Himalavas.

The ADGP also interacted with CRPF and Army offi-

cers and enquired about the logistics provided to the personnel deployed en route.

He asked the officers who are to be deployed at vantage positions to discharge their assigned duties with utmost

police said.

He also instructed the J&K State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) personnel to remain extra vigilant, alert and to come forward in the shortest possible time to take up rescue operations in case of any unexpected mishap to any pilgrim due to any natural or man-made calamity.

ADGP Jammu also directed SSP Ramban to prepare a detailed SOP regarding various eventualities during the yatra incorporating suggestions from all

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Three Pakistani infiltrators shot

## **CRPF DG reviews security** preparedness for Amarnath Yatra

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: CRPF Director General Sujoy Lal Thaosen reviewed the security preparedness of the force for the upcoming Amarnath Yatra which begins next month.

Thaosen reviewed the preparedness of the paramilitary force during his visit to Jammu and Kashmir. "During his J&K visit,

@sthaosen, DG @crpfindia, held a meeting with officials, scrutinizing the security preparedness of the force vis- -vis the forthcoming SANJY 2023. He

instructed the officials to ardently ensure every measure, facilitating a harmonious and seamless yatra," the CRPF said on Twitter.

The 62-day yatra is set to begin on July 1. During the visit, the DG CRPF also assessed the operational preparedness of the Valley Quick Action Team of the CRPF. "He lauded the unwaver-

ing resolve and dedication of the Valley QAT, urging them to incessantly strive towards ascending unprecedented pinnacles of excellence,"

# Rajnath slams Cong, says Emergency was biggest blow to democracy

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

CHANDIGARH: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday hit out at the Congress for its 'democracy-underthreat' attacks on the government and reminded it that imposition of Emergency was one of the biggest blows to democracy.

Also slamming the opposition parties' meeting in Patna, he said they can fight polls by joining hands but should not try to mislead people by making baseless allegations against the Narendra Modi government. Singh was addressing a gathering as

part of the BJP's public outreach Sampark Se Samarthan' to mark the completion of nine years of the government at the Centre.

Without naming anyone, he also took



on the AAP government in Punjab over law- and-order issue

On Friday's Patna meeting, he said, "It would have been better had they (opposition parties) held a meeting on June 25. Then they could have at least observed the anniversary of the Emergency." At the meeting, the Opposition parties **CONTD ON PAGE 9** 

#### **Rajnath to visit** Jammu tomorrow

JAMMU: Union Defence Minister Rainath Singh would visit Jammu on 26 to address a 'security conclave' besides reviewing Jammu and Kashmir's political scenario.

As per sources, Union Defence Minister will arrive in the winter capital in morning and address a 'Security Conclave' organized by the J&K unit of the Bharativa Janata Party at Zorawar Singh Auditorium. He will also visit the BJP office at Trikuta Nagar and interact with senior party leaders to discuss prevailing political security in Jammu and Kashmir.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

POONCH/JAMMU: Three armed Pakistani intruders were shot by security forces when they attempted to sneak into the Indian side from across the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district. Army said on Saturday.

Officials said the fate of the intruders was not clear as the encounter site is ahead of the border fence and the three were seen falling down before they were evacuated to the

However, the Pakistan Army claimed that two "civilians" were killed and one was injured in the firing by Indian troops. The Indian Army said an intelligence-based counterinfiltration operation Resham' was jointly launched by the army and

in the exchange of fire with the intruders in the Krishna Ghati sector, where a massive search operation is on after the successful foiling of the infiltration bid during the intervening night of June 23 and 24.

A soldier was also injured

In a tweet on its official handle, Army's Jammubased White Knight Corps said, "Infiltration bid elimi-

along LoC in Poonch in KrishnaGhati Sector on 23/24 Jun, in which 1 soldier suffered gunshot wound & evacuated. 3 infiltrators running towards LC (Line of Control) engaged by own troops & seen falling down near LC."

> The officials said the encounter took place in the forward Ranger Nallah area late on Friday night when the Indian troops noticed at least three heavily armed terrorists trying to infiltrate into India under the cover of thick foliage and darkness. two statements,

Pakistan Army claimed

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## Medical Teachers seek roll back of H&ME Deptt order

## Appointment of HoDs on rotational basis creates furore among faculty members in GMCs in Jammu, Srinagar

#### VIVEK SHARMA

JAMMU: The appointment of Heads of Departments (HoDs) in the premier Government Medical Colleges (GMCs) of Jammu and Srinagar on rotational basis has created furore and generated resentment among the faculty members, who are up against the Health and Medical Education Department. eeking rollback of the controversial

The order, issued by the Health and Medical Education Department, states that in a Department with one Professor, the same Professor shall continue to be Head of Department (HoD) and in Departments with multiple Professors, the post of HoD will be on the rotational basis amongst the Professors every two vears, as per seniority.

The order will adversely impact various departments of Government Medical Colleges and Dental Colleges of Jammu and Kashmir. The premier GMCs of the twin capital cities will be the worst hit.

The medical fraternity of GMC Jammu and Srinagar have expressed deep concern, displeasure and resentment over this controversial order, saving unequivocally that this is against the National Medical Commission Teacher Eligibility Qualification Rules and Regulations, regulating medical education in the

On November 18, 2021, the NMC issued a draft TEQ for country wide comments, wherein they proposed rotatory headship for three years amongst the senior most professors. However, the move evoked country>> Dr. Sushil Sharma HoD Cardiology (OM) to be replaced by Dr. Dharminder Kumar (reserved candidate) Dr. Ashok Sharma HoD Eye (OM) to be

replaced by Dr. Sanjay Kai (reserved candidate) Dr. Sangeeta Gupta HoD Anatomy (OM) to be replaced by Dr. Nusrat Jabeen (reserved candidate)

Dr. Ghanshyam Saini HoD Pediatric (OM) to be replaced by Dr. Sanjeev Dingra (reserved candidate) Dr. Parmod Kalsotra HoD ENT (OM) to be replaced by Dr. Kamal Kishore (reserved candidate)

Dr. Sanjeev Gupta HoD Orthopedic (OM) to be replaced by Dr. Abdul Ghani (reserved candidate) Dr. Ratnakar Sharma HoD Surgery (OM) to be replaced by Dr. Sanjay Kumar Bhasin (reserved candidate)

Dr. Seema Gupta HoD Pharmacology (OM) to be replaced by Dr. Shabnam Chowdhary (reserved candidate) wide resentment and as a consequence the NMC had shelved the proposal.

The medical teachers said that such an arbitrary order is against the civil services regulation classification of the officer rule (1) A, wherein only senior most faculty can only head the department.

The norms of the NMC in vogue recommend senior most professors to head the department.

They said that this order is going to create confusion, chaos and indiscipline as well as affect the patient care seriously, as the control of the department will be in multiple hands, resulting in lack of responsibility and accountability in the functioning of departments.

Further, the medical teachers said that, this order has been issued to

facilitate and favour few of the faculty members who otherwise would have never got the opportunity to be the Heads of Department based on their seniority, both at GMC Jammu and Srinagar

Agitated over the proposed move the GMCs teaching faculty describes the order as an injustice for those who are not holding the posts of professors on account of non-availability of the incumbents despite their eligi-

The proposed move is also not in consonance with the law of equivalence as it should have been uniform in application for all the departments, they added.

Medical teachers have taken serious exception to the proposed move and sought immediate rollback of the controversial order: