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LG reviews arrangements for Amarnathji Yatra at Yatri Niwas Bhagwati Nagar



LG Manoj Sinha reviewing arrangements for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra at Yatri Niwas, Bhagwati Nagar on Thursday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, on Thursday visited Yatri Niwas at Bhagwati Nagar and reviewed arrangements put in place for the pilgrims of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

The Lt Governor, who is also the Chairman of Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, took stock of food and lodging of the pilgrims, security, functioning of Joint Control Room, langer stalls, registration counters, power and

water supply, health facilities, sanitation, transportation, deployment of health and sanitation staff, installation of mobile toilets, fire tenders and emergency services. The Lt Governor

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Over 3 lakh pilgrims have so far registered for longest Amarnath Yatra ever: SASB

On-the-spot registration starts in Jammu

SRINAGAR: Over three lakh pilgrims have till now registered for the 62-day Amarnath Yatra -- the longest ever, the shrine board said here on Wednesday.

The number of registrations so far is 10 per cent more than last year, CEO of Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) Mandeep Kumar Bhandari said.

The shrine board and the union territory administration are ready to welcome the yatri, he said.

The annual pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre-high holy cave shrine of Amarnath in the south Kashmir Himalayas is scheduled to start on July 1.

The first batch of pilgrims are leaving for the Valley from Jammu's Bhagwati Nagar base camp on June 30.

"The Yatra will commence on July 1 and will last till August 31. This year's pilgrimage will be of 62 days and will be the longest ever so far," Bhandari said.

So far, over three lakh pilgrims have registered with the board via different modes of registration, he said.

The CEO said yatri up to the age of 70 years can perform the pilgrimage, which can be undertaken from the two routes of Baltal -- which involves 14.5 km trekking -- and Chandanwari -- 32 km of a trek up to the holy cave shrine at the height of 13,000 feet. This year, the Yatra tracks on both routes have been made better. The tracks have been widened and hand railings have been installed,

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CJI to inaugurate 19th All India Legal Services Authorities Meet at SKICC Srinagar today

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Justice of India & Patron-in-Chief, NALSA, Dr. Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud, will inaugurate the 19th All India Legal Services Authorities Meet scheduled to be held tomorrow on 30th June at SKICC, Srinagar.

The inaugural ceremony would be attended by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman, NALSA; Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Chairman, Supreme Court Legal Services Committee; Judges, Supreme Court of India; Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor; UT of Jammu & Kashmir; Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State for Law and Justice; Brigadier B D Mishra, Lieutenant Governor, UT of Ladakh; N. Kotsiwar Singh, Chief Justice, High

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CJI pays obeisance at cave shrine of Mata Vaishnodevi



Chief Justice of India, Dr Justice D Y Chandrachud paying obeisance at Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan on Thursday.

JAMMU: Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dr Justice D Y Chandrachud visited the holy cave Shrine of Mata Vaishnodevi and paid obeisance at the sanctum sanctorum. This is the first visit of Justice Chandrachud to the holy shrine after taking over as the CJI. On his arrival at Katra, the Chief Justice

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Farooq spreading baseless panic on UCC for petty politics: Chugh

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Thursday launched a scathing attack on former J&K chief minister Farooq Abdullah for misleading the country on the issue of Uniform Civil Code.

Chugh said in no other country in the world there were different Civil codes for different communities. He lambasted Abdullah for creating baseless panic to play cheap politics. Instead of appreciating the Modi government for taking an initiative for one nation, one Civil Code, Abdullah, with his irresponsible statements, has



been misguiding people and trying to create baseless fears. The entire nation is in a mood to take the novel step, so Abdullah should realize the importance of reforms and support the Modi government initiative, Chugh added.

Eid prayers pass off peacefully in J&K; Indo-Pak troops exchange sweets on LoC

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Eid-ul-Adha, also known as Bakrid, was celebrated with religious fervour across the country on Thursday, with people gathering at mosques and Eidgahs in large numbers to offer prayers and exchange the festival greeting 'Eid Mubarak' by embracing each other.

In Jammu and Kashmir, Eid prayers passed off peacefully and there was no report of any untoward incident, police said.

The biggest congregational prayers were held at the Hazratbal Shrine in



BSF officers and Pak rangers exchanging sweets along border in Jammu.

Srinagar, where more than 50,000 people gathered, they said.

Smaller gatherings were reported at all Muslim places of worship across the

Kashmir Valley, except for the historic Jamia Masjid in the old city. In Poonch, Indian and Pakistani troops came together at Rahe Milan to celebrate the festival by

exchanging sweets and gifts.

Eid prayers were conducted across mosques in Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban, Poonch, Rajouri, Reasi, and Kathua of Jammu region.

"In Jammu, the biggest congregation takes place at Eidgah. The spirit of brotherhood sets a remarkable example. Apart from commemorating the Prophet's sacrifice, we prayed for the peace and prosperity of our nation," Gulam Mohammad, a local resident, said.

The district administrations made elaborate arrangements,

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PM Modi to chair Council of Ministers meeting on July 3

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called a meeting of the Union Council of Ministers on July 3, a development which

September, officials said on Thursday.

Though the speculation about a Cabinet reshuffle has been rife for a long time,



recent meetings involving the BJP's brain trust, including Home Minister Amit Shah and party president J P Nadda, and the period

The July 3 meeting is likely to be held at the newly built convention centre at Pragati Maidan here, which will host the G20 summit in

before the Parliament's Monsoon Session could be the last window for such an exercise have added to the buzz.

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Prices of tomato, ginger soar in Jammu amid heavy rainfall, landslides

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Poor crop yield due to heavy rainfall and landslides over the past few days here has hiked the prices of vegetables such as ginger and tomato, with consumers demanding government intervention to address the issue.

The recent price surge due to a demand-supply gap has posed significant challenges for low-income individuals who struggle to afford essential commodities.

With tomatoes priced at around Rs 120 per kg and ginger at Rs 400 per kg, people are being compelled to forgo these items, Bharat Bhushan, a customer, said. Bhushan emphasised the urgent need for government intervention to alleviate the burden of price hikes on poor families.

Local vegetable vendors have attributed the low crop yield of ginger and tomatoes to the heavy rainfall owing to the ongoing monsoon. "We have witnessed a price hike in ginger and

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 35.2°C Min: 25.0°C

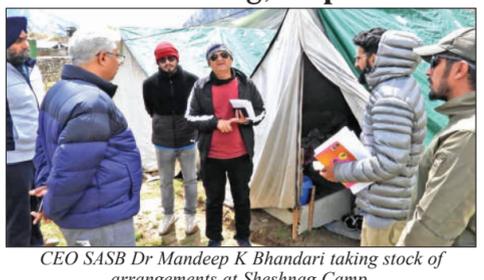
Humidity
Max: 90 Min: 54

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 30.5°C Min: 20.3°C

Humidity
Max: 73 Min: 60

Sunset : 19:43 Hours
Sunrise : 05:28 Hours

CEO SASB visits Neelgrath helipad, Holy Cave, Sheshnag; inspects arrangements



CEO SASB Dr Mandeep K Bhandari taking stock of arrangements at Sheshnag Camp.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB), Dr Mandeep K Bhandari, on Thursday

visited Neelgrath Helipad, Holy Cave and Sheshnag Camp to assess arrangements being put in place for ensuing 62 day long Shri Amarnathji Yatra scheduled

to commence on July 1 with culmination on August 31.

CEO, while seeking information on all requisite facilities for the devotees visiting the revered Cave, exhorted upon the officers to ensure that all arrangements are in place for successful and peaceful conduct of this prestigious annual pilgrimage of Lord Shiva, Shri Amarnathji Yatra-2023.

Bhandari was accompanied by senior officers of the UT administration and other stakeholders.

During the tour, the CEO inspected and evaluated

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Think, rethink consequences of UCC: Farooq to Centre

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Thursday said the Centre should not push through with the Uniform Civil Code and rethink the consequences of implementing it.

"They should rethink about it. This is a diverse nation, people of different races and religions live here and Muslims have their own shariah law," Abdullah told reporters at Hazratbal after offering Eid-ul Azha prayers. The Lok Sabha member from Srinagar said the government should

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Adding 107 more services to Auto Appeal System a step towards 'Bhrashtachar Mukta J&K': CS



Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta chairing a meeting in Jammu on Thursday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a move to further improve online citizen centric services, Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday

launched Task Scheduler, designed to help officers manage and organise their tasks and addition of Auto Appeal System for 107 more services, further streamlin-

ing government-to-citizen services in addition to over 103 services integrated with the auto appeal system last month. On the occasion the Commissioner Secretary, IT, Prerna Puri informed the Chief Secretary that out of 480 online services provided to citizens at present, 210 are onboard the Auto Appeal System, that ensures timely delivery of services with auto-escalation of applications in case of breach of timelines set under the J&K Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA). While speaking

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Rousing reception to Amarnath yatri at Lakhampur, first batch to leave from Jammu today

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: District Administration Kathua on Thursday welcomed the Shri Amarnath yatri at Lakhampur; the gateway of Jammu & Kashmir amidst spirited participation of a large number of pilgrims who turned up for annual Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

The Yatri were formally welcomed at Lakhampur corridor in Kathua district by Vice Chairman DDC Kathua, Raghunandan Singh, DC Kathua Rakesh Minhas, SSP Kathua Shivdeep Singh Jamwal, President MC Lakhampur, DDC Member and other district and sectoral officers.

The pilgrims left Lakhampur at 12:30 PM. Many devotees who got



Shiv Pooja organised at Ram Mandir Purani Mandi in Jammu; Yatri waiting for departure on wee hours of Friday from Jammu for Baba Amarnath Yatra.

themselves registered for the annual pilgrimage were given RFID tags at Lakhampur for which the government put up 06 special counters. The Yatri who are already registered for Yatra coming by

road through Lakhampur have to undergo eKYC for the issuance of RFID Tags for them. DC Kathua while formally welcoming the Yatri assured that district administration

has made elaborate arrangements for pleasant experience of the Yatri who can get help and other relevant information from dedicated Helplines and Counters established for the facilitation of the Yatri.

Earlier, the scintillating cultural performances depicting Shiv Tandava and other devotional numbers enthralled the devotees

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