

## 08 JSS Kathua holds Investiture Ceremony for academic session 2023-2024

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# In last 34 months, effort has been to build J&K of people's dreams: LG

## Makes some important announcements for Budgam



LG Manoj Sinha addressing public function at Beerwah on Saturday.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**BUDGAM:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said that in the last 34 months, effort has been to build the Jammu and Kashmir UT of people's dreams and fulfil the aspirations of all sections of society so they can contribute to the nation's progress.

"We have ensured that benefits of growth reach all sections and improve the life of common man," said the Lt

Governor while addressing a public function at Beerwah Town Hall Ground in the Budgam District.

Addressing a large gathering, the Lt Governor lauded the PRI members and District Administration for their commitment and dedication towards the welfare of the people.

"Budgam is rapidly achieving all-round development and it has been possible because of the hard work,

competence, integrity and excellent coordination between PRIs and district administration," said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor highlighted several infrastructure projects of unprecedented magnitude undertaken by the District Administration.

"These projects are being implemented at an unprecedented speed for ease of living and to evolve a holistic strategy to transform

Budgam into a hub of education and entrepreneurship," he added.

He said the transformation journey of all the districts of Jammu Kashmir over the last three years is the reflection of the resolve of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the UT Government to convert the challenges into opportunities and ushered in a new era of progress and prosperity.

Not only speed of project execution increased ten times but also the projects delayed for decades are being completed at a faster pace. We have completed 1500 such projects at a cost of Rs 2500 crores which were pending for 5 to 20 years, he observed.

"From roads to healthcare, we are seeing the beginning of a qualitative change and growth in infrastructure that has given new hope and

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## LG greets people on Kabir Jayanti

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**SRINAGAR:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has extended his heartiest greetings to the people on the eve of Sant Kabir Das Ji's Jayanti.

In a message, the Lt Governor said: "On the auspicious occasion of Sant Kabir Das Ji Jayanti, I extend my hearty greetings and good wishes to the people. Sant Kabir Das Ji's divine vision of

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## Quadcoputer crashes in village in Udhampur, matter being probed

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**UDHAMPUR:** An unidentified quadcopter crashed in a village in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district on Saturday, official sources said.

The incident was reported from Neeli Nallaha village in the district around 7 pm, they said.

Police and officials of security agencies have rushed to the spot to investigate the matter, the sources said.

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## Sinha attends Pratham Puja to mark ceremonial beginning of Amarnath Yatra

### 'Striving for better facilities, services for pilgrims'



LG Manoj Sinha participating in Pratham Puja of Amarnath Yatra via video conferencing from Srinagar on Saturday.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**SRINAGAR:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday attended the Pratham Puja to mark the ceremonial beginning of the Annual Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, through video conferencing.

The Lt Governor sought the blessings of Baba Amarnathji and prayed for the good health and well-being of one and all.

Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board has been organising Pratham Puja at the Holy Cave on the auspicious occa-

sion of Jyeshtha Purnima every year.

"For millions of devotees all over the world, pilgrimage to the Holy Cave of Baba Amarnath is a cherished life-long dream," said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor said, the J&K Government is committed to ensure that the best possible arrangements are put in place for the comfort and well-being of pilgrims.

"Dedicated efforts have been made in the last few years to bring about perceptible improvements in infra-

structure and other facilities" he said.

"The officials of Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board are working hard to ensure that needs and requirements of devotees are taken care of during the Yatra. We are constantly striving for better facilities and services for pilgrims," the Lt Governor observed.

The Lt Governor also acknowledged the immense contribution of the local residents to the successful conduct of the Yatra that

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## Ankurarpanam held in Lord Balaji Temple Jammu



Ankurarpanam-rituals being performed in Bajali Temple, Jammu.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**JAMMU:** The Ankurarpanam-ritual of prelude for Maha Samproshanam festivities in Srivari temple at Majeen village in Jammu was observed on Saturday.

As a part of the religious event, Acharya Varanam,

Punyahavachanam, Mritsangrahanam, Ankurarpanam was observed between 6 PM and 8 PM.

The essence of Ankurarpanam, "sowing the seed", ritual is to make a Sankalpa (Wish) to celebrate a Utsavam (Festival) and

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## Justice Shukla, eminent speakers address 13th Sat Paul Sahni Memorial Lecture

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**JAMMU:** The Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) J&K Regional Branch held its 13th Sat Paul Sahni Memorial Lecture on "Free Press and the Constitution of India" here on Saturday.

The event was attended by several notable speakers including Judge of J&K High Court, Justice Sanjeev Kumar Shukla; Chairman IIPA (J&KRB), BR Sharma; Patron IIPA (J&KRB), Dr Ashok Bhan and Hony Secretary, IIPA (J&KRB), Professor Alka Sharma.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar Shukla, who was the keynote speaker, paid tributes to Sahni during his speech. He highlighted Sahni's achievements



Justice Sanjeev Kumar Shukla, J&K High Court and other eminent speakers during 13th Sat Paul Sahni Memorial Lecture in Jammu on Saturday.

including his distinction of covering all four wars of 1947, 1962, 1965 and 1971.

During his lecture, Justice Shukla discussed freedom of expression and free press. He stated that free press cannot be conceived unless it is afforded protection by the provisions of the Constitution of India. He referred to Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution of India which states that all citizens

have the right to freedom of speech and expression.

Justice Shukla elaborated specifically on Freedom of Press vis a vis subjects of media trials and contempt of court. He warned that partial news coverage may lead to wrongly shaping public opinion. He accepted that media has also helped highlight issues pertaining to human rights and other issues of significance to the society. He also highlighted

the issue of sensationalisation which may mar fair course of justice.

Justice Shukla acknowledged the objective reporting of the media in Jammu.

B R Sharma spoke about the significance of freedom of press in a democratic society. "Its freedom gives it power, but power in democracy implies responsibility," said Sharma. "No institution

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## Pre-arrest bail of Babli (Anita Sharma) extended till June 5

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**JAMMU:** Pre-arrest bail plea of Babli (Anita Sharma) extended till June 5. Anita Sharma, resident of 23 B/C Gandhi Nagar, wife of Shiv Kumar Sharma (Bunty), a known Financier, Fruit Dealer and Wine Merchant was booked by Crime Branch under FIR 48/23 for impersonation, cheating and fraud.

Apprehending her arrest, Anita had filed a plea in court for anticipatory bail. Initially, the Court had extended the pre-arrest bail plea of Anita Sharma alias Babli till June 3. Today, it has been postponed and extended upto June 5.

According to FIR 48/23, Anita Sharma alias imper-

sonated as the owner of House Number 84/110-A, Gandhi Nagar and tried to cheat Jammu Municipal Corporation to get under process certificate which she



used to befool municipal officers during construction of House Number 44 D/C Gandhi Nagar whenever officials of Municipal Corporation approached at the site. Anita Sharma used to tell to the concerned officials that she has applied for the building permission to JMC on August 12, 2019. To substantiate her point, she used to show false documents by concealing the factual position. This, in the

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## SFs alert to foil infiltration attempts along LoC in Kashmir: IG BSF

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**SRINAGAR:** The Border Security Force (BSF) on Saturday said the melting of snow increases the chances of infiltration of militants along the Line of Control in Kashmir but security forces have upped their preparation to foil any such attempt.

"We are alert on the LoC. We conduct area domination and anti-infiltration role jointly with the army. Snow has started melting along some areas which make them vulnerable to infiltration. We map these areas and then redistribute our deployment.

"The melting of snow increases the chances of infil-

tration but we have also upped our preparation to foil any such attempt," BSF Inspector General of Kashmir Ashok Yadav told reporters here.

Yadav was speaking to reporters after the conclusion of a walkathon, organised by the BSF part of the Azaadi ka Amrut Mahotsav.

He said the security forces were actively working along the LoC to foil any attempt from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir to push narcotics and weapons into the valley.

"We are working seriously to tackle the efforts made from the other side to

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## Train Crash: PM promises stringent action against guilty; death toll mounts to 288

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**BALASORE/BHUBANESWAR:** Investigators were on Saturday looking into any human error, signal failure and other possible causes behind the three-train crash in Odisha's Balasore district as officials submitted a preliminary inquiry report into the worst rail accident in India in nearly three decades that left at least 288 people dead and over 1,100 injured.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the accident site and was briefed by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw as well as officers of the dis-

aster management teams. He also met some of the injured in the hospital.

"I do not have words to express my pain... No one would be spared and strong action would be taken against those found guilty. Instructions have been given to ensure proper and speedy investigation of the tragedy," Modi said, adding that more focus will be given to the security of rail passengers.

The crash involving Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express and Shalimar-Chennai

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**Eligible residents of J&K under PMAY(G)**

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- MGNREGA Job card ● Copy of Ration Card
- Revenue extract of land
- Self attested declaration (format on <https://www.jkpr.gov.in>)
- Phone Number

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