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Dr Jitendra launches ISRO's 'Bhuvan UU Panchayat Portal' for rural land records

22nd Chhari Mubarak Yatra of Maa Chamunda Sharvadhar ji will leave from Jammu on July 7

JU organises workshop on new Criminal Laws

# Website: www.statetimes.in, Email: statetimes1@gmail.com LG flags off first batch of Shri Amarnathji pilgrims from Jammu

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Yatris accorded warm reception on reaching Baltal Base Camp



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagging off first batch of Shri Amarnathji Yatra pilgrims from Jammu Base Camp.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

Lieutenant Manoj Sinha Governor flagged off the first batch of devotees for the pilgrimage to the holy cave of Shri Amarnath Ji, from Yatri Niwas, Bhagwati Nagar, on

The pilgrims left for the

twin base camps in Kashmir -- north Kashmir's Baltal and south Kashmir's Anantnag -- from Jammu amid tight security

The Lt Governor extended his best wishes to all the pilgrims for a safe, blessed, and spiritually enriching journey. "May the blessings of Baba

#### the Yatra safe and a truly fulfilling spiritual experience, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said the spiritual journey to the holy cave is the symbol of faith and unity. "For centuries, it has been the collective responsibility of the society to make every step of this journey blissful," the Lt

to welcome pilgrims of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra. The Lt Governor lauded the significant contribution of the people of Jammu Kashmir in smooth and successful conduct of the annual holy yatra.

Governor said while addressing an event organised by civil

society, trade fraternity and citizens, in Srinagar on Friday,

Amarnathji Yatra symbol of

faith, unity: Sinha

SRINAGAR: Observing that the people feel privileged to be

part of holy Amarnathji pilgrimage and contribute to make

Interacting with various stakeholders, the Lt Governor highlighted the important role of civil society groups, trade bodies and local citizens in the hassle-free pilgrimage. He urged them to come forward and welcome the devotees of Shri Amarnath Ji coming from across the country and abroad. The responsibility of ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Amarnath Ji bring peace, happiness and prosperity to everyone's life," the Lt Governor said.

Amidst chanting of Vedic

Mantras, the first batch of 4603 Yatris was flagged off for the holy Cave Shrine from Bhagwati

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#### **Cloudburst hits Thathri** in Doda, houses flooded with mudslides

## STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADARWAH/JAMMU: A cloudburst on Friday caused flash floods in Thathri market of Doda district, laying mudslides in several houses and the Batote-Kishtwar National Highway, leading to significant disruption in traffic.

However, there have been no reports of injuries or fatalities so far, officials said.

The cloudburst followed by flash floods around 3 am triggered substantial mudslides that affected the entire market area of Thathri town and several residential houses along the highway,

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# Naya Jammu Kashmir Short Film Making Contest: DIPR declares winners

# Winners selected by eminent Bollywood film-makers

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) on Friday declared the winners of 'Naya Jammu Kashmir Film Making Competition - an initiative to promote local talent and showcase the development in The entries for the contest

were shortlisted and judged by the jury comprising renowned Bollywood filmmakers Padma Shri Madhur Bhandarkar and Mrighdeep Singh Lamba.

#### regularization of Dy SP from date he was entitled **STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: A Bench of

Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), comprising B Anand Member(A) and Rajinder Singh Dogra Member (J) directed UT to consider the case of the Sudershan Mehta for regularization of his promotion as Deputy Superintendent of Police w.e.f. the date he was entitled to be promoted on this post along with his

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## **BSF** chief reviews operational readiness of troops along IB in Jammu frontier

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: BSF Director Nitin Agrawal General reviewed the operational readiness of the troops along the International Border on Friday and commended the dedication and professionalism of the jawans.

The BSF chief's visit to the Jammu frontier came days after Union Home Minister Amit Shah held a high-level meeting in Delhi to

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Outstandingly well crafted "Melting Stones" by Ompal Singh Sambyal secured the

top rank in the contest followed by Sandeep Bhagal's

# ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 50 yrs after Emergency, Congress still bears burden: Chugh

'Those who murdered democracy now hypocritically claim to be its guardians'

## STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a step to bolster party unity and prepare for the upcoming Assembly polls, BJP National General Secretary and In-charge of Jammu & Kashmir, Tarun Chugh, convened a seminar at Church Lane in Srinagar on Friday.

Stressing the importance of grassroots organization for the upcoming Assembly polls, Chugh urged the workers to fortify the party's pres-

Reflecting on the 50th



Emergency imposed in 1975. Chugh highlighted its lasting impact on Indian democracy, saying: "It has been 50 years since the imposition of the Emergency in this country. Yet, the Congress Party still

bears the burden of this sin. Why do they become so agitated and restless whenever this issue is discussed? It is essential to tell the country why the Emergency was imposed.

recounted Chugh events leading to Emergency, beginning with the Allahabad High Court's invalidation of Indira Gandhi's election from Rae Bareli. He said Indira Gandhi's election was invalidated by the Allahabad High Court, leading her to

## Addresses Public Grievances at LG's Mulagaat

Govt working consistently on capacity building to strengthen people-centric administration: Sinha



Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha chairing a meeting at Srinagar on Friday.

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said the government is consistently working on capacity building at various levels to strengthen the people-centric administration.

Interacting with applicants of J&K Integrated Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (JK-IGRAMS) and

addressing their grievances, through video conferencing, at the Civil Secretariat, he reiterated the resolve of the UT Administration to build a caring, sensitive, accountable and effective public service delivery system.

In today's "LG's Mulaqaat"-Public Grievance Hearing programme, several grievances of the com-

plainants were redressed on the spot by the Lt Governor. The Lt Governor directed the officials to resolve the public issues on priority and ensure that the benefits of social welfare schemes reach all the needy people. "Empowerment of the disadvantaged sections of society is our prime objective. All

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#### Drugs trafficking probe; ED attaches Rs 1.5-Cr worth house STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate on Friday said it has attached a house located in Srinagar's Bemina valued at Rs 1.5 crore as part of a money laundering investigation linked to alleged drugs trade being used to fund terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir.

The action has been taken against the accused Abdul Peer, Momin Enforcement Directorate

(ED) said in a statement. The money laundering case stems from an FIR and chargesheet filed by

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# CEO meets recognised political parties of J&K; reviews Special Summary Revision



Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, P K Pole chairing a meeting at Jammu on Friday.

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, PK Pole, on Friday convened a meeting with representatives of various recognised political parties of the Union Territory at of polling stations, location

Nirvachan Bhawan, Jammu as part of the ongoing Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls.

The political parties were briefed about rationalisation

changes, AMF in polling stations and related issues. They were apprised of roll updation via Form 6, , Form 7 and Form 8. It was informed that form

# Hiranagar encounter: 9 SPOs regularised as constables in J&K Police

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KATHUA/JAMMU: A few days after the encounter in the Hiranagar border area in which two terrorists were killed, nine Special Police Officers (SPOs) were regularized as constables in the police by the Director General of Police (DGP) R. R. Swain as a reward for their exceptional action.

Swain announced that the Village Defence Groups and SPOs will be strengthened in Kathua and other areas of Jammu and Kashmir.



DGP J&K, R.R Swain posing with promoted SPOs & others

The encounter took place in Kathua district's Hiranagar Saida Sukhal village in area near the International

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