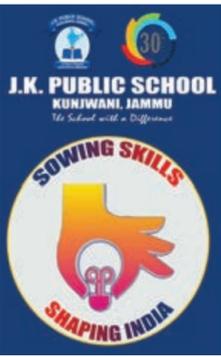


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Strong border areas protect country's core, act as first line of defence: LG

In past 5 years, Samba witnessed massive infra upgradation

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha laid the foundation stone of an Auditorium and upgradation work for Government Higher Secondary School in Gurha Slathia, Samba.

Funds for the new Auditorium having capacity of 500 persons and upgradation of Government Higher Secondary School have been arranged through Charity after Local representatives and youth had raised this demand during Lieutenant Governor's previous visit to Gurha Slathia in February 2025.

"When I visited Gurha Slathia in February this year, the youth here requested a big auditorium of 500 persons capacity. I assured them we would move forward with the project, with me securing 50% of the funds and the local MLA providing the remaining half."



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at an event in Gurha Slathia on Sunday.

But I realised that it will require a huge amount of money and such arrangement may not work because the budget has gone to the government and wasn't sure whether it will be approved in the budget session. So, I needed to find another way to fulfil this promise. I asked revered Babaji to help me in getting a big auditorium and upgradation of the school. He assured me that it will be done. I am happy and

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- ▶ LG lays foundation stone of Auditorium and upgradation work for Govt Higher Secondary School in Gurha Slathia, Samba
- ▶ Funds for Auditorium, GHSS's upgradation have been arranged through charity after local representatives; youth had raised this demand during LG's previous visit in Feb 2025
- ▶ Announces sports facility at Gurha Slathia to be financed through charity
- ▶ Says, we must remember that education shapes region's destiny and drives inclusive development and stability. Therefore, we must focus on educational infrastructure for economic growth and entrepreneurial ventures
- ▶ With major transformative initiative aligned with NEP 2020 we have brought new revolution in school, higher education
- ▶ Fast-paced industrialization also fostered economic growth and integrated local population

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In touch with MEA regarding J&K students stranded in Iran: Omar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Sunday said he was in touch with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) regarding students from the Union Territory stranded in Iran.

Abdullah's statement has come after Indian nationals in Iran were on Sunday asked to exercise due caution and maintain contact with the Embassy of India in Tehran through its social media accounts in view of the current situation in the country following the launch of strikes by Israel.



"I'm in touch with @MEAIndia regarding the evolving situation in Iran, particularly with regard to the students from Kashmir in Tehran, Shiraz, Qom & other cities. They, in turn, are in close contact with the authorities in Iran."

Abdullah said in a series of posts on X.

He said a decision to evacuate the students will be taken on the basis of ground situation and keeping in view their safety.

"A decision to evacuate, if necessary, will be taken based on the ground situation keeping the safety & security of these students as the primary consideration. We will keep everyone informed as the situation develops," he said.

The chief minister sought to assure the parents of stranded students that

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Chopper crashes near Kedarnath, all seven on board killed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RUDRAPRAYAG (UTTARAKHAND): A helicopter carrying pilgrims from the Kedarnath shrine crashed early Sunday in the forests of Gaurikund amid poor visibility, killing all seven people on board, the fifth helicopter accident on the Chardham Yatra route since the pilgrimage started on April 30.

The Civil Aviation Ministry suspended the operations of the helicopter operator and issued a slew of safety directions after the tragedy, which came just days after one of the deadliest air

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Two minor siblings feared drowned in Chenab river

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: Two minor siblings are feared drowned after they slipped into the swollen Chenab river in Doda district, officials said on Sunday, as a major rescue operation is underway to retrieve their bodies.

The boys, hailing from Nepli village, were playing cricket near the river bank when the ball fell in the river on Saturday evening, the officials said, quoting eyewitnesses.

Abhar Ahmad (12) was the first to fall into the river while trying to retrieve the ball and his younger brother Asrar Ahmad (10) was also swept away when he tried to rescue him, the officials said.

A major rescue operation was launched by locals, police and SDRF but there was no trace of the boys, the officials said, adding the rescue operation continued till late in the night and was resumed around 6 am on Sunday.

Deputy Commissioner, Doda Harvinder Singh

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Mukesh, Viplav, Vijay Kumar from erstwhile J&K cadre empanelled for ADGP level positions

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the empanelment of 38 senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officers for appointment to posts at the level of Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) or equivalent at the Centre.

Notably, three officers from the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir cadre-Mukesh Singh (1996 batch), and Viplav Kumar Choudhary and Vijay Kumar (both 1997 batch)-have been included in the list, underscoring the Centre's recognition of their extensive experience in

counter-terror operations and internal security management.

The empanelment, formalised through an official order issued on June 14, 2025, enables these officers to be considered for high-level appointments in central police organizations like the Ministry of Home Affairs, Intelligence Bureau, National Investigation Agency, and other departments critical to national security.

Mukesh Singh, a 1996-batch officer, has served in several key positions in Jammu and Kashmir,

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Man held for offering bribe to cop

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KUPWARA: A man in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district was on Sunday arrested for allegedly trying to bribe a police officer, police said.

Talib Peer, a resident of Lolab, approached the SHO of Lalpora police station and offered bribe in exchange for the unlawful release of a seized JCB vehicle. Following this, he was arrested, a police spokesperson said.

According to the spokesperson, the JCB was intercepted during routine patrolling and area domination exercises. Upon

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LG assures appropriate measures to declare Sant Kabir Das Ji Jayanti as Gazetted holiday

Reiterates Gov's commitment to reservation in promotion

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday attended a commemoration event on Sant Kabir Das at Bishnah, Jammu.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor paid homage to Sant Kabir and highlighted his profound societal impact.

"Kabir was an enlightened spiritual master, who had stressed on the idea of the co-existence of faiths - Sarva Dharma Sambhava- and dedicated his life to spread the message of unity, brotherhood and social harmony.

Kabir is epitome of humanity. Kabir is a unique mystic of saints' tradition. Kabir embodies purity of heart. Kabir showers unparalleled



LG Manoj Sinha paying tributes to Sant Kabir at Bishnah on Sunday.

bliss and total experience of awareness. Kabir is the fragrance of our eternal values. Kabir is the confluence in which all the ideologies and path of worship meet and merge," the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor, in

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BOPEE conducts CET for GNM-Lateral Entry Courses-2025

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Board of Professional Entrance Examinations (JK BOPEE) on Sunday conducted the Common Entrance Test (CET) for GNM-Lateral Entry Courses-2025 for the Academic Session 2025-26 at Jammu and Srinagar Centres.

The test was conducted at Amar Singh College in Kashmir Division and Government College for Women, Gandhinagar in Jammu Division, where in 646 candidates appeared in this examination.

To ensure smooth conduct of the Entrance Test,

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Op Sindoor sent message that India's blood not meant to be shed: Amit Shah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
LUCKNOW: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said that through Operation Sindoor; Prime Minister Narendra Modi has sent a message to the world that blood of India is not meant to be shed, and whoever attacks Indians will be punished.

Speaking at an event to distribute job letters to newly-recruited police constables here, Shah claimed that during Congress' rule, terrorist attacks used to take place almost daily, be it in



Ahmedabad, Delhi, Mumbai, Jaipur or Coimbatore, and "let's not talk about Pakistan tried (to attack) three times -- at Uri, Pulwama, and Pahalgam.

"Surgical strikes followed the Uri attack. Air strikes were carried out after the Pulwama attack, while Operation Sindoor followed the Pahalgam attack in which terrorist headquarters were shattered (across the border)," Shah said.

Narendra Modi has sent out a message to the entire world that anyone

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India looks forward to deepening friendship with Cyprus: Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NICOSIA: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said India was looking forward to deepening its friendship with Cyprus as he arrived here for a two-day visit during which he will hold talks with President Nikos Christodoulides to expand ties in areas including trade, investment, security and technology.

In a special gesture, President Christodoulides welcomed PM Modi on his arrival at the Larnaca



PM Narendra Modi receiving warm welcome by Indian community in Cyprus on Sunday.

International Airport. Modi is the first Indian prime minister to visit Cyprus in over two decades.

"India looks forward to deepening friendship with Cyprus," Modi said in a post on X.

Modi arrived here on the first leg of his three-nation tour.

"Landed in Cyprus. My gratitude to the President of Cyprus, Mr. Nikos Christodoulides for the special gesture of welcoming me at the airport. This visit will add significant momentum to India-Cyprus relations, especially in areas like

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