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Amarnathji Yatra is truly peoples' Yatra: LG



Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha chairing a meeting in Srinagar on Saturday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday held a meeting with the members of civil society organisations, religious leaders, elected representatives, trade and business community and discussed the arrangements for forthcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah; Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo; Special Director General (Coordination), PHQ, S.J.M Gillani; Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor and CEO, Shri Amarnathji

- Interacts with members of civil society organisations, religious leaders, elected representatives, trade and business community
- Discusses arrangements for forthcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, seeks their active participation, cooperation in smooth conduct of holy pilgrimage
- Says, every citizen is key stakeholder of this holy pilgrimage
- I appeal to the Civil Society members, elected public representatives, Religious, Trade and Business organizations to make this pilgrimage a vibrant celebration of spirituality, unity, love, and communal harmony

Shrine Board, Dr Mandep K. Bhandari; Divisional

Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Bidhuri; Administrative Secretaries, senior officials of Police and Civil Administration attended the meeting.

The Lieutenant Governor welcomed the suggestions from various sections of the society and sought their active participation and cooperation in smooth conduct of holy pilgrimage.

"Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra stands as a powerful symbol of Jammu and Kashmir's glorious past and its promising future. It is truly a Peoples' Yatra. Every citizen is a key stakeholder of this holy pilgrimage which also holds profound socio-economic, spiritual, and cultural significance for every section of society. I appeal to the Civil Society members, elected public representatives, Religious, Trade and Business organizations to make this pilgrimage a vibrant celebration of spirituality, unity, love, and communal harmony," the

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3.6 magnitude earthquake hits J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: An earthquake of magnitude 3.6 on the Richter scale hit Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, but there were no reports of any loss of life or damage to property, officials said.

The quake hit Jammu and Kashmir at 7:36 pm at a latitude of 32.96 degrees north and a longitude of 74.71 degrees east with a depth of nine kms, they said. The officials, however, added that there were no reports of any casualty or property damage.

Parliamentary panel visits Mata Vaishno Devi shrine

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice on Saturday visited the cave shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi in Jammu and Kashmir's Katra area to review the facilities, public grievances and redressal system of the board.

The committee, led

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Launches 'Mission YUVA' CM promises empowerment, entrepreneurship opportunities for J&K youth



Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah launching 'Mission Yuva' at SKICC in Srinagar.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday launched the much-anticipated Mission YUVA (Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan) at the Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC), a visionary initiative to foster entrepreneurship in J&K by creating 1.37 lakh enterprises and 4.25 lakh jobs in 5 years.

Chief Minister Omar

Abdullah described the programme as a transformative initiative aimed at empowering the youth of Jammu and Kashmir through entrepreneurship, financial support and opportunity-rich ecosystem development.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister affirmed his government's commitment to fulfil the aspirations

of the region's youth.

"I promise the youth of Jammu and Kashmir, that I will try my best to take you to that height, where you will not only write a better destiny for yourself, but for Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

The launch event was attended by Ministers Sakeena Itoo, Javed

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Clampdown on terror ecosystem: Police carry out searches at over 30 locations in Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Police on Saturday carried out searches at over 30 locations in the city as part of a clampdown on the terror ecosystem in the aftermath of the April 22 Pahalgam attack that left 26 people dead, an official said.

The searches of residences of more than 200 terrorists/terrorist associates have been conducted by Srinagar Police since the attack.

Srinagar Police has intensified searches across multiple locations in the city with the aim to dismantle terror-supporting infrastructure in the district, said a police

spokesman.

The searches were conducted in its continued resolute efforts to combat terrorist ecosystem by targeting terrorist associates of proscribed terrorist outfits and in the furtherance of investigation into cases registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), he added.

The spokesman said the searches of residences of more than 200 terrorist associates have been conducted till date in the last two months.

Police conducted

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Parag Jain appointed new RAW Chief

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Parag Jain, one of the brains behind the meticulous planning of 'Operation Sindoor', has been appointed as the new Chief of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), according to an official order issued here on Saturday.

The two-year tenure of Jain, an Indian Police Service (IPS) officer from the 1989 batch of the Punjab cadre,

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2 die as truck falls into gorge in Ramban

STATE TIMES NEWS

BANIHAL/JAMMU: Two persons were killed when a truck skidded off the road and rolled down into a deep gorge on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway in Ramban district on Saturday, officials said.

The truck was en route to Srinagar from Jammu when the driver lost control of the vehicle and it rolled down into a deep gorge in the Nachilana area, they said.

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 36.2°C Min: 26.6°C

Humidity
Max: 74 Min: 69

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 32.3°C Min: 21.2°C

Humidity
Max: 78 Min: 71

Sunset : 19:42 Hours
Sunrise : 05:25 Hours

Article 370 was against Dr Ambedkar's ideology of one Constitution for united India: CJI

STATE TIMES NEWS

NAGPUR: Chief Justice of India B R Gavai on Saturday said Dr B R Ambedkar envisioned one Constitution for the country to keep it united and never favoured the idea of a separate constitution for a state. Speaking at the inauguration of the Constitution Preamble Park here, the CJI said the Supreme Court drew inspiration from Dr Ambedkar's vision of a united India under a single constitution while upholding the Centre's decision to abrogate Article 370 that granted special status to Jammu and



Kashmir.

Gavai was part of a five-judge Constitution bench, headed by then Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, that unanimously upheld the Centre's

decision to abrogate Article 370, which bestowed special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

"When Article 370 was challenged, it came before us, and when the hearing was underway, I recalled Dr Babasaheb's words that one Constitution is suited for a country... If we want to keep the country united, we need only one Constitution," he said, while addressing the gathering in Marathi.

On August 5, 2019, the Centre decided to strip Jammu and Kashmir of special status and divide it into

two Union Territories.

Gavai said Dr Ambedkar had been criticised, saying the Constitution provides for too much federalism, and in times of war, the country may not remain united.

However, he had responded, saying the Constitution would suit all the challenges and keep the nation united, the CJI said.

"See the situation in the neighbouring countries, be it Pakistan, Bangladesh or Sri Lanka. Whenever our country faces challenges, it has remained united," Gavai said.

J&K tops in protected areas management

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir Forest Department has achieved a remarkably high score of 92.97 per cent for Dachigam National Park in Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) exercise, conducted by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) under the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

Minister for Forest, Ecology & Environment, Javed Ahmed Rana, has praised the officers of the Wildlife Department (WD) for this outstanding achievement in conservation of protected areas in

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Shukla's space sojourn marks beginning of new era for India: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' slogan reverberated on the International Space Station as Prime Minister Narendra Modi told astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla that his space travel marked the beginning of a new era and was the first step towards Mission Gaganyaan, India's own human spaceflight project.

"Shubhanshu, today you are the farthest from the land of India, but the closest to the hearts of every Indian," the prime minister told Shukla in an interaction through a video link from the



International Space Station, which is orbiting the earth at an altitude of 400 km.

Modi said Shukla's name carries the word 'shubh' (auspicious), and that his journey marked the auspicious beginning of a new era.

'Bharat Mata ki jai' chant filled up the space station as

the prime minister raised the slogan towards the end of the 18-minute conversation, which was reciprocated by Shukla.

Shukla told the prime minister that his space sojourn was "not my journey alone but also our country's",

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Shri Amarnath Yatra: DGP issues directions for implementing SOPs



DGP, Nalin Prabhat reviewing security arrangements for upcoming Shri Amarnath Yatra.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Director General of Police (DGP) Nalin Prabhat on Saturday reviewed the security arrangements and administrative preparedness for the upcoming Amarnath Yatra and impressed upon the implementation of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and

proactive measures to mitigate risks and ensure the pilgrims' safety and security.

He also directed officers to enhance surveillance and threat detection capabilities by utilizing advanced technologies and real-time monitoring.

To take stock of the security arrangements and administrative preparedness for the upcoming yatra, the DGP chaired a high-level meeting with officers of the police, Army, central paramilitary forces, intelligence agencies and civil administration here, a police spokesperson said.

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Traffic advisory for Shri Amarnathji Yatra

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SRINAGAR: To ensure smooth movement of yatra convoys & yatris, the Traffic Police Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday issued a detailed advisory for the initial cut off timing for Yatra Convoys/Yatris for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2025.

According to the advisory, for the Up Baltal Convoy, cut off timing for departure from Jammu towards Kashmir for Baltal is 0400hrs; departure from Lamber (Banihal) towards Baltal is 1000hrs; departure from Manigam Ganderbal towards Baltal is 1700hrs.

While for Down Baltal Convoy, departure from Baltal towards Jammu is 0600hrs & departure from Lamber (Banihal) towards Jammu is 1130hrs.

For Up Pahalgam Convoy, the cut off timing for departure from Jammu towards Pahalgam is 0430 hrs and departure from Lamber (Banihal) towards Pahalgam is 1100hrs.

For Down Pahalgam Convoy, the



cut off timing for Departure from Pahalgam towards Jammu is 0600hrs; departure from Nunwan, Pahalgam towards Jammu is 0630hrs and departure from Lamber (Banihal) towards Jammu is 0800hrs.

Regarding cut off timing for Non-Convoy/Yatris/Tourists from NAVYUG Tunnel to Valley and vice versa, the advisory states that from

Jammu to Pahalgam (other than Main Convoy arriving from Jammu), the cut off for last vehicle to cross NAVYUG Tunnel towards Valley is 1500hrs and last vehicle to cross Mir Bazar towards Anantnag is 1600hrs.

From Pantha Chowk to Manigam, (other than Main Convoy arriving from Jammu), the cut off timing for last vehicle to cross Peaks Crossing, Lassjan towards Manigam is

1500hrs; cut off time for last vehicle to cross Shadipora/Sumbal towards Manigam is 1530hrs and for last vehicle to cross Manigam Transit Camp towards Baltal is 1700hrs.

From Baltal to NAVYUG Tunnel (Jammu bound other than Main Convoy leaving at 0600 hrs from Baltal), the cut off timing for last vehicle to leave Baltal Base Camp towards Manigam is 0900hrs; for last vehicle to cross Sonamarg P/S towards Manigam cut off timing is 1000hrs; Last vehicle to cross Manigam Transit Camp towards Shadipora/Sumbal at 1200hrs; Last vehicle to cross Shadipora/ Shadipora crossing towards Peaks Automobile at 1300hrs and Last vehicle to cross Pantha Chowk towards Anantnag is 1500hrs.

From Nunwan, Pahalgam to NAVYUG Tunnel (other than Main Convoy leaving at 0630 hrs from Nunwan), the cut off timing for last vehicle to cross Nunwan

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19 villagers hospitalised due to gastroenteritis in Rajouri

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI/JAMMU: At least 19 people have been hospitalised due to gastroenteritis in Rajouri district, officials on Saturday said.

Several others have been treated for this illness by a mobile medical team in Sakri village of the district, they said.

The health department, the officials said, has attributed the outbreak to water contamination after E.coli was found in water samples from the area.

According to official details, 19 villagers from Sakri were brought to the Government Medical College Hospital, Rajouri, over the past 72 hours.

All patients complained of diarrhoea and other gas-

troenteritis symptoms, with a few also experiencing partial unconsciousness due to dehydration, they said.

Among them, two patients have been referred to the GMC Hospital in Jammu for specialised treatment, they said.

This is a confirmed case of waterborne contamination due to E.coli.

The officials said that medical teams immediately swung into action and collected water samples consumed by the villagers.

The presence of E.coli was confirmed in the samples, marking it as another case of waterborne contamination similar to the Kotli Bagla incident two weeks ago in which 30 people had fallen ill.