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## Justice denied to terror victims, truth suppressed deliberately: LG



LG Manoj Sinha interacting with family members of Kashmiri civilians killed by Pakistan-backed terrorists at Srinagar on Sunday.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**SRINAGAR:** The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday met the family members of Kashmiri Civilians killed by Pakistan-backed terrorists in the last 3-decades. It's a historic step to finally recognize and honour the thousands of innocent civilians in Kashmir who were brutally killed by Pakistani terrorists. Lieutenant Governor bowed to the family members and paid tributes to the common

Kashmiri citizens who fell victim to the bullets of Pakistani terrorists.

Save Youth, Save Future Foundation, a non-profit organisation is playing a crucial role in documenting the families of terrorism victims. Over 40,000 people, including civilians, security personnel, and even children, have lost their lives to terrorism since 1990. In majority of cases, FIRs were not filed in Common Kashmiris' killing by terrorists.

The Lieutenant Governor said Government of India launched this initiative to enable families affected by terrorism to share their pain and expose the conspiracies of the terror ecosystem.

"For decades, these families were marginalised and their voices were not heard. Justice was denied. Their pain was ignored, their stories untold, and the truth deliberately suppressed. Hundreds of families

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- ▶ LG meets families of common Kashmiris brutally killed by Pakistan-backed terrorists since 1990s
- ▶ Asks family members of terror victims who are entitled for Govt jobs to submit their cases to concerned DCs. Assures them speedy process of appointment within a month. Financial assistance and hand-holding to family members who want to start their own business venture.
- ▶ In cases where FIRs were not registered, directions will be given to register FIRs in those cases. Action will also be taken to free land and property of terror victims' families encroached by terrorist sympathisers or separatist elements
- ▶ For decades, they were marginalised and their voices were not heard.
- ▶ Their pain was ignored, their stories untold
- ▶ Hundreds of families have gained strength and support to say their loved ones were killed by Pakistani terrorists. It's shocking, before 2019 terrorists' funeral processions were allowed while thousands of common Kashmiris killed by terrorists, remained forgotten and unacknowledged
- ▶ Govt of India is committed to bring voices of victims to forefront and ensure justice. I know, for years truth was buried under pressure of terror ecosystem. Now, families are exposing Pakistan and their supporters inside Kashmir

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said around 95 crore people are now benefiting from one social security scheme or the other, while till 2015, the government schemes were reaching less than 25 crore people.

In his monthly Mann Ki Baat radio broadcast, Modi cited an International Labour Organisation (ILO) report which stated that more than 64 per cent of India's population is now availing some social protection benefit or the other.

"Presently, most of the populace in India is taking advantage of one social protection benefit or the other and recently a very important report of the ILO has come out. It has been mentioned in this report that more than 64% of the population of India is now defi-

nately availing some sort of social protection benefit or the other," Modi said.

Social Security is one of the biggest coverages in the

"This is also a great picture of social justice. These successes have instilled a belief that the coming times will be even better; India will become even stronger at every step," Modi said.



The prime minister also hailed as a "remarkable milestone" the World Health Organisation (WHO) declaring India

world, he said.

"Today, around 95 crore people of the country are getting the benefit of some or the other social security scheme; whereas, till 2015, the government schemes were reaching less than 25 crore people," Modi said.

From health to social security, the country is moving ahead with the feeling of saturation in every field, he said.

Trachoma-free and lauded the efforts of healthcare workers for the success.

Trachoma is a highly contagious bacterial infection, which has been a major cause of preventable blindness worldwide.

"The 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' also helped in eradicating it. The 'Jal Jeevan Mission' also contributed a lot to this success. Today,

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## Ladakh Admin notifies Reservation (Amendment) Rules to restructure quotas in alignment with Central legislations

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**LEH/JAMMU:** The administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh on Sunday notified a fresh recruitment and reservation policy with the issuance of the Ladakh Reservation (Amendment) Rules to restructure reservation quotas and recruitment procedures in alignment with the Central legislations.

"The administration has achieved a significant milestone in the recruitment and reservation policy with the issuance of the Ladakh Reservation (Amendment) Rules, 2025, redressing the long-pending concern of the

locals, especially the youth of Ladakh," said an official spokesperson.

The amendments are made in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 23 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act, 2004, as amended by the Ladakh Reservation (Amendment) Regulation, 2025, and come into force from the date of their publication in the official gazette.

Ladakh Chief Secretary Dr Pawan Kotwal said that these revised rules aim to update the legal terminology, restructure reservation quotas and streamline the

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## Jammu Police intensifies security ahead of Shri Amarnathji Yatra

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**JAMMU:** Police set up a number of checkpoints on Sunday to bolster security arrangements in Jammu district and carry out daily anti-sabotage checks ahead of the Amarnath Yatra, which is scheduled to start from July 3.

The 38-day annual pilgrimage is scheduled to start on July 3 from the twin routes - the traditional 48-kilometre Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the shorter but steeper 14-kilometre Baltal route in Ganderbal district -- leading to the 3,880-metre-high Amarnath cave shrine.



The first batch of pilgrims will leave for Kashmir from the Jammu-based Bhagwati Nagar base camp a day before the start of the yatra. "In view of the upcoming

Amarnath Yatra, the Jammu Police has significantly bolstered the security arrangements by establishing joint nakas (checkpoints) at multiple strategic locations across

the district," a police spokesperson said.

He said the checkpoints have been set up in coordination with paramilitary forces to ensure a seamless and secure pilgrimage experience.

The checkpoints will be operational round the clock in high-sensitivity and high-mobility zones, including on national highways, city peripheries and routes leading to the Bhagwati Nagar base camp, the spokesperson said.

Personnel from police, Central Industrial Security Force (CISF),

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## J&K Bank appoints Ketan Kumar Joshi as new CFO

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu and Kashmir Bank on Sunday announced the appointment of Ketan Kumar Joshi as its new Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for a term of three years.

Joshi has replaced Fayaz Ahmad Ganai, a spokesperson of the J&K Bank said. The Bank notified the appointment to the stock exchanges in accordance with SEBI Regulations.

"A seasoned professional in banking and finance, Joshi brings over two decades of extensive experience across Indian and international financial institutions," the

spokesperson said.

Before joining the J&K Bank, Joshi served as CFO at North East Small Finance Bank Ltd. (2019-2024), where he successfully led a number of critical initiatives.

He also spearheaded the bank's system migration from FIS (PROFILE) to BSG (TURING), ensuring capital growth aligned with business expansion and regulatory requirements.

Joshi has served in Afghanistan with Maiwand Bank, Bakhtar Bank, and Ghazanfar Bank. He also served as senior vice president at Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ Ltd, Mumbai.

## Ladakh administration declares 52 villages falling along ALC as reserved areas

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**LEH:** Fifty-two villages along the Actual Line of Control (ALC) have been declared reserved by the administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh to enable residents of these identified areas to avail reservation benefits in recruitment and other sectors, a notification issued on Sunday said.

The Ladakh administration has achieved yet another milestone with the issuance of an official notification declaring specific areas as adjoining the Actual Line of Control under the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir reservation Act, 2004, as amended by the Ladakh Reservation (Amendment) Regulation, 2025, an official spokesperson said.

As per the notification, this includes 18 revenue villages in Leh district situated along the Line of Control (LoC) and Line of Actual Control (LAC), and 34 revenue villages in Kargil district situated along the LoC.

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## Amit Shah rules out talks with Maoists, tells them to give up arms, join mainstream

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**HYDERABAD:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday ruled out any talks with Maoists and said the cadre of the proscribed outfit should give up arms, surrender before police, and join the mainstream.

Addressing a rally after inaugurating the National Headquarters of the Turmeric Board in Nizamabad in Telangana, Shah also said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who is still raising questions on

Operation Sindoor, should see the weak appearance of Pakistan to understand the effectiveness of the



Operation. "Congress asks (the Centre) to hold discussions with these people (Maoists). Our government's policy is

'no talks' with those who hold arms. Give up weapons, surrender, and join the mainstream," Shah said.

He further said that about 10,000 people in the Northeast gave up weapons and joined the mainstream.

They even contested elections held for positions ranging from the Taluk level to state assemblies. Similarly, more than 2,000

Maoists have surrendered in the past one and a half years. "Give up weapons and surrender.

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## Pak national apprehended along LoC

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**POONCH:** The Indian Army on Sunday apprehended a Pakistani national along the Line of Control (LoC) in Tarkundi sector of Jammu and Kashmir, official sources said.

He was apprehended while trying to cross over to this side from across the LoC, they said.

The army officials are presently questioning the Pakistani national, identified as Mohammad Arib Ahmed, the son of Mohd Yousaf, a resident of Detote in Nikiyal Tehsil of Kotli district.

Some items were recovered from his possession.

## Shri Amarnathji Yatra: Security along int'l border stepped-up

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**JAMMU:** Undeterred by extreme heat, humidity, and the threat of enemy mischief, women border guards donned in battle fatigues and armed with AK rifles are keeping a close watch along the International Border (IB) in the Jammu frontier, which has been put on high alert ahead of the annual Amarnath Yatra starting July 3.

The 38-day-long Yatra is scheduled to commence on July 3 from the twin routes the traditional 48-km Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the shorter but



steeper 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal district leading to the 3,880-metre-high holy cave shrine of Amarnath.

The first batch of pilgrims will leave for Kashmir from

the Jammu-based Bhagwati Nagar base camp a day before the Yatra begins.

Clad in bulletproof jackets and headgear, women

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## Sinha visits Nunwan, Chandanwari; reviews Shri Amarnathji Yatra arrangements

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**SRINAGAR:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha visited the Nunwan and Chandanwari base camps, on Sunday and reviewed the arrangements for the holy pilgrimage of Shri Amarnath Ji, which is scheduled to begin from July 03.

At Nunwan Base camp, the Lieutenant Governor inaugurated a foot overbridge for smooth movement of pilgrims. The new facility will ensure efficient security checks and reduce the waiting time for devotees.

The Lieutenant Governor interacted with the administrative and security officials deputised for the holy Yatra, and took stock of the security arrangements and preparations of stakeholder depart-



LG Manoj Sinha during visit to Nunwan Base Camp on Sunday.

ments. The Lieutenant Governor also reviewed the progress of Disaster Management Centre & Yatri Niwas at

Nunwan and functions of various services for pilgrims including lodging, langar, power & water supply, sanitation, health facilities, traffic

- ▶ Inaugurates foot over-bridge at the Nunwan camp for smooth movement of pilgrims
- ▶ Takes stock of progress of Disaster Management Centre & Yatri Niwas; reviews functioning of various services for pilgrims
- ▶ Says, it is our top priority to ensure that devotees of Shri Amarnath Ji complete their pilgrimage with ease and their stay is safe and comfortable

management, fire & emergency services and deployment of security personnel.

He directed the Telecom companies to deploy dedicated nodal officers at both the

axis to ensure uninterrupted tele-connectivity.

During his visit, the Lieutenant Governor also interacted with the

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## Parliamentary panel visits Gulmarg to review facilities

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**SRINAGAR:** The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice on Sunday visited the famous tourist resort of Gulmarg to review the facilities, public grievances and redressal system.

The 29-member committee, led by Member of Parliament Brij Lal, is currently on a three-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir.

The committee -- comprising 20 Lok Sabha members and nine from the Rajya Sabha -- includes Ranjan Gogoi, A. Raja, Kalyan Banerjee, Vivek Tankha and Swati Malival. The committee is scheduled to meet with the chief

secretary and government officials in Srinagar. It will submit a report to Parliament after the meeting.

The committee was scheduled to visit Jammu and Kashmir on May 9, but it was postponed after the Centre decided to launch Operation Sindoor following the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, said officials.

They added that most of the committee members were satisfied with regard to the security situation in the valley.

"After interacting with the locals upon their arrival in the valley, the committee members are satisfied that the atmosphere of fear created by the Pahalgam terror attack had now gone," the officials said.

**WEATHER**

**Temperature (Jammu)**  
Max: 33.5°C Min: 27.6°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 85 Min: 61

**Temperature (Srinagar)**  
Max: 34.5°C Min: 22.0°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 68 Min: 49

Sunset : 19:43 Hours  
Sunrise : 05:25 Hours