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Double title for Prabhleen in Junior group

increasing interaction with leading academicians

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday emphasized on identifying new sectors of employment and increasing interaction with leading academicians

"Research should reflect the reality of accelerated transformation", Lieutenant Governor said while chairing the meeting of J&K Higher Education

"5Cs- Critical evaluation is must for future strategy. Critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity, curiosity will build equitable and vibrant knowledge society", he observed.

Council at Raj Bhawan,.

The Lt Governor said, 'Design Your Degree' is one of the cornerstones of the National Education Policy-2020. It will promote applicative learning, skill enhancement aligned with needs of 21st Century and provide unique opportunity



LG Manoj Sinha chairing J&K Higher Education Council meeting at Srinagar on Wednesday

to students to shape their curriculum, he added.

Sharing the ongoing transformational journey of education sector in J&K UT, the Lt Governor said the rapid advancements in education and other sectors and the evolving needs and aspirations of the society requires contribution of learning in classrooms to changes and new solutions.

"Journey of our Amrit Kaal will not be about only degree but also about skills and values. No classroom can afford to teach subjects that are irrelevant in today's context." the Lt Governor said

The Lt Governor impressed on the Universities to carry out critical evaluation and identify the strength and weakness. This will help to formulate suitable strategy to achieve future goals, he

Multi-disciplinary projects need to be promoted to create vibrant environment for the youth that will engage them on global, economic, social, cultural and technical issues

and guide them according to the changes taking place across the globe, he said.

The Lt Governor said that there are still many walls that separate the academic world and the real world. Until and unless we bring down those walls, until the academic world and the real world are seen as one and the same, our task will be incomplete, he added.

He advised the Higher Education Council to explore various ways that can

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LG calls for identifying new sectors of employment, Amid tight security, over 7,800 pilgrims increasing interaction with leading academicians leave Jammu for Amarnath Shrine

9,155 devotees perform darshan at holy cave; American pilgrims share spiritual experience

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Even as the 10th of over 7,800 Amarnath Yatra pilgrims left the Jammu base camp in the early hours of Wednesday for the twin base camps in Kashmir amid tight security arrangements, 9155 devotees performed Darshan at the holy cave shrine, officials said.

With this the number of Yatris performing Darshan at the cave shrine swelled to 146508 till date.

Among the yatries, who visited Shri Amarnathji Cave till this evening, were 6995 males, 1918 females, 122children and 120 Sadhus.

Thousands of Amarnathji yatris traverse mountainous routes along Pahalgam and Baltal axis with much fervor to perform darshan at Holy Cave. To make this religious pilgrimage a memorable and life time experience, around 30 government departments



lessly. The officers and officials are making strenuous efforts to extend essential services and basic amenities at every destination to pil-

Every pilgrim, who visited the Holy Cave expressed satisfaction and pleasure about the wide range of arrangements put in place for their convenience.

Due to this reason and belief, Shri Amarnathji Yatra has gone global, captivating devotees including NRIs and citizens of different

Two foreign nationals from California, United States (US) also fulfilled their 40year-old dream by undertaking the holy pilgrimage of Amarnath Yatra. They were inspired by the teachings of Swami Vivekananda on spirituality. After visiting here, they expressed joy and happiness and stated it was a

"There is a particular kind of peace that prevails in these mountains. We hope this kind of peace can prevail everywhere," said one of them.

In a video released by the Department of Information and Public Relations, the two men talk about their journey.

"We stay at a temple ashram in California. For years, we have dreamt of coming here for this yatra. We have watched 'Aarti videos on YouTube every day for the last few years. It is hard, impossible to describe how we feel. We just have incredible gratitude and are very happy," one of them

Clad in saffron robes and sporting long beaded hair, the two men said they are devotees Swami Vivekananda. "We are devotees of Swami

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Congress holds 'silent protest' to express solidarity with Rahul Gandhi

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR/JAMMU: The Jammu and Congress on Wednesday held a silent protest as part of the party's country-wide "maun satyagraha" programme to express solidarity with party leader Rahul Gandhi after the Gujarat High Court dismissed his plea seeking a stay on his conviction in the 2019 defamation case.

Senior Congress leaders and party activists took part in the protest both in Jammu and Srinagar.

Joint secretary AICC incharge J-K, Manoj Yadav, said the 'satyagraha' is against the behaviour of the

Govt imposes import

restrictions on certain

gold jewellery, articles

NEW DELHI: The govern-

ment on Wednesday imposed

import restrictions on cer-

tain gold jewellery and arti-

cles, a move which would help cut import of non-essen-

tial items and contain trade

Now an importer would

need a permission of licence

from the government for importing these gold prod-

However, the directorate

general of foreign trade

(DGFT) said that the

restrictions will not be there

for imports under the India-

UAE free trade agreement.

In a notification, the DGFT said that the import

policy of these products "has

been amended from free to

restricted with immediate

Imports of pearls, precious

and semi-precious stones

dipped by 25.36 per cent to

about USD 4 billion during

April-May this fiscal. Gold

imports too contracted by

about 40 per cent to USD

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4.7 billion in the same

STATE TIMES NEWS

Narendra Modi government towards Gandhi. Kashmir "Gandhi did Bharat Jodo

Yatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir. He raised the voice of the people against the Modi government. While Gandhi highlighted the problems of the people, it pained the Modi government, So, he (Rahul) got the maximum sentence. His Lok Sabha membership was cancelled within 24 hours under a conspiracy. His residence was snatched within 48-62 hours," Yadav told PTI at the JKPCC headquarters at M A Road in Srinagar. "The government used all

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Attempts of Bunty-Babli to hush up investigations fail she used to show false documents

JAMMU: Babli (Anita Sharma), a resident of 23 B/C Gandhi Nagar and her husband Shiv Kumar Sharma (Bunty), a known Financer, Fruit Dealer and Wine Merchant, has failed to get hushed up the sensational case registered by Crime Branch under FIR 48/23 against her for impersonation, cheating and

Although Bunty (Shiv Kumar Sharma) was approaching police and civil officers, both in their offices and residences, to bribe them to get the matter hushed up yet all his attempts have failed. A senior officer snubbed Bunty when he approached him to seek favours. One of the insiders said

that the officer told Bunty, "You people do offence and then ask for favours, pretending to be

Bunty was reportedly carrying baskets of imported fruits, whisky, gold coin, Raymond Suits (purchased @ Rs 500 per piece rejected by manufacturer with minor defects) and gifts to woo the officers, seeking favours to hush up the case against his wife Anita Sharma alias Babli, who is presently on bail.

Sources said that the CB sleuths is going to grill Anita Sharma alias Babli and others ,who were associated with her in committing fraud and cheating. Besides, her husband Shiv Kumar Sharma (Bunty), many



JMC officers are likely to be face action for flouting laws for personal benefits and loss of lakhs of rupees to government.

countries.

According to FIR 48/2023, Anita Sharma alias Babli impersonated 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, by concealing the factual position This, in the process, caused a huge loss to the JMC and the state exchequer by not depositing the requisite Building Permission Fee by adopting fraudulent means. The illegal construction was in gross violation of the setbacks and other norms of the JMC.

The Crime Branch registered FIR against Anita Sharma in non-bail able offence under Section 420/120B of IPC, punish able upto seven years imprison ment and fine. This infamous case, also known as BUNTY BABLI CASE, reminds of the crimes committed by the lead pair in a Bollywood movie.

India's defence system, forces backed by strong Govt: Anurag Thakur

LEH: India is one of the most powerful countries and its defence forces and system are backed by a strong government, Union Minister Anurag Thakur said on Wednesday.

On the last day of his twoday visit to Ladakh, the minister for information and broadcasting, interacted with personnel of the army and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) as well as locals in the Chumur area near the India-China border. The people of Ladakh need not worry about external



ITBP personnel at Karzok village

has taken appropriate measures to safeguard the bor-Thakur asserted, according to a statement.

ITBP personnel at Karzok village, 211 kilometres from Leh, he said, "The present

carrying pilgrims hits road divider STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: A car carrying Amarnath pilgrims hit a road divider in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir on

Wednesday, leaving five people

injured, a police official said. The pilgrims from Uttar Pradesh were on their way to the Baltal base camp in Ganderbal district when the driver of their vehicle lost control and hit the road divider at Samroli along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway around 6.15 am, the official said. The injured pilgrims and the driver of the vehicle have been admitted to a hospital, the official said, adding their condi-

arrested in Budgam STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Police alongwith security forces have arrested 5 terrorist associates linked with proscribed terror outfit LeT in Budgam and recovered incriminating materials from their possession.

Police along with Army (62 RR) arrested 05 terrorist associates in Khag area of district Budgam. They have been identified as Rouf Ahmad Wani son of Abdul Majeed Wani resident of Bhatangan Khag, Hilal Ahmad Malik son of Ghulam Hassan Malik resident of Bathipora Khag, Tawfeeq Ahmad Dar son of Nazir

Nowrooz Baba Khag, Danish Ahmad Dar son of Manzoor Ahmad Dar resident of Dar Mohalla Nawrooz Baba Khag and Showkat Ali Dar son of Ali Mohammad Dar resident of Bathipora Khag, linked with proscribed terror outfit

Incriminating materials have been recovered from their possession. All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation.

Accordingly, a case FIR No. 45/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Khag and investigation has been

Five LeT terrorist associates Chandrayaan-3 mission to begin on July 13 **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BENGALURU: The Indian Space Research Organisation said on Wednesday it has completed the 'Mission Readiness Review' (MRR) for the

Chandrayaan-3 mission to the Moon. In a tweet, the Bengaluru-headquartered national space agency said, "The (MRR) board has authorised the launch. The countdown begins tomorrow." The ISRO has already undertaken a 24-hour 'launch rehearsal' simulating the entire launch preparation and process for the mission. The mission is slated to be launched at 2.35 pm onboard a Launch Vehicle Mark 3 (LVM3) from spaceport of Sriharikota on July 14.

Cybercrimes pose major threat to security of citizens globally: Amit Shah

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said cybercrimes pose a major threat to the security of citizens across the globe in a rapidly advancing borderless digital arena.

He also said that a reliable global partnership is the key to effectively combatting this menace. Shah will inaugurate the

two-day G20 conference on 'Crime and Security in the Age of Non-Fungible Tokens Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Metaverse' beginning in Gurugram on Thursday (July 13). The conference will bring together over 900 participants from G20 coun-

tries, nine special invitee

countries, international bod-



domain experts from India and across the world.

"In a rapidly advancing borderless digital arena, cybercrimes, especially cyber frauds, pose a major threat to the security of citizens across the globe. A reliable global partnership is the key to effectively combatting this

tweet. The Home Minister said the G20 conference on cybersecurity will witness rigorous brainstorming among G20 countries, nine special invitee countries. and domain

"The conference emphasise global partnerships to counter cybercrimes and pave the way for safer cyberspace by addressing a wide range of cybersecurity concerns," he said.

Shah will also flag off cyber volunteer squads from seven premier educational institutions of the country, an official statement said, adding that these specially identified volunteers will work to generate cyber awareness in the society, identify and report harmful content, and render technical assistance for making the society cyber safe.

Shah will also inaugurate an exhibition and release conference medallion.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and guidance of the home minister, building a 'cyber safe India' is one of the

top priorities of the Ministry of Home Affairs," the statement said.

The conference is envisaged as an opportunity to forge a global partnership to build a safe cyberspace and prioritise cybersecurity concerns. The proceedings will focus around cyber security and measures to counter cybercrime in the context of new and emerging technologies like NFT, AI and Metaverse.

The cybersecurity has become an essential aspect of security-related affairs internationally, which requires adequate focus owing to its economic and geopolitical implications.

Enhanced focus on cybersecurity at the G20 forum can positively contribute

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Chinar Corps commander visits forward areas near LoC in Kashmir

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: General Officer Commanding of Army's Chinar Corps Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai on Tuesday visited forward areas close to Line of Control in Kashmir to review the anti-infiltration

"#ChinarCorps Cdr, visited frontline troops at Machhal, #Kupwara & Rampur, #Baramulla to review the Anti-Infiltration & CT Grid along #LoC, he was briefed by Commanders. The Corps Cdr complimented troops for maintaining the highest standards of combat readiness and operational preparedness," the Kashmirbased XV Corps, also known as the Chinar Corps, tweeted from its official handle.

Joint security review meet-

ing held in Jammu Jammu: A joint security review meeting attended by

senior Army and police officers was held here to coordinate and facilitate smooth and synergized operations against anti-national elements operating in the hinterland. spokesman said.

The meeting, which was also attended by officers from civil intelligence agencies including Intelligence Bureau and Investigation Department (CID), was held at Rakhmuthi in Akhnoor sector, the spokesman said.

He said the meeting was organized to coordinate and facilitate smooth, synergised operations with special emphasis on the

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