

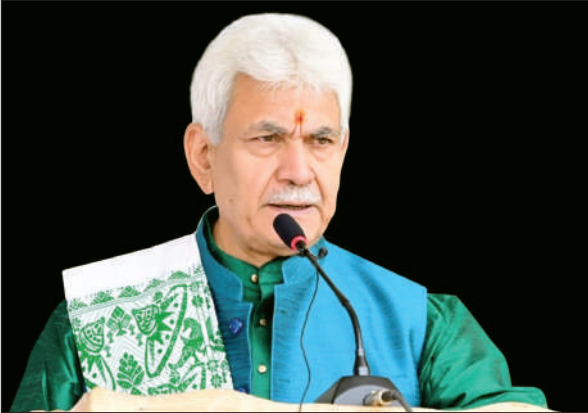
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## Bravery of Kargil War heroes will forever inspire all: LG



### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The bravery of Kargil War heroes will forever live on in people's hearts and inspire all, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Sunday as he dedicated this month's edition of his radio programme 'Awaaz Ki Awaaz' to the bravehearts.

The Lieutenant Governor paid tributes Kargil War Heroes, saying: "Kargil Vijay Diwas is the saga of magnificent heroism, indomitable

courage and the spirit of supreme sacrifice of our brave soldiers. I pay homage to the martyrs and express my gratitude towards valiant soldiers for keeping the nation safe on the road to progress.

He recalled the valour and supreme sacrifice of Jammu's Maj Ajay Singh Jasrotia, Sub Bahadur Singh and Hav Madan Lal; Kathua's Sep Rajinder Singh; Sopore's LNK

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■ **Shares inspiring stories of change-makers of J&K**  
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### Drone found abandoned near IB

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A small drone with four wings was found lying in a field near the International Border (IB) here on Sunday, officials said, as police started its investigation to identify its owner.

The drone was recovered by a joint party of police and the BSF at the Kaloyan village in the Suchetgarh area of the R S Pura sector;

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### Policeman dies after his rifle accidentally goes off

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An on-duty 43-year-old policeman died here of gunshot wounds he allegedly suffered after his service rifle accidentally went off, said police, which is also probing whether it is a case of suicide.

Selection-grade Constable Jai Raj, a resident of Nagrota, was on duty in the Channi area when his rifle went off this evening, police officials said.

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## Chhari Mubarak of Amarnath Yatra taken to Pahalgam Over 3,000 pilgrims leave Jammu for holy Shrine

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Chhari Mubarak of Amarnath Yatra was taken to Pahalgam on Sunday from its abode at Dashnami Akhara building here for various rituals to mark Ashadh Purnima, the start of religious aspects of the annual pilgrimage.

"Chanting Vedic hymn, 'Bhoomi-Pujan', 'Navgrah-Pujan', 'Chhari-Pujan' and 'Dhawajaroan' ceremonies were performed at Pahalgam on the auspicious occasion of Ashadh Purnima that marks the commencement of annual pilgrimage of Swami Amarnath Ji, traditionally and religiously," Mahant Deependra Giri, the custodian of the Chhari Mubarak, said.

Giri said these are important rituals prior to the main course of annual pilgrimage of Chhari-Mubarak Swami Amarnath Ji.

"The sound of conch shells



'Chhari-Pujan' and 'Dhawajaroan' ceremony performed at Pahalgam on Sunday.

reverberated the whole atmosphere. A sizeable number of sadhus, pilgrims and numerous Kashmiri Pandit families from Martand were present on the occasion and participated in the puja," he said.

Giri said a 'hawan' was also performed after the 'puja' and langar was also served to all those present.

Giri said the people of Jammu and Kashmir, irrespective of their caste, creed

or religion, have been cooperating, assisting and encouraging the pilgrims and sadhus who come here from across the country and even abroad for this annual pilgrimage.

Giri expressed satisfaction and thanked the administration for making arrangements for the event.

Meanwhile, a fresh batch of 3,113 pilgrims, including 707 women, left a base

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## Six killed in two separate road accidents

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Six people, including five members of two families, were killed and as many injured in two separate road accidents in Rajouri and Reasi districts on Sunday, officials said.

A taxi carrying eight people and proceeding towards Lam from Thandikassi fell off a hilly road near Chalan village in Rajouri in the morning, they said.

The driver of the vehicle, Arun Kumar (32), a resident of Lam, was found dead by

the rescuers at the spot, while Mohammad Din (65) and his son Mohammad



Aslam (40) succumbed to their injuries at the Nowshera Sub-District Hospital and Government Medical College Hospital (GMCH) in Rajouri

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## DG BSF reviews operational readiness of troops deployed along IB in Jammu sector

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BSF Director General Nitin Agrawal on Sunday reviewed the operational readiness of the troops deployed along the International Border in Jammu sector; an official of the force said.

Agrawal arrived here on a two-day visit on Saturday to assess the security situation along the International Border and attended a joint security review meeting along with Special Director General BSF, Western Command, Y B Khurania and Inspector General, BSF, Jammu frontier, D K Boora.



BSF Director General Nitin Agrawal arrives in Jammu.

The joint security review meeting at the police headquarters, chaired by Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi and attended by heads of other paramilitary

forces and intelligence agencies, was convened to review the security situation in the wake of recent spike in terror activities and cross-border infiltration.

## All-party meet: Oppn raises eatery, NEET rows; Govt calls for smooth running of Parliament

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Opposition parties drew the battle lines on the eve of Parliament's Budget session on Sunday as they asked the government at an all-party meeting to allow discussion on a host of contentious issues such as the Uttar Pradesh government's order to eateries on the Kanwar Yatra route and exam paper leaks, including of the prestigious NEET.

The government, which breaking from the recent practice invited a number of smaller parties for the meeting to signal its political outreach, conveyed its willingness to discuss all issues but

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju stressed that it should be in accordance with the rules.

He called for cooperation from all parties for running Parliament smoothly, saying it is a collective responsibility. Chairing the meeting, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh spoke against disruptions in Parliament and said its sanctity must be maintained.

BJP allies as well as opposition parties came together in seeking special category status for different states, presenting the government with a tricky issue to

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## CS reviews progress on establishment of KKGs, KKG Software /Portal

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Sunday chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to review progress on establishment of Kisan Khidmat Ghars (KKGs) across Jammu and Kashmir as well as development of KKG Software cum portal being developed by Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geo informatics (BISAG), Agriculture Production department (APD) and SKUAST.

The meeting, among others, was attended by Principal Secretary APD, Principal Secretary Finance Department, Vice Chancellors of SKUAST-J and SKUAST-K, Mission Director HADP, Secretary Rural Development And Panchayati Raj, Director Horticulture Jammu Kashmir, Director Agriculture Jammu/ Kashmir, Director Sericulture, Deputy Commissioners of all

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## Heritage not just history, but shared consciousness of humanity: Modi



### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Heritage is not just history but a "shared consciousness" of humanity, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday while encouraging people to use the potential of heritage for the betterment of the world

## PM to attend 25th anniversary Kargil Vijay Diwas in Ladakh

LEIH/JAMMU: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be in Ladakh on July 26 to attend the 25th anniversary of the Kargil Vijay Diwas, an official said on Sunday, as Lt Governor Brig (Retd) B D Mishra reviewed arrangements for the visit.

The grand celebrations to mark the 'Rajat Jyanti' of India's victory over Pakistan in the 1999 war are scheduled to be conducted at Drass in Kargil district from July 24 to 26.

Mishra held a meeting at the Lt Governor's secretariat here to discuss the arrangements for the PM's visit to the Kargil War Memorial at Drass, an official spokesman said. The Lt Governor informed the meeting that

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and to connect hearts.

In his address at the opening ceremony of the 46th session of the World Heritage

Committee (WHC) at the Bharat Mandapam here, Modi also underlined the

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## Separatist leader Moulvi Abdul Qayoom Mattu joins PDP

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Prominent separatist and religious leader Moulvi Abdul Qayoom Mattu on Sunday joined the PDP in the Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir, a party spokesman said.

Mattu, a former head of Hurriyat Conference for Chenab valley, joined the PDP in the presence of its senior leader and former MLC Firdous Tak at the party office in Kishtwar, the spokesman said.

He said several other prominent social and political activists, including retired government

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## J&K Judicial Academy organises 2-day sensitisation program for Judicial Officers



Justice Sanjeev Kumar speaking during the inaugural session of workshop at Srinagar on Sunday.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Under the patronage of Chief Justice (Acting), High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, (Patron-in-Chief,

J&K Judicial Academy), Tashi Rabstan, and guidance of Chairperson, Governing Committee and members of Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy, the

J&K Judicial Academy organized two day Sensitization Programme on "The relevant provisions of BNSS on arrest, remand and bail with special reference to the Role of Trial Judges in ensuring just, fair and speedy trial (as guaranteed under article 21 of the constitution)".

Being held at its Srinagar Campus, Moominabad, Srinagar, the programme was organised for Judicial Officers (Sr./Jr. Division) across the Kashmir division and UT of Ladakh along with Trainee Civil Judge

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## Spike in terror attacks won't be justification to delay assembly polls: Omar

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA/JAMMU: National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah on Sunday said the spike in terrorist attacks in the recent past would be no justification to delay assembly elections, which were held even in 1996 when terrorism was at its peak in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Some people are saying the situation has deteriorated and hence, there should be no elections. What happened to you? Are we so weak or the situation worsened so much that there are no chances of holding elections? We held elections in 1996 and you have to agree that there is a difference of heaven and earth between the situation at that time and

today," he said.

"Those who do not want to hold elections (in J&K) should tell that we are bowing before the gun-toting



forces and are accepting defeat, besides ignoring the sacrifices of our forces. You tell our enemies that we will lay down without fighting," he said.

"If you want to bow before such forces then don't go for the (assembly) elections. We have no objection

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**WEATHER**

**Temperature (Jammu)**  
Max: 35.5°C Min: 24.9°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 76 Min: 61

**Temperature (Srinagar)**  
Max: 34.8°C Min: 20.4°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 65 Min: 44

Sunset : 19:36 Hours  
Sunrise : 05:37 Hours



Newly elected team of Jammu Club posing for photograph on Sunday.

votes), Er. Ashok Gandotra (1424 votes) and Karan Khosa (1351 votes).

Out of total 2754 votes, 2682 votes were declared valid while 72 were declared invalid. The candidates, who

could not make it to the Committee, included Iqbal Singh (1305 votes), Er. Rajan Gupta (1249 votes), Sanjay Kakkar ((1234 votes), Er. Ashok Sharma (1215 votes), Karan Anand

(1212 votes), Dr. Sandeep Singh (1173 votes), Dr. Dushyant Choudhary (1017 votes), Dr. Varinder Sharma (993 votes), Er. Jai Gopal Mengi (973 votes), Er. Rakesh Sharma ( 8 6 9

votes), and Rajinder Kumar Bali (864 votes).

In a statement, spokesman of the Club said, "Election to the Managing Committee for the term 2024-2026 were held on Sunday. The Election were conducted by a team headed by Vinod Gupta as Returning Officer and assisted by Ejaz Ahmed Tak and Mannohan Singh as Election Advisors."

"The members of the Club participated in the election process with great enthusiasm and exercised their voting right. The voting process was held in a peaceful manner and was possible because of the assistance provided by District Administration, Jammu Police, Fire Brigade and Traffic Department," spokesman said.