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OPD at AIIMS Jammu to function within fortnight: Nadda



Union Health Minister J P Nadda addressing gathering at AIIMS Jammu on Sunday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Out-Patient Department (OPD) services will start at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Jammu along with other facilities within a fortnight, Union Health Minister J P Nadda said on Sunday. Accompanied by Union minister Dr Jitendra Singh, Nadda inspected the Vijaypur campus of the AIIMS and reviewed its facilities and infrastructure, expressing hope that no patient of Jammu and Kashmir and adjoining areas of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh will have to go to PGI Chandigarh or Delhi for treatment anymore.

"This is my first visit to AIIMS Vijaypur after Prime Minister Narendra Modi assigned me to the health ministry. I inspected the facilities and was given a presentation. I tried to know how AIIMS is progressing and I want to congratulate the people of Jammu and Kashmir, especially Jammu for being one of the best health institutions having facilities, infrastructure, equipment, appliances and logistics at par with world standards," the health minister told reporters. Nadda, who is also BJP National President, said given the inspection and discussion with the hospital authorities, the OPD services along with other facilities will start within a fortnight. "The faculty recruitment is going on at a very fast pace and our attempt is to provide the best faculty. Some best doctors and professors have already joined," he said, adding a hospital like AIIMS requires at least a decade to grow to its full potential. Seeking cooperation of the people, he said the AIIMS Vijaypur is a gift of the prime minister to the people of Jammu. He said Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the AIIMS, Jammu in February this year and presently

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Nadda offers prayers at Raghunath Temple



BJP National President J P Nadda performing Pooja at historic Raghunath Mandir on Sunday.

JAMMU: Union minister and BJP national president J P Nadda paid obeisance at historic Raghunath Mandir here on Sunday. Accompanied by Union minister Jitendra Singh and BJP national general secretary in-charge of Jammu and Kashmir Tarun Chugh, Nadda was received at the temple by party leaders, including MP Jugal Kishore and former minister Priya Sethi. Nadda reached Jammu on Saturday afternoon to take part in a 'Vistarit Karyasamiti Baithak' of the BJP. The BJP president visited the party headquarters here to chair a meeting with senior leaders. "The meeting assumes significance with Nadda urging party workers on Saturday to be prepared for the assembly elections in the Union territory. Last year in December, the Supreme Court directed the Election Commission to conduct assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir by September 30, 2024. A BJP leader said the meeting was convened by Nadda to discuss the party strategy for the upcoming elections.

Releases book 'The Swinging 70s: The Stars, Style and Substance in Hindi Cinema'

UT Admin endeavouring to revive film ecosystem in J&K: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Highlighting the efforts of the UT Administration to revive the film ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said, the filmmakers are returning to the Valley. "The rich culture, breathtaking landscapes, world class facilities and augmented film-related infrastructure have positioned Jammu Kashmir as the most favourite film shooting destination," the Lt Governor said after releasing the book titled "The Swinging 70s: The Stars, Style and Substance in Hindi Cinema" edited by Nirupama Kotru and Shantanu Ray Chaudhuri, in Srinagar, on Sunday.

He congratulated the editors- Nirupama Kotru and Shantanu Ray Chaudhuri and publisher, Om Books for bringing out the excellent book.

"Cinema is not just about entertainment and business. It is a powerful tool for social change. Through path-breaking commercial films



LG Manoj Sinha addressing gathering after releasing book at Srinagar on Sunday.

- ▶ Films and theatre have always played a key role in socio-economic transformation
- ▶ Hails efforts of UT Administration to revive the film ecosystem in J&K
- ▶ Revival of film shooting and return of cinema halls have created entrepreneurial opportunities for the talented youth of Jammu and Kashmir
- ▶ LG calls upon people to support government in its efforts to build peaceful and prosperous J&K

and famous works of parallel cinema, our filmmakers have tried to strike a balance between entertainment and social responsibility. It reflects cultural ethos and has always played an important role in nation-building,"

the Lt Governor said. He said the book will act as a gateway for the readers to revisit the 70s era of Hindi Cinema. Speaking on the special bond Jammu

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NIA arrests key accused in J&K narco-terror nexus case

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Sunday arrested a key accused, who had been absconding since June 2020, in a narco-terror nexus case of Jammu and Kashmir linked with Pakistan-based terrorist outfits Lashkar-e-Taiba and Hizbul Mujahideen. Syed Saleem Jahangir Andrabi alias Saleem Andrabi, a resident of Kupwara district, was carrying a reward for his arrest, the NIA said in a statement. After his arrest, Andrabi was subsequently charge sheeted under various sec-

tions of NDPS Act, IPC and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, it said. His arrest marks a major success in NIA's efforts to destroy the narco-terror nexus and dismantle the ecosystem created in India by terrorist organisations based across the border; the statement said. The NIA had taken over the investigation in the case on June 16, 2020 from the local police. The agency had, during investigation, found that Andrabi was part of a deep-rooted conspiracy for procuring and selling

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Six terrorists killed, two soldiers martyred in twin encounters in Kulgam

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Six terrorists were killed and two soldiers laid down their lives in twin encounters in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district, officials said on Sunday. "The bodies of two terrorists were recovered from the Modergam encounter site while four bodies were recovered from the Chinnigam site on Sunday," they said. The twin encounters in the two villages of Kulgam district began on Saturday. Two army soldiers, including an elite para commando, laid down their lives while battling the terrorists, the



officials said. Speaking about the operations, Director General of Police RR Swain said the neutralisation of such a big number of terrorists was a major achievement.

"Undoubtedly, this is a big milestone in the efforts towards strengthening the security environment. These successes are very meaningful both substantively as

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Soldier injured as terrorists open fire on Army camp in Rajouri

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: An Army personnel was injured when terrorists opened fire on a security post in a village in Rajouri district early Sunday, officials said. The terrorists fired on a sentry post of Territorial Army at village Galuthi in Manjakote area around 4 am, prompting retaliation by troops, they said. "They said the soldier was injured in the exchange of fire that continued for

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Czech Ambassador interacts with business leaders, reps of industrial associations of J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Ambassador of the Czech Republic to India, Dr. Eliska Zizova on Sunday held a productive interaction with prominent trade and industry leaders of Jammu and Kashmir at Government Arts Emporium here. The Ambassador was accompanied by THIRD SECRETARY, Adam Padhola and Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic at Chandigarh, Guneet Chaudhary. Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department J&K, Vikramjit Singh; MD JKTPPO, General

Manager JKTPPO and other senior officers were also present during the interaction. The interaction cum business meeting organized by JKTPPO, brought together key stakeholders including industrial associations, trade bodies, exporters, entrepreneurs and hoteliers from J&K to explore opportunities and develop economic cooperation. This meeting provided a platform for constructive discussions on enhancing trade relations between the Czech Republic and the region, identifying potential sectors for investment,

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Another batch of pilgrims leaves for Amarnath yatra

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A fresh batch of over 6,000 pilgrims left the city early Sunday to join the annual Amarnath yatra in Kashmir, officials said. The tenth batch of 6,145 pilgrims left Jammu's Baghwati Nagar base camp in two separate convoys of 238 vehicles. While the first convoy of 115 vehicles carrying 2,697 pilgrims left for Baltal base camp in Ganderbal district around 3.10 am, the second convoy of 123 vehicles with 3,448 pilgrims departed for Pahalgam base camp in Anantnag district. The 52-days yatra started from the twin base camps of Pahalgam and Baltal on June 29 and so far over 1.60 lakh pilgrims from across the country have offered their prayers at the 3,880 metre-high shrine.

There is a need not to die but live for country: Amit Shah

STATE TIMES NEWS
AHMEDABAD: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said there is a need not to die but live for the country as he lauded the Kadva Patidar community for their role in the development of Gujarat. He was speaking at an event after inaugurating a hostel complex for students in Ahmedabad in the presence of Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel. Shah also inaugurated a hospital in the city during the



day. The hostel - Amin PJKP Vidyarthi Bhavan - has been built by the Kadva Patidar community and will accommodate students from all social groups, said its officials. Shah said today there is a

need not to die for the country but to live for her. "You may be a good IAS, IPS, CA, doctor, good citizen or housewife, but you need to work for the country," he said. The senior BJP leader said the Kadva Patidar community has contributed a lot to the development of Gujarat. "The development of Gujarat and Patidar community is parallel. Through its hard work, the Kadva Patidar community has made an important contribution

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Dumper hits seven vehicles on Jammu-Srinagar NH

STATE TIMES NEWS
BANIHAL: At least seven vehicles were damaged after being hit by an overspeeding dumper on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway early Sunday, police said. No one was injured in the incident which took place near Kunfar on the busy road, they said. The officials said the dumper was coming from the Jammu side when its driver lost control apparently due to overspeeding and hit seven vehicles before coming to a halt. A section of the highway remained closed for traffic for over an hour following the accident, they said, adding police have registered a case.

People's enthusiasm, excellent work to make India developed nation: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Excellent work of Indians across various fields and enthusiasm to make India a developed nation is the country's biggest strength, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said. In a written message to the Jain International Trade Organisation (JITO) on the seventh foundation day of its incubation innovation fund, Modi said that the kind of optimism and trust being seen worldwide for India is a reflection of the country's strength. "India is a nation of immense possibilities. The participation of our countrymen doing excellent work in various fields and their enthusiasm to develop the country is our biggest strength," Modi said. The Prime Minister has set a target to make India a developed nation by 2047 with a focus on the use of technology.



According to the letter shared by organisers of the 7th foundation day of JITO Incubation and Innovation Fund (JIIF), the Prime Minister lauded the values of the Jain community for their work and efforts made in the field of education, health and other areas through JITO. He said that reducing dependence on foreign products and promoting local products is one of their notable

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 33.3°C Min: 24.6°C

Humidity
Max: 76 Min: 69

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 29.4°C Min: 17.7°C

Humidity
Max: 60 Min: 48

Sunset: 19:41 Hours
Sunrise: 05:29 Hours

Nadda's message to J&K BJP; take charge of narratives, campaign for Assembly polls



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Baratiya Janata Party (BJP) National President J. P. Nadda gave a clarion call to the party leaders and workers in Jammu to get ready for polls and reach out to the people to secure 50 plus seats in the forthcoming Assembly elections, which are likely to be held before the expiry of the Supreme Court set deadline of September 30. This is what he was expected to say to boost the morale of the cadre that had something to cheer, but also faced a lot of despondency as they were unable to understand why the party left the Kashmir

Valley for others to contest in Lok Sabha elections. Nadda counted all the achievements of the Narendra Modi government before coming to the subject of the Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, something that has been on the anvil on the national narrative but did not translate into reality till date. He did so to remind the BJP workers that there is so much to talk about the party's contribution to the well-being of the Union Territory and its people, hence it should lead the campaign for its victory in the Assembly polls. It, in fact, was invocation of the party's ideology toward J&K, which counted more for the integration of the territory into the national mainstream. The party, while choosing July 6 as the day to convey this message, attempted to recall its history of sacrifices, and giving up contest in the Lok Sabha polls in Kashmir was yet another sacrifice for a bigger goal - 50 plus seats in the Assembly polls. In the political calculus, BJP in J&K should understand the real message delivered by its national president responsible for guiding the state of affairs of the party across the country. He wanted the party to charge itself for the campaign and delivery at the end of the Assembly polls, which are as significant for the BJP as the national polls, which returned NDA to power for

a third time with BJP in lead. The idea was to tell the local party leadership that instead of responding to other parties' call for elections; it should be in the forefront in demanding polls. It must be rooted in the original philosophy of the party for the complete integration of J&K with the idea of India in real sense. This goal is closely linked to 50-plus seats in the House of 90, as the saffron party is the only one that can demolish all the barriers and pave way for winning hearts and minds of the people, putting them on a platform of national thinking. For this, J&K BJP has to take charge not only of its campaign

but also make other parties to compete in the nationalistic driven narrative. Either they join in the nationalistic narrative or lose the race. That demands that the party leadership in the Union Territory is in a commanding position. That is not a difficult task as the party has a readymade spring board of Prime Minister Modi's work in the past ten years before and after the revocation of Article 370 in 2019. The work of integrating J&K, and its uplift started within days after he took over office in May 2014. The BJP only needs to pick up the work done since and translate it what it means for the people, ranging from citizenship rights to the marginalized sections of West Pakistan Refugees, Valmiki, Gurkhas and others. Nation-wide schemes that have benefited millions of people in the country have also been given to lakhs of people in J&K without any discrimination on the basis of the religion, region or any other consideration. This is the baseline on which the local unit should build its narration for the campaign, which has to be at the grassroots level. It requires corner meetings, polite knock on doors with a list of what has been done so far, and also to elicit wish list from the people. The whole thing boils down to the UT leadership of the party. It must understand what did Nadda's message "gear up for polls" underscored. He has given them a task, and it is for them to work on it ahead of the Assembly polls.

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