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for upcoming Shri Amarnathji Yatra

DGP reviews security arrangements

LG visits Baltal, reviews preparedness ahead of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra



Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra on Monday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday visited Baltal Base Camp and reviewed the preparedness ahead of Shri Amarnath Ji annual pilgrimage, scheduled to commence on

At Baltal, the Lieutenant Governor interacted with the Camp officials and reviewed the arrangements for healthcare, power, communication, water supply, sanitation, food, lodging, weather forecasting, traffic management, surveillance and maintenance of track, security grid and emergency services.

The Lieutenant Governor directed the officials to ensure round the clock availability of all the basic amenities with adequate manpower for the convenience of the pilgrims.

During his visit, the Lieutenant Governor conducted the on-site inspection and ascertained the progress of the Disaster Management and Yatri Niwas Complex of Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine

He also made a visit to the hospital at Baltal Base Camp, and inspected the

>> Significant upgradation done to overall Yatra arrangements. SASB, Administration, J&K Police, SFs, Service providers, all line departments and stakeholders have diligently implemented pilgrim-centric measures to ensure pilgrimage is peaceful, safe and hassle-free for

Reviews progress of Disaster Management and Yatri Niwas Complex, inspects healthcare facilities at Base Camp Hospital

healthcare facilities for the pilgrims and inaugurated a training ward for medical

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Captured Pak national identified as terrorist guide, interrogation on STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI/JAMMU: Pakistani national arrested along the Line of Control (LoC) near border districts of Poonch and Rajouri while attempting to infiltrate into India is a terrorist guide,

officials said on Monday. Mohammed Arif was leading a group of four Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorists into the Indian side when

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6000 students participate in NMMSS examination

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR. Nearly, 6000 8th pass students participated in the examination under National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) on June 29 through 102 centres set-up across the J&K.

The examination was conducted by J&K BOSE with active support of School Education Department.

The clearance of examination assures Rs 12,000

CM for revival of Buyer Creator relationship



CM Omar Abdullah speaking at Buyer-Creator meet at SKICC on Monday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday said that through buyer-seller meets, the government is striving to revive the historic connection between Kashmir's artisans and the global market by rebuilding the direct relationship between creators and cus-

The Chief Minister, who was a chief guest on the occasion, made these remarks while addressing the Buver-Seller Meet-2025 held at SKICC, organised by the

Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organisation (JKTPO) in collaboration with the Wool & Woollens Export Promotion Council (WWEPC), supported under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME).

The event was also addressed by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary, who was a guest of honour at the event. Advisor to the Chief Minister

Commissioner Industries Vikramjit Singh, Chairman WWEPC R.C. Khanna, Managing Director JKTPO Sudharshan Kumar, president Kashmir Chamber of Commerce & Industry Javed Ahmed Tenga, as well as several national and international buyers, sellers, and other stakeholders were present on the occasion.

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The meet witnessed participation from over 100 sellers and more than 45 national and international buyers, representing seven countries and seven Indian states. Over 100 high-quality wool and woollen products were showcased during the event.

Reflecting on the significance of the meet, the Chief Minister said that there was a time when such Buver-Seller Meets were not needed. "Tourists from across the globe would come to Kashmir and naturally become buyers. Today, through

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Sunny Gupta promoted as SP ACB; **6 DySPs transferred**

Kamal, Rajesh re-adjusted as DySPs in ACB **STATE TIMES NEWS** General Administration

Department.

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STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Ahead of the com-

mencement of the Amarnath

Yatra, police on Monday con-

ducted a comprehensive

mock drill at the high-securi-

ty Bhagwati Nagar base

camp here to ensure safety

and preparedness for the pil-

The 38-day yatra to the

3,880-metre-high cave shrine

in south Kashmir will begin

on July 3 from the twin

routes- the 48-km traditional

Nunwan-Pahalgam track in

Anantnag district and the

14-km shorter but steeper

JAMMU: The government on Monday announced the promotion and fresh postings of several officers in Jammu Kashmir's Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB).

"As per the minutes of the

Designated Committee meeting held on May 22, 2025, (JKPS-Deputy Superintendent of Police in ACB, upon his promotion, been posted as Superintendent of Police (SP) in ACB, until further reads an order by Raju, Commissioner Secretary,

Shri Amarnathji Yatra **Token distribution for** registration begins

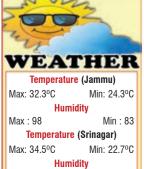
JAMMU: Ahead of the Amarnath Yatra, the token distribution centre for offline registration of the pilgrims was operationalised here on Monday, even as the authorities successfully conducted a dry run of the arrangements along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway, officials

The 38-day pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre-high holy cave shrine of Amarnath will commence from the twin tracks - the traditional 48km-long Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the 14-km shorter but steeper Baltal route in Ganderbal district - on July

The first batch of pilgrims will leave for Kashmir from the Jammu-based Bhagwati Nagar base camp on July 2.

Authorities on Monday opened the token distribution centre at Saraswati Dham in Jammu, drawing huge enthusiasm from devo-

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Sunset: 19:43 Hours

Sunrise: 05:26 Hours

Min: 44

Max: 52

Court rejects bail in Rs 250 Cr heroin smuggling case

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a significant development in a high-profile narcotics case, Special Judge NDPS Court Jammu, Yash Deputy Superintendents of Pal Sharma, on Monday Police (DySPs) currently rejected the bail application serving in ACB have been of Gurjit Singh, an alleged repatriated to the Home drug smuggler accused of trafficking over 50 kg of Department for further postinclude heroin worth Rs 250 crore. This is the second major Shwetambri Sharma (JKPS-

125747), Pardeep Kumar bail rejection in the same Sharma (EXJ-955566), and case, following the court's denial of bail in May to Champa Sharma (EXJ-Ravinder Singh, who is alleged to be the kingpin In their place, the government has deputed three behind the drug racket. According to the prosecu-

Police conducts mock drill at Bhagwati

Nagar base camp ahead of Amarnath Yatra

pilgrims will depart from the

Bhagwati Nagar base camp

DvSPs namely Mohd Anzer, DySP Ops Chadoora, Mohd tion, the case dates back to Amin from Crime August 6, 2018, when a written complaint was submitted CONTD ON PAGE 9

Bureau (NCB) Jammu by the SHO of Police Station Bahu Fort. The complaint cited intelligence inputs regarding a narcotic consignment being transported in a truck (Registration No. JK02AD-3965) traveling from Kashmir to Jammu.

A joint team of NCB officials and Bahu Fort police laid a checkpoint at Rajiv Nagar Chowk, Narwal Bypass, Jammu. At around 1:00 PM, the truck was intercepted. The vehicle was being driven by Gurjit Singh with Ravi Kumar as the conductor

> A search was conducted in the presence of an Executive

Magistrate, during which both individuals revealed that heroin was hidden in a false cavity in the cabin of the truck. The authorities recovered and seized 51 packets of heroin weighing 50.300 kilograms (excluding packing material). Gurjit Singh and Ravi Kumar were immediately arrested.

Subsequent investigation under Section 67 of the NDPS Act led to startling revelations. Gurjit Singh allegedly confessed that the consignment was being delivered under the instructions of Ravinder Singh, who was at the time lodged in Central Jail, Kot Bhalwal. Jail visitation records confirmed multi-

Court sentences 2 offenders

STATE TIMES NEWS

to community service

JAMMU: A court in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday sentenced two persons involved in intoxication and public nuisance to one week of community service at a government hospital here,

The incident took place on Saturday when two persons, Varun Mangotra and Ankush Kumar, were found intoxicated and creating a nuisance in the Nagrota area. They were subsequently arrested by the police, a police spokesperson said.

They were promptly subjected to a medical examination and presented before

ple meetings between Gurjit Singh and Ravinder Singh on 17th May, 25th May, 2nd June, 23rd June, and 12th

Furthermore, Call Detail Records (CDRs) of mobile numbers used by the accused were analyzed, confirming their location in and around the jail premises, further strengthening the prosecution's claims of coordination and conspiracy.

During the bail hearing, Advocate Anmol Sharma appeared for the petitioner, Special Prosecutor Ajay Singh Manhas represented the NCB. The court, after

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a Public

Interest Litigations (PILs)

have been filed in the

Jammu and Kashmir High

Court concerning the

establishment and func-

tioning of the State

Commission for Protection

of Child Rights (CPCR) in

the Union Territory, on

Monday when the matter

was taken-up for hearing

Senior Additional Advocate

General A.R. Malik, with

reference to the averment

made in para 7 of the sta-

tus report dated May 29,

2025, submits that the

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ACB arrests Patwari for accepting bribe of Rs 30,000 ■ STATE TIMES NEWS name of his wife in the muta-JAMMU: Anti-Corruption tion register. After negotia-

Bureau (ACB) on Monday trapped and arrested a Patwari of Halqa Thuthay Chak, Hiranagar, Kathua for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 30,000.

"Anti-Corruption Bureau received a complaint alleging therein that public servant namely Liaquat Ali, Patwari, Patwar Halqa Thuthay Chak, Tehsil Hiranagar, District Kathua, demanded illegal gratification from the complainant for attestation of mutation. The accused had demanded a bribe of Rs 1,00,000 from the com-

dent authority, is in

progress. A Division Bench

of Jammu & Kashmir and

Ladakh High Court

Comprising Chief Justice

Arun Palli and Justice

Rajnesh Oswal observed

that as indicated in the

affidavit shall be conclud-

ed within four weeks from

today, whereupon, not

much time would be

required to constitute the

State Commission for

Protection of Child Rights. DB adjourned the matter

for August 13, 2025 to

apprise this Court of the

further progress made in

tion, the accused has agreed to take bribe amount of Rs 70,000 from the complainant in two installments," an official said. Official added that com-

plainant arranged Rs 30,000 as bribe money as 1st installment for payment to the aforesaid Patwari. Since, the complainant did-

n't want to pay bribe and he approached Anti-Corruption Bureau for taking legal action against the accused public servant under law. official said. On receipt of the complaint, official said,

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DB grants time to apprise court notice to 3 inactive for constitution of CPCR political parties tions, received by respon-

STÂTE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: The office of the J&K Chief Electoral Officer on Monday issued show cause notices to three registered political parties including All Jammu and

Kashmir Republican Party, Indian People's Conference Party and Socialistic Democratic Party, proposing to delist them from the list of registered parties. The CEO's decision comes after it was found that these parties have not contested

any elections to the House of the People or State Legislative Assemblies for

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in Jammu on July 2. Baltal route in Ganderbal ness exercises to ensure process as regards the scrutiny of the applica-■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Sinha inaugurates SASB's Yatri Niwas at Pantha Chowk Srinagar

Amarnath Yatra, police car-

ried out multiple prepared-

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday inaugurated the Yatri Niwas of Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board at Pantha Chowk, Srinagar and dedicated the new facility to Shri Amarnath Ji pilgrims. The Yatri Niwas has been built through donation and it will accommodate 1300 pilgrims.

"This Yatri Niwas is a symbol of our dedication and commitment to provide better facilities for devotees of Baba Barfani and make their pilgrimage more comfortable and safer.

The construction of the second phase of Yatri Niwas will begin soon. It symbolises devotion to selfless service. Let us pray to Baba Amarnath to bless our land with peace, happiness and prosperity," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor expressed his gratitude to Mukesh Garg, Member, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, his team members and Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board for their



invaluable contribution in building

the Yatri Niwas for the pilgrims. Interacting with the media persons, the Lieutenant Governor said that the Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board is making continuous efforts to improve facilities for the pilgrims.

"A wave of enthusiasm is sweeping across Jammu and Kashmir. This Yatra is deeply rooted in the spirit of Jammu and Kashmir, drawing full support and cooperation from its people," he said. On the occasion, the Lieutenant

Governor also unveiled a painting on Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, by Shri KK The five floors of the Yatri Niwas

building dedicated to the Yatris comprise total 75 rooms having a bed capacity of 225, and 43 dorm rooms. K.N.Rai and Mukesh Garg

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- Construction of second phase
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Members of Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board; Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor and CEO SASB; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, CONTD ON PAGE 9

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- of Yatri Niwas will begin soon

Ordinary second class fare

Railway Ministry hikes fares of AC classes by 2 paise, non-AC by 1 paisa per km from today Reservation charts to be prepared 8 hrs in advance

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: The Railway

Ministry issued an official circular on Monday increasing fares of non-AC class in mail and express trains by 1 paisa and all AC classes by 2 paise per kilometre from July 1.

The ministry officials had earlier on June 24 indicated the proposed fare revision.

However, the official circular with fare table according to trains and classes categories was released on Monday.

The fares of suburban trains and monthly season tickets have been left unchanged in the interest of daily commuters.

has not been increased for up to 500 kms and for distances

beyond that, there is an increase in the ticket prices by half paisa per km.

The passengers of ordinary sleeper class and first class will also have to pay half paisa per km more for train journey from July 1. Meanwhile, the Ministry of

Railways has decided to prepare reservation charts for long-distance trains eight hours in advance, instead of the current four hours, to help passengers travelling from remote locations plan their journeys better.

The decision was taken during a recent review meeting chaired by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, a statement issued by the ministry said. Under Vaishnaw's guidance,

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