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■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday flagged off the fleet of Ambulances for the Hospitals in Ramban and Anantnag Districts.
A total 5 Ambulances were donated by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) through

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Social Responsibility (CSR). The deployment of the Ambulances will strengthen emergency healthcare services and ensure timely medical care to the people.
The Lieutenant Governor appreciated the NHAI and M/S Quazigund Expressway Private limited for their noble initiative.
He also asked the Deputy Commissioner Ramban to explore the possibilities for Hospital on Wheels for the

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Chairperson JKWB, Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi visiting Imambara Zadibal in Srinagar on Tuesday.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board & Minister of State Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi on Tuesday visited Imambara at Zadibal in Srinagar to review the facilities for the people during Muharram.
She was accompanied by BJP Srinagar District President Advocate Sheikh Salman, Zadibal Constituency President Suhail Ahmad and Syed Muzaffar Rizvi.
Andrabi prayed at the Imambara and interacted with many public delegations.

Waqf Board Chairperson spoke to media there and said that the sacrifice of Hazrat Imam Hussain is the clear pronouncement that truth always wins over the evil.
"Imam Hussain (AS) is the everlasting inspiration for all those who sacrifice everything for upholding the flag of truth without any compromise to yield before the untruth," said Dr Andrabi.
She added that Muharram bridges the sectarian gaps and teaches us the unity and harmony.

Amarnathji Yatra: Haryana man arrested for using fake identity card

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Police on Tuesday registered a case against a man for using a fake identity card to gain access to the Amarnath yatra in Ganderbal district of Jammu and Kashmir.
The man has been identified as S h i v a m Mittal, a resident of Dwarka Puri in Haryana.
"J&K Police have apprehended an individual at Baltal for using a fake yatra registration card to deceitfully gain access through security checkpoints," a police spokesman said.
"The individual had procured the forged yatra card through fraudulent means and attempted to mislead security personnel, thereby unlawfully bypassing the mandatory security verification process," the spokesman said.
An FIR has been registered in this regard and investigation launched by police.



remote areas of the district to ensure equitable, and quality healthcare to all.
Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor and CEO Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board; Shri Mohammad Alyas Khan, Deputy Commissioner Ramban; RS Yadav, NHAI Regional Officer, J&K; senior officials of NHAI and representatives of M/S Quazigund Expressway Private limited were present on the occasion at Raj Bhawan.

Congress decisions taken at dining table, BJP follows inner party democracy: Dr Jitendra

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SHIMLA: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh on Tuesday took a veiled swipe at the Congress, stating that "decisions in Congress are taken by the dining table, often by mother and son," while the BJP follows inner party democracy where no one can predict who will be the next president. "If internal democracy is being upheld anywhere today, it is in the BJP," he said.

Addressing the BJP Sangathan Parv here, Dr Jitendra, in a speech, infused with political commentary and historical reflection, traced the BJP's rise over the years, highlighting the sacrifices of workers over decades. He recalled the early days when BJP's presence in the state was negligible and party workers were often ridiculed.
"Today, the very idea of being a BJP worker commands respect. That's the transformation we've witnessed," he said, attributing much of this shift to the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
Reflecting on BJP's journey, Dr. Jitendra said, "It took three generations of relentless struggle for BJP to become the world's largest political party. I come from



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh addressing the BJP Sangathan Parv at Shimla on Tuesday.

Jammu & Kashmir, where once BJP had no presence. Today, due to unwavering commitment, the party has reached the grassroots even in remote regions."
Dr Singh contrasted this with the Congress party, remarking, "Congress leaders jump ship the moment they lose power. BJP workers have toiled 50-60 years in opposition but remained steadfast."
Earlier, as BJP's Central Observer, Dr. Jitendra announced the re-election of Dr. Rajeev Bindal as the State President of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Himachal Pradesh. The declaration was made in the presence of senior leaders including Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur, former Union Minister

Anurag Thakur, state BJP in-charge Srikanth Sharma, MPs Dr. Rajeev Bhardwaj and Suresh Kashyap.
Dr. Bindal, who returns to the post unopposed, was declared the consensus candidate-an outcome that Dr. Jitendra Singh said "does not happen often" in party politics, and is reflective of the trust and recognition Bindal enjoys among party workers. "I was sent here to announce a new president, but I'm returning your old president back to you," Dr. Jitendra Singh remarked in his speech, drawing applause from party cadres.
On a broader note, Dr. Jitendra underlined Himachal Pradesh's growing role in national development, especially in the context of the government's vision for a

'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India) by 2047. He spoke of new economic opportunities in the Himalayan region, including agri-tech and floriculture-based startups.
Referring to the success of the lavender farming model in Jammu and Kashmir, Dr. Jitendra announced that similar initiatives had begun in Himachal and Uttarakhand, offering rural youth an alternative to government jobs.
The Minister urged party workers to contribute meaningfully to the goal of a developed India, stressing that every citizen's capacity and potential must be harnessed. "Let us not just witness the celebration of India at 100 in 2047; let Himachal's workers be proud participants in that journey," he said.

Houseboat Association, Dal dwellers call on CM; flag long-pending issues

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: A deputation comprising Dal dwellers, including representatives of houseboat and shikara owners, on Tuesday called on Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to apprise him about various issues confronting them.
The meeting was held to address long standing grievances and to discuss the sustainable livelihood solutions for communities dependent on Dal Lake.
The interaction was attended by Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, MLA Zadibal Tanvir Sadiq, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, Director General Fire & Emergency

Services J&K, Commissioner Secretaries of Forest, Ecology & Environment, Tourism, Housing & Urban Development; Director Tourism, Vice Chairpersons of the Lakes Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA), Srinagar Development Authority and other senior officials.
Representatives of the Houseboat owners association, Shikara owners union and Dal dwellers' community participated in the meeting and put forth their concerns and issues.
At the outset, MLA Zadibal Tanvir Sadiq gave a detailed briefing to the Chief Minister on the issues raised by the visit-



Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah interacting with Houseboat Association members and Dal dwellers in Srinagar on Tuesday.

ing deputation.
The president of the Houseboat owners association highlighted key concerns of the community, particularly the delay in the renewal of licences of houseboats. He also

raised the matter of rehabilitation for houseboat owners currently located in River Jhelum and Chounti Khul, who are willing to relocate voluntarily to more sustainable locations. He further

stressed the need for dedi-

cated space at Srinagar Airport and Srinagar Railway Station to promote and market houseboats as a unique tourism asset and renovation of facilities at Chinara Bagh. The demand for setting up a dedicated fire station near Nigeen Lake, given the vulnerability of houseboats to fire accidents, was also reiterated.
Members of the Dal dwellers' community urged the administration to take up urgent repair and renovation work of

the wooden culverts and bridges that are integral for community movement, especially ahead of the Muharram processions. They also flagged the need for improvement in basic amenities for the residents living in the interiors of the lake.
They also brought attention to the lack of a reliable mechanism for the transportation of essential ration to the interiors of the lake, affecting the daily lives of inhabitants. Similarly, shikara own-

ers demanded restoration and maintenance of ghats and jetties along the Dal Lake shoreline.
The Chief Minister gave a patient hearing to the deputation and assured them that all genuine concerns would be examined and addressed on priority.
He emphasized that the government is committed to safeguarding the interests of those whose livelihood depends on the lake, while also ensuring sustainable preservation of this ecological treasure.

National Doctors' Day 2025 AIIMS Jammu inaugurates NAFLD screening drive under 'Swasth Bharat, Samriddha Bharat'

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: AIIMS Jammu celebrated National Doctors' Day 2025 with immense pride and gratitude, honouring the unwavering dedication and selfless service of its medical professionals.
On the occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director & CEO, AIIMS Jammu, interacted with faculty members and residents, acknowledging their tireless commitment, compassion, and devotion to the cause of humanity.
He emphasized the critical importance of ensuring the health and well-being of doctors and healthcare workers, who serve as the backbone of the healthcare system.
To mark the day, a significant health initiative was inaugurated by Prof.



(Dr.) Shakti Kumar Gupta, along with other officials, under the national vision of 'Swasth Bharat, Samriddha Bharat' and the broader mission of 'Making Healthy India a Key Pillar for Achieving Viksit Bharat @2047.
As part of this initiative, the Departments of Community Medicine and Family Medicine launched a month-long opportuni-

ty screening program with a dedicated focus on Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD). The screening will cover students, faculty, staff, and healthcare providers across AIIMS Jammu.
Recognizing the growing public health concern of NAFLD-which affects 1 to 3 out of every 10 individuals and can lead to severe complications such as cirrhosis and liver fail-

ure-this program aims to promote early detection and raise awareness through proactive health checks.
Importantly, sample collection for the screening drive also commenced today, marking the formal rollout of the initiative. This proactive approach reflects AIIMS Jammu's commitment to preventive healthcare, early intervention, and institutional responsibility for the well-being of its own caregivers.
Launched on the auspicious occasion of Doctors' Day, this comprehensive screening initiative is not only aligned with national health priorities but also serves as a symbolic and impactful step towards ensuring that those who care for others are themselves protected and nur-

Traffic Advisory

The yatris, travelling to seek blessings of Shri Amarnath Ji, in their own/rented cars/buses or any other mode, are requested to travel in the main Yatra convoy only, starting from Bhagwati Nagar Jammu daily; in the interest of smooth and secure conduct of Shri Amarnath ji Yatra 2025.

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