

BLUE MOON
Banquets • Conventions

THE BANQUET WITH A DIFFERENCE

National Highway, Near Thandi Khul, Jammu
Contact : 9086035550, 9086035551

J.K. PUBLIC SCHOOL
KUNJWANI, JAMMU

The School with a Difference

SOWING SKILLS

SHAPING INDIA

03

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

09

Yatri Niwas at Baltal will be dedicated to pilgrims on July 4: LG

09

DDC member arrested by ACB for taking bribe of Rs 50,000

Website : www.statetimes.in, Email: statetimes1@gmail.com

LG to flag off first batch of Shri Amarnathji Yatra pilgrims today



LG Manoj Sinha attending Tawi Aarti in Jammu on Tuesday evening and also interacting with devotees at Yatri Niwas, Bhagwati Nagar.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha will flag off the first batch of Amarnath Yatra pilgrims for the twin base camps in Kashmir from here amid tight security on Wednesday.

The 38-day pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre-high shrine will commence on July 3 from the Valley via the twin tracks - the traditional 48-kilometre Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the shorter (14 kilometres) but steeper Baltal route in Ganderbal district. The yatra will conclude on August 9.

According to officials, more than 3,31,000 devotees have

registered for this year's yatra so far.

On-the-spot registration of devotees arriving here for the pilgrimage has also started. Nearly 4,000 tokens have been distributed during the past two days, the officials said.

"The first batch of the yatra will leave the Jammu base camp in Bhagwati Nagar for Kashmir tomorrow. It will be flagged off by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha," said Jammu Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar.

The devotees will be ferried to the twin base camps of Pahalgam and Baltal amid heavy security escort, traffic

▶▶ LG attends Tawi Aarti on the eve of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra

▶▶ World's eyes are on this yatra. The devotees' resolve is unshakeable; no threats can deter their spirit: Sinha

restrictions and area domination along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway, the officials said.

Traffic restrictions will be imposed on various routes from July 2 to August 9, with daily advisories issued to minimise inconvenience, a

traffic officer said, adding that cut-off timings have been fixed for each sector on the highway, which is monitored through CCTVs.

Over 3,500 pilgrims have reached the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas here,

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Visits Yatri Niwas at Bhagwati Nagar

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday visited Yatri Niwas at Bhagwati Nagar and reviewed arrangements for the pilgrims of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

The Lieutenant Governor took stock of food and lodging of the pilgrims, security, registration counters, power and water supply, health facilities, help desks, sanitation, transportation and emergency services.

At Yatri Niwas, the Lieutenant Governor interacted with devotees of Baba Barfani and extended his warm wishes to pilgrims for a safe, blessed and spiritually fulfilling experience.

Addressing the media persons on the sidelines of his visit, the Lieutenant Governor said that a large number of devotees from across the country have arrived for the Yatra, which begins from Jammu tomorrow morning.

"Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra is a serene, enlightening and life-long experience. May their pilgrimage be filled with joy, peace, and spiritual bliss. Improved arrangements have been made for the convenience of the pilgrims. We must carry forward the traditions of J&K and make this yatra a huge

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Reviews final preparations for pilgrimage

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday chaired a high-level meeting with the senior officers and reviewed the final preparations for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo; Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti Department Shaleen Kabra; DGP Nalin Prabhat; Special Director General (Coordination), PHQ, S.J.M Gillani; Principal Secretary Home Chandraker Bharti; Principal Secretary, Finance Santosh D Vaidya; ADGP CID Nitish Kumar; Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor and CEO SASB Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari and senior officials of SASB, Police and Civil Administration. The Lieutenant Governor took a comprehensive review of the traffic & security management and all the arrangements in place by the stakeholder departments for the smooth, safe and hassle-free holy pilgrimage.

The Lieutenant Governor directed the officials for wide-spread publicity of Traffic Advisory so that common man is not inconvenienced. District Administrations, SSPs, Traffic Police and Stakeholder departments

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Special cell, toll-free number for terror victim families; reopen buried cases, orders LG



LG Manoj Sinha chairing a meeting at Srinagar on Tuesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday chaired a high-level meeting and discussed the issues concerning victim families whose loved ones were brutally killed by Pakistan-backed terrorists.

The Lieutenant Governor directed the Deputy Commissioners and SSPs to reopen cases which were deliberately buried and file an FIR and ensure jobs are provided to Next of Kins (NoKs) on priority. He further directed them to

take immediate measures to free terror victim families' property and land grabbed by terrorists or their sympathisers.

Identify those elements from terror ecosystem who were involved in killing of Common Kashmiris and currently working in Government Departments. Financial assistance under MUDRA and handholding must be extended to the terror victim family members who want to start their self-employment venture, the

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

▶▶ Chairs high-level meeting, discusses issues of terror victim families, whose loved ones were brutally killed by Pakistan-backed terrorists

▶▶ Directs DCs, SSPs to reopen cases which were deliberately buried and file an FIR and ensure jobs are provided to NoKs on priority

▶▶ Identify those elements from terror ecosystem who were involved in killing of common Kashmiris and currently working in Govt departments

▶▶ Special Cell to be established in LG Secretariat to address concerns of families. A similar cell to be set up in CS's

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

CB books J&K Bank officials, others in separate fraud cases

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Crime Branch on Tuesday booked J&K Bank Officers, Ex-Junior Assistant, LIC Agent, property dealer and several others for different frauds by registering four separate FIRs.

The Crime Branch of Jammu and Kashmir Police has registered four separate FIRs against several individuals, including J&K Bank officials, a former government employee, an LIC agent, and a property

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 29.0°C Min: 26.7°C

Humidity
Max: 94 Min: 72

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 34.2°C Min: 21.6°C

Humidity
Max: 60 Min: 37

Sunset : 19:43 Hours
Sunrise : 05:26 Hours

Vikram Sahay appointed J&K, Ladakh Chief Commissioner of Income Tax

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Vikram Sahay, a 1992-batch IRS officer, has been appointed as Chief Commissioner of Income Tax for the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

Sahay, currently serving as Principal Commissioner of Income Tax for J-K and Ladakh since September 2024, has been promoted as Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, the Press



Information Bureau said in a release on Tuesday.

A senior bureaucrat with

experience in key positions across the country, Sahay has led important initiatives in J-K and Ladakh, including enhancing taxpayer outreach, promoting tax literacy, grievance redressal and combating tax evasion.

He has extensively toured the region, including Leh, Kargil, Katra and Udhampur, during his tenure to strengthen the department's public engagement and compliance efforts, the release read.

ACB investigates irregularities in F&ES Deptt recruitment process

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) Jammu and Kashmir has initiated a thorough investigation into alleged irregularities in the 2020 recruitment process for Fireman and Fireman Driver posts in the Fire and Emergency Services (F&ES) Department, following complaints from aggrieved aspirants.

Based on the preliminary verification conducted by Police Station Central ACB J&K, several irregularities were found, including the wrongful selection of candidates, an ACB official said.

Consequently, a formal FIR No. 01/2025 was registered at P/S Central ACB J&K on January 1, 2025, official said and added, "The case involves multiple layers

of alleged corruption that require in-depth and meticulous investigation, which is both complex and time-consuming."

According to ACB officials, several factors are contributing to the delay in the completion of the investigation. One major task is the identification of wrongly selected candidates and the

■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Fast forward your

MARKET RETURNS

LIC's

INDEX PLUS

UIN: 512L354V01 | Plan No.: 873

Also Available Online

Benefit of LIFE COVER with MARKET RETURNS

NON PAR, LINKED, LIFE, INDIVIDUAL, SAVINGS PLAN

- Start with Monthly premium as low as ₹2,500/-
- Choice of two funds - Upto 100% invested in select stocks of NIFTY 50 (Flexi Smart Growth Fund) or NIFTY 100 (Flexi Growth Fund)
- With Guaranteed additions*

For details, contact your Agent/Nearest LIC Branch or SMS YOUR CITY NAME to 56767474

Download LIC Mobile App

Visit: licindia.in

Call Centre Services (022) 6827 6827

Green WhatsApp No. 8976862090

Follow us:

LIC India Forever | IRDAI Regn No.: 512

BEWARE OF SPURIOUS PHONE CALLS AND FICTITIOUS / FRAUDULENT OFFERS. IRDAI or its officials do not involve in any activities of insurance business like selling insurance policies, announcing bonus or investment of premiums, refund of amounts. Policyholders or the prospects receiving such phone calls are requested to lodge a police complaint. For more details on risk factors, terms and conditions, please read sales brochure carefully before concluding a sale.

Linked insurance products are different from the traditional insurance products and are subject to the risk factors. The premium paid in linked insurance policies are subject to investment risks associated with capital markets and publicly available index. NAVs of the units may go up or down based on the performance of fund and factors influencing the capital market/publicly available index and the insured is responsible for his/her decisions. Life Insurance Corporation of India is only the name of the Life Insurance Company and Index Plus is only the name of the linked insurance contract and does not in any way indicate the quality of the contract, its future prospects or returns. Please know the associated risks and the applicable charges, from your insurance agent or intermediary or policy document issued by the insurance company. The various funds offered under this contract are the names of the funds and do not in any way indicate the quality of these plans, their future prospects and returns.