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Success of Amarnathji yatra will boost tourism in J&K: LG



LG Manoj Sinha with pilgrims at Chandanwari Base Camp on Tuesday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

PAHALGAM: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday visited Nunwan and Chandanwari Base Camps and reviewed the services and facilities for the pilgrims.

The Lieutenant Governor interacted with the pilgrims, service providers, longer sevadars, sanitation workers, medical staff, and administrative, Police

and security officials deputed for the ongoing Shri Amarnathji Yatra. He took stock of department-wise arrangements, logistics, lodging, disaster management, healthcare and other facilities that have been put in place on travel route and Yatra base camps at Pahalgam axis. The Lieutenant Governor lauded the dedication, passion and commitment

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■ Visits Nunwan and Chandanwari Base Camps
■ Interacts with pilgrims, service providers, officials; reviews services, facilities for devotees
■ Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra has crossed 3,35,000 mark. Dedication, passion and commitment of our officials, service providers and every-one involved in this holy Yatra has ensured a pleasant and memorable pilgrimage for the devotees of Baba Barfani
■ Says, we are witnessing an overwhelming atmosphere of spiritual fervor and festivity throughout base camps

IMD issues flash flood alert for 12 J&K districts

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Tuesday issued a Flash Flood Guidance Bulletin, warning of a low to moderate risk of flash floods in several districts, including Kathua, Samba, Udhampur, Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban, Reasi, Jammu, Rajouri, Poonch, Baramulla and Anantnag, over the next 24 hours.

In response, District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs) have been urged to take necessary precautions and measures as per established protocols to ensure public safety and mitigate risks.

CM advocates holistic implementation of NEP



CM Omar Abdullah speaking at a conference on NEP-2020 at SKICC on Tuesday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday underscored the need for comprehensive, inclusive and locally adaptable implementation of the National

Education Policy (NEP) 2020, calling it a visionary document whose success depends entirely on its understanding and execution at the grassroots level.

The Chief Minister was

speaking at a One-Day Conference on NEP-2020 held at Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC), themed "Empowering Education Leaders for Holistic Education."

Emphasizing the importance of reflection and course correction, the Chief Minister said, "The New Education Policy is now five years old. This is the time to evaluate where we have succeeded, where we have fallen short, and what more can be done to implement it better. A policy is only as effective as its application and

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DGP reviews security measures for upcoming Budha Amarnath Yatra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat on Tuesday chaired a high-level joint meeting to review security arrangements for the upcoming Budha Amarnath Yatra in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district.

The 13-day-long 'Budha Amarnath' pilgrimage in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch border district will begin on July 28 from the Bhagwati Nagar base camp



DGP Nalin Prabhat chairing security review meeting at Poonch.

in Jammu and conclude on

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Shri Amarnathji Yatra: Over 3,500 pilgrims leave Jammu base camp

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Braving heavy rain, a fresh batch of more than 3,500 pilgrims left Jammu for the Amarnath cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas amid tight security in the early hours of Tuesday, officials said.

Over 3 lakh pilgrims have visited the 3,880-metre-high shrine of Lord Shiva, which houses a naturally formed ice lingam, since the

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Custodial torture of 2 labourers at Atal Setu HC issues contempt notice to SDPO, SHO Basohli, others

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a significant order, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi has issued notices to SDPO Basohli-Suresh Kumar, Geetanjali (JKPS)-SHO Police Station, Basohli, PSI Kusum Sulakhiya, PSI Abhinav Kotwal, Head Constable Naresh Kumar, Head Constable Banarsi Dass, SGCT Vijay Kumar, SGCT Hem Raj, SPO Surinder Kumar, SPO Sahil Singh, SPO Ajay Kumar, returnable within three weeks in a contempt petition filed by two residents of Pathankot

(Punjab) namely Sukar Deen and Farid Mohammad seeking initiation of Contempt of Court proceedings against the above mentioned officers and officials of J&K Police for their wilful/intentional defiance of Apex Court guidelines laid down in the judgements titled DK Basu and Anr. V/s State of West Bengal & Anr. and Armesh Kumar V/s State of Bihar as the aforementioned police officials illegally/arbitrarily detained the two petitioners at 12:30 AM on June 30, 2025 and brutally tortured them at Atal Setu

(Basohli) and later at Police Station, Basohli by throwing the Supreme Court guidelines to winds. When the Contempt Petition came up for hearing before Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, Advocate S.S Ahmed with Advocate Rahul Raina drew the attention of the court towards the photographs of the petitioners showing grievous injuries sustained by them because of the mid-night brutal torture by the aforesaid Police Officers/Officials at historic Atal Setu Bridge Basohli

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BSF raises 'drone squadron' for Indo-Pak border post-Op Sindoor

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Border Security Force (BSF) is raising a maiden "drone squadron" for deployment along the India-Pakistan border even as it has begun "hardening" its defences and posts against lethal UAV attacks in the wake of lessons drawn during Operation Sindoor.

The squadron, to be based in specific border outposts (BoPs) at this front, will comprise an assortment of reconnaissance, surveillance and attack drones or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and specially-trained

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Three killed after tractor plunges into gorge

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: Three persons were killed after a tractor skidded off the road and fell into a deep gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district on Tuesday evening, officials said.

The accident took place near the remote Danrashi area of Dachhan at around 6.40 pm, they said.

All three persons travelling on the tractor -- Ishaq Ahmad (26), Abdul Majeed (28) and Nazir Hussain (22) -- were found dead by the rescuers, the officials said, adding that the bodies have been shifted to a hospital

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NDA has comfortable edge in electoral college for VP poll

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The ruling NDA has a comfortable edge in the elections to the post of the next vice president, necessitated by the surprise resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar on Monday.

The vice president is elected by the members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, where nominated members of the Upper House are also eligible to cast their vote.

The 543-member Lok Sabha has one vacant seat -- Basirhat in West Bengal -- while there are five vacancies in the 245-member

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EC to soon initiate process to hold vice-presidential polls

NEW DELHI: The Election Commission (EC) will soon initiate the process to hold polls to elect the next vice president after Jagdeep Dhankhar quit the post, sources indicated on Tuesday.

Though there is no official word yet, the sources said with the Union home ministry officially notifying Dhankhar's resignation on Tuesday, the process to hold the election for his successor could commence soon.

The Constitution says in case a vice president dies in office or resigns or is removed, the poll to elect the next person to the office should be held "as soon as possible".

The next vice president will get a full five-year term in office, according to constitutional provisions.

Dhankhar resigned with immediate effect on Monday, citing health grounds.

The members of both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, including those nominated, elect

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LG launches web portal for terror victim J&K families

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a significant move to provide institutionalized support to victims of terrorism, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday launched a dedicated portal for the terror victim families in Jammu Kashmir.

"The initiative will streamline and expedite the process of providing relief, compassionate appointments, and other forms of assistance to those who have suffered from terrorism in the UT," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Web portal, developed by the Home Department in collaboration with NIC, will serve as a centralized platform to capture and maintain comprehensive district-wise data on Terrorism-affected families. The details of any encroachments on the property of the victims or



LG Manoj Sinha launching portal for terror victim families in J&K.

their NOKs are also being captured.

It will ensure that no legitimate case is left unaddressed and timely support is extended to eligible families in terms of financial relief, ex-gratia compensation and compassionate employment while ensuring elimination of any bogus or multiple claims.

The Lieutenant Governor is personally monitoring and overseeing the redressal of all

cases across the UT of J&K.

A toll-free helpline numbers have also been established at the offices of the Divisional Commissioners in both Jammu (0191-2478995) and Kashmir (0194-2487777) divisions, to facilitate the registration of any overlooked or pending claims.

These helplines are being attended through dedicated control rooms as citizen

interfaces for receiving grievances or queries related to pending government support to terror affected families viz. compensation, Ex-gratia relief and Compassionate appointments.

The helplines have been staffed with trained personnel and will be integrated with the centralized application to ensure that every claim is formally

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