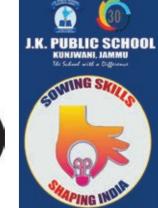


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Pakistan has done enough to disturb peace & stability in J&K even after 1947 and UNO has failed to make Pakistan behave

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Initiatives taken to ensure ease of justice to members of Armed Forces in J&K: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday addressed the North Zone Regional Conference on "Reaffirming the Constitutional Vision of Justice for Defence Personnel and Tribals: Bridging the Gaps" organised by National Legal Services Authority, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and J&K Legal Services Authority, at Srinagar.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor extended his felicitations to the legal luminaries, officials of National Legal Services Authority, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, J&K Legal Services Authority and everyone associated with the conference. He also paid tributes to the bravehearts of Kargil War.

"Constitution of India guarantees Justice, social, economic and political and one of the facets of providing Justice is access to justice to all the citizens and it is to be ensured that Justice reaches to the poorest of poor, who deserves it the

The justice system has been deeply rooted in the soul of India and played a pivotal to nation's progress. In our culture, the court is not merely an office of justice but a sacred temple of justice, dedicated to ensuring equal justice and access to the legal system for all, without discrimination," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the State Legal Services Authorities to ensure that all possible legal aid reaches the army personnel, tribal community, deprived and vulnerable sections of society on time so that their lives become easier and their rights granted by the Constitution are

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted key structural reforms taken in the past few years to



LG Manoj Sinha at the North Zone Regional Conference of Legal Services Authorities at Srinagar on Saturday.

SC Judge Justice Surya Kant presides CJ J&K-Ladakh HC Justice Arun Palli presents keynote address

SRINAGAR: On the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), in collaboration with the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and the J&K Legal Services Authority, hosted a landmark regional event at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC)

The conference marked the launch of the NALSA Veer Parivar Sahayata Yojana-2025 and the North Zone Regional Conference on "Reaffirming the Constitutional Vision of Justice for Defence Personnel & Tribals: Bridging the Gaps. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Collective responsibility to deliver justice, legal-aid to defence personnel, tribal communities: CM

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday delivered the keynote address at the North Zone Regional Conference of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) on "Reaffirming the Constitutional Vision of Justice for Defence Personnel & Tribals" held at SKICC Srinagar

This constitutionally significant conference focuses on advancing the rights and entitlements of defence personnel and tribal communities-two segments of society that, in the Chief Minister's words, "one defends the Constitution with unflinching resolve" and the other has "long

Need to prioritise court cases involving defence personnel: Meghwal

SRINAGAR: Union Minister of State Arjun Ram Meghwal on Saturday batted for a mechanism to prioritise the disposal of court cases nvolving defence personnel.

The Minister of State (Independent charge) for Law and Justice was addressing a two-day north zone regional conference on 'reaffirming the constitutional vision of justice for defence personnel and tribals' at SKICC.

"Some mechanism should be made so that priority is given to hearing the case of a soldier who is on leave and has to report back to duty, Meghwal said.

He said such cases, including those of revenue

establish social and economic justice in Jammu

The Lieutenant Governor observed that before 2019 various central laws including two important central legislations namely the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 were not applicable to J&K.

Now, these laws have become applicable and tribal community has been empowered. We are extending all constitutional guarantees and protections to the members of Tribal population including access to justice by providing free and competent legal aid to them, he said.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, spoke on the major initiatives taken by the J&K administration to ensure ease of justice to the members of Armed Forces and reiterated its commitment to provide legal aid to the tribal community.

"Amendment has been made in J&K Legal Services Authority, Rules 2020 to include Secretary, Zila Sainik Board as member of District Legal Services Authority to provide legal aid to soldiers

Furthermore, Lieutenant Governor's Sainik Sahayta Kendra has been established and it is a dedicated institutional mechanism for facilitating the redressal of civilian grievances faced by soldiers of the Indian Armed Forces, who are posted in the J&K, or who belong to the UT and are presently serving in other parts of the country", the Lieutenant Governor said.

The LG emphasised that delay in justice means defeat of moral duties of legal services authorities at the grassroots level involved in helping the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Over 2,300 Amarnathji pilgrims leave from Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The fresh batch of over 2,300 pilgrims left a base camp here on Saturday to offer prayers at the 3,880meter high holy cave shrine of Amarnath in south Kashmir Himalayas, officials

Over 3.60 lakh pilgrims have so far visited the cave shrine since the commencement of the 38-day long vatra on July 3.

However, the footfall at the shrine has started decreasing wer the nest few days with the melting of the naturally formed ice-shivlingam.

Escorted by the police and CRPF personnel, the 24th

'Make in India' weapons played great role during Op Sindoor: Modi

tional Pahalgam route in TUTICORIN:

Minister Narendra Modi on Anantnag district, they CONTD ON PAGE 9 Saturday said weapons man-

ufactured under the 'Make in India' initiative played a great role during

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India looks forward to boosting ties with Maldives: PM

MALE: India looks forward to deepening its partnership with the Maldives, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday, as he met several Maldivian leaders, including Vice President Uz Hussain Mohamed Latheef.

Modi is in the Maldives on a two-day visit.

His discussions with Latheef touched upon key pillars of the India-Maldives ties, including cooperation in infrastructure, technology and energy.

"Our nations continue to work closely in sectors like infrastructure, technology, climate change, energy and more. This is greatly beneficial to our people. We look forward to deepening this partnership in the years to come," Modi posted on X. The prime minister conveyed wishes on the 60th anniver ary of Independence Day of the Maldives.

He also graced the celebrations as the guest of honour. "Both sides exchanged views on the deep-rooted & special relationship. VP Latheef thanked ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

JDA retrieves 15 Kanal encroached land; dismantles temporary structures land mafia, causing both

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: In a significant

move against illegal mining and land encroachment, the Development Jammu Authority (JDA), in coordination with the District Administration Jammu, on Saturday conducted a joint anti-encroachment operation in Khasra No. 851, village

Nagrota. The action led to the retrieval of 15 kanal JDA land that had been illegally occupied and subjected to ties. The land situated in a sensitive and strategically important area was being misused by elements of the

environmental damage and loss to public assets.

In a coordinated effort, JDA team headed by Director Land Management JDA under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner. Jammu and Vice Chairman JDA acted swiftly to stop the illegal mining and dismantle all encroachments from the site. JDA boards were also installed on the spot. The operation was carried out under the broader directive

Officials confirmed that further legal proceedings

to protect public land and

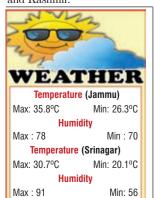
uphold the rule of law.

Summer vacation for J&K Polytechnics announced

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Government on Saturday announced 30 days summer vacation starting from 21st July, 2025 Government and Recognised private Polytechnics Jammu and Kashmir.

An order issued in this regard by Directorate of Skill Development J&K reads, "Consequent upon approval conveyed Administrative Department vide letter under reference, it is hereby ordered that all the Government/ Recognized Private Polytechnics in JKUT shall observe 30 days summer vacation commenced from July 21 to August 19. 2025" The order further reads that all the Principals / HODs of Government Polytechnics of J&K UT shall remain at station and will work on formulation of skilling roadmap for Jammu and Kashmir.



Sunset: 19:34 Hours

Sunrise: 05:40 Hours

Need unified political approach for restoration of J&K's statehood: Azad

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batch of 2,324 pilgrims,

including 377 women and 51

Sadhus and Sadhvis, left

Jammu's Bhagwati Nagar

base camp in 92 vehicles for

the twin base camps in

Kashmir between 3.25 am

and 3.45 am, the officials

The first convoy, carrying

741 pilgrims in 34 vehicles,

left for the shorter but steep-

er 14-km Baltal route in

Ganderbal district, followed

by the second convoy of

1,583 pilgrims in 58 vehicles

who are undertaking the

yatra via the 48-km tradi-

Azad Party Progressive (DPAP) chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad has called for a unified political approach for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood. Azad also expressed con-

cern over the state of development in Jammu and Kashmir, saying while central projects were progressing, state-level initiatives were "completely halted".

"Even the prime minister and the home minister have (statehood) on the floor of Parliament. Some mistakes

committed to restoring it the streets," Azad told

kept happening due to which there was a delay. First, a demand should be placed (before the government), but reporters here.

"The matter should be discussed seriously, not just to divert public attention," he said.

Speaking on the ongoing protests and political mobilisations demanding statehood, Azad asserted that while everyone has the right to protest, meaningful dialogue with the central leader-

ship should have preceded such actions. "Protests are of two kinds -- symbolic

500 grams of heroin recovered from border village

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Police on Saturday recovered about 500 grams of heroin from a village along the International Border in Samba district, officials said.

The recovery was made by the Special Operations Group of local police from Chillyari village in the early hours of the day, they said. A local villager reported that a yellow packet was dropped by a suspected drone from Pakistan shortly after midnight, the officials said. A search operation was immediately launched and the packet was seized, leading to the recovery of 500 grams of heroin, they said.

Dr Jitendra reviews security situation in Kathua

STATE TIMES NEWS

BANI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, , Dr Jitendra Singh on Saturday held an over twohour long Public Durbar at this far flung hilly town of district Kathua, as part of his continued outreach efforts to engage directly with citizens and local representatives, not only at district level bit also at Tehsil, block and Panchavat level.

The entire district administration including senior officers of various departments



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh interacting with locals at Bani on Saturday.

like PWD, PHE, Education, Health. PMGSY etc were present to facilitate grievance redressal on the spot

and ensure prompt action. In a separate meeting, the Minister also discussed

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Op Sindoor strikes sent clear message to Pak: Army Chief

STATE TIMES NEWS

DRASS (KARGIL): Indian army chief General Upendra Dwivedi on Saturday said that the surgical strikes carried out during Operation Sindoor were a clear message to Pakistan that supporters of terrorism will not be spared.

"Operation Sindoor was a message to Pakistan as well as a response to the Pahalgam terror attack, which was a deep wound for the entire nation. This time India did not only mourn but showed that the response will be decisive," Gen Dwivedi said at the Kargil War Memorial here.

Addressing a gathering on Vijay Diwas, the chief of army staff said a stern response to the adversary was the new normal established by India.

"The faith shown by the countrymen and the free hand given by the government, the Indian Army gave a



befitting surgical response. Any power that tries to challenge the unity, integrity, and sovereignty of India or harm the people will be given a befitting reply. This is the new normal of India," he said.

Operation Sindoor, the army eliminated nine high-value terrorist targets in Pakistan with zero collateral damage "India attained a decisive victory by

effective targeting of terror infra-Gen Dwivedi said that during structure in Pakistan during

Operation Sindoor. The army targeted the terrorist infrastructure and foiled the other aggressive moves of Pakistan to attain a decisive victory,"

Dwivedi said Indian gave peace a chance, but Pakistan resorted to cow-

"The Pakistani action on May 8 and 9 was responded to effectively. Our army air defence stood like an impregnable wall which could not be breached by any missile or drones,' he said.

He said the Indian Army is on its way to becoming a force to reckon with in the world

"Rudra, all of brigade, is being established for which I gave an approval yesterday. Under this, we will have infantry, mechanised infantry, armoured units, artillery, special ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Lok Sabha to discuss Operation **Sindoor from Monday**

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: The Lok

Sabha will take up on Monday a special discussion on India's 'Operation Sindoor' that was carried out in response to the terror attack in Pahalgam, after a weeklong virtual washout of Parliament proceedings.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah and External Affairs S Jaishankar are likely to participate in the 16-hour debate that is expected to stretch over three days as an aggressive opposition would seek to corner the government over US President Donald Trump's claims that he mediated to avert a

nuclear war between India and Pakistan and got them to agree on a ceasefire.

India has made it clear that the cessation of firing and military activity targeted at Pakistan was paused after 'direct contact" between the directors general of military operations (DGMOs) of both nations, at the instance of Islamabad.

The Lok Sabha Secretariat has listed a "special discussion on India's strong, sucand 'Operation Sindoor' in response to the terror attack in Pahalgam" in its agenda for Monday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is

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