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## Rich experiences of alumni can benefit young students: CJI

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**SRINAGAR:** Chief Justice of India (CJI) B R Gavai on Sunday expressed faith that the University of Kashmir would produce students who will contribute to the development of the Union territory and the nation.

Addressing the 'Mega Alumni Meet 2025' of the University of Kashmir here, the CJI also urged the varsity to make use of its rich alumni to benefit the younger generation.

"I appeal to the university and the faculty to make use of the good alumni for young generations. They can benefit from their rich experience and get a good roadmap for the future," he said.

CJI Gavai said he has full faith and full belief that the University of Kashmir will produce many more students who will actually participate and contribute to the development of India as a nation and to the development of



(1) Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai lighting the ceremonial lamp.  
(2) Ex-CM J&K Ghulam Nabi Azad felicitated as an alumnus of Kashmir University by CJI B.R. Gavai at Mega Alumni Meet held at Srinagar on Sunday. Azad completed his PG, M.Sc in Zoology from Kashmir University in 1973.

Kashmir as a region.

Describing Kashmir as a truly paradise in the world, Gavai said "we have come here in Jannat (heaven)".

"Kashmir is known for its confluence of civilisation... its beauty, handicrafts, pashmina shawls and cuisine. It has deeply enriched India's intellectual and cultural discourse. Kashmir has pro-

duced voices that resonate far beyond its values," the CJI said.

CJI Gavai said the university has produced a variety of talents from various walks of life who have contributed to law and judiciary, to politics, and to medical science.

Earlier, the CJI felicitated the university's alumni, including former chief minis-

ter of the erstwhile state of J&K Ghulam Nabi Azad.

"I was particularly happy to felicitate Ghulam Nabi Azad who has represented my neighbouring district in Vidarbha. Not only that, he has been a very good friend of my father and both of them have worked together in Rajya Sabha and

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## 2,000 pilgrims leave Jammu for Shri Amarnathji Yatra

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**JAMMU:** The 25th batch of 2,197 pilgrims, including 365 women, left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here on Sunday to pay obeisance at the holy Amarnath cave shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas, officials said.

The pilgrims, including 49 sadhus and 10 sadhvis, left for the twin base camps of Nunwan-Pahalgam in Anantnag and Baltal in Ganderbal in separate convoys under tight security arrangements in the early hours of the day, they said.

While 1,624 pilgrims are heading for Pahalgam base camp in a convoy of 62 vehicles, 573 pilgrims onboard 38 vehicles have preferred the Baltal route, officials said.

The 38-day annual pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre high cave shrine started from the two routes on July 3 and is scheduled to end on August 9, coinciding with the Raksha Bandhan festival. Over 3.70 lakh pilgrims have so far visited the shrine.

## Addresses Alumni Meet of KU

## LG calls upon Alumni to contribute to peace, progress of J&K



LG Manoj Sinha addressing alumni meet of University of Kashmir on Sunday.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**SRINAGAR:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday addressed the Mega Alumni Meet-2025 at University of Kashmir.

Chief Justice of India, Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai; Union Minister for Parliamentary & Minority Affairs, Kiren Rijiju; Judge Supreme Court, Justice Surya Kant; Judge Supreme Court, Justice Vikram Nath; Judge Supreme Court, Justice PS

■ Says, Alumni not just a network of former students, but network of human potential dedicated towards nation building

■ I believe the Alumni must extend handholding to young students in their internships and career prospects, inspire, guide and empower them and build better future for new generation

■ Asks KU to create institutional mechanism for Alumni to give back to University

Narasimha; Judge Supreme Court, Justice Pankaj Mithal; Judge Supreme Court, Justice Pankaj ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## Don't give space to fringe elements who keep trying to disrupt peace in J&K: Rijiju

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**SRINAGAR:** Union Minister Kiren Rijiju on Sunday said the people of Jammu and Kashmir want progress and called upon society not to give space to "fringe elements" that keep trying to disrupt peace.

"I have seen that the people of JK are extremely positive. They want to progress and they have shown the way," Rijiju, the Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs, said here. He was addressing the Mega Alumni Meet 2025 of the University of Kashmir here.

The minister said "fringe elements" make efforts to

derail peace in J-K from time to time.

Rijiju said he firmly believes that the entire alumni at the University of Kashmir has the power to set the right narrative for the future of J-K.

"This university can do much more than what it has done so far. Because we can't just brush aside the minority element, which we treat as a fringe element. Because it takes only a few attempts by some of the negative elements to create trouble for society," he said. The minister called upon the people not to give any space to the negative elements "which come from outside our country".

## KU matched national benchmarks in research: CM

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**SRINAGAR:** Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Sunday commended the University of Kashmir for being an eminent institution of learning and for the achievements of its alumni, stating that the institution has matched the best universities in the country.

He was addressing a distinguished gathering at the Mega Alumni Meet-2025 held at the University of Kashmir campus.

The Chief Minister highlighted the fundamental indicators of an academic institution's success.

"There are two primary criteria by which we should



CM Omar Abdullah addressing gathering at Kashmir University's function on Sunday.

assess any educational institution," he stated. "The first is the scope and caliber of its research output; the second is the tangible accomplishments of its alumni. By both standards, the University of Kashmir is not behind any university in the country."

He noted that several of the University's alumni have excelled in the realms of law, politics, administration, medicine, social work, business and other fields earning respect and recognition both nationally and internationally.

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## SIA files chargesheet in 46 kg heroin seizure case; LeT link exposed

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**JAMMU:** In a major breakthrough against narco-terrorism case of interstate and cross-border smuggling, the State Investigation Agency (SIA) has filed the first chargesheet in a case involving the seizure of more than 46 kilograms of heroin in Jammu as well as Punjab.

The chargesheet, filed before the Competent Court pertains registration of a criminal case filed after recovery of more than 33 Kg of Heroin in Bus Stand area of Jammu under NDPS Act. Finding cross border terror links in the case, the investigation was taken up by SIA

under the provisions of NDPS Act and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

The case originated with the apprehension of Sartaj Singh, a resident of Tarn Taran, Punjab, from the Bus Stand area in Jammu, based on precise intelligence inputs. Authorities recovered 33.580 kg of heroin from his possession at the time of arrest. Swift follow-up investigation led to the identification of a second accused, Amritpal Singh alias Fouji, who initially escaped the scene with another consignment but was later arrested by Punjab Police,

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## 6 dead, 28 injured in stampede at Haridwar's Mansa Devi temple

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**HARIDWAR:** A stampede broke out at Haridwar's hill-top Mansa Devi temple where hundreds of devotees had gathered on Sunday, killing at least six people and leaving 28 injured, police said.

Rumours of an electric current where the stairs to the temple begin triggered panic among people, leading to the stampede, Haridwar's Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Pramendra Singh Dohal told PTI Videos.

Thirty-four people were rushed to a hospital and six of them died, he said.

The incident took place around 9 am.

Being a Sunday, a large crowd of devotees had gathered at the temple atop the Shivalik hills at a height of more than 500 feet.

Videos from the spot showed a massive rush of people, including children and women, towards the narrow entrance of the temple and outside the hospital, worried family

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## Op Sindoor proved there is no safe haven for terrorists, enemies of India: Modi

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**GANGAIKONDA CHOLAPURAM:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said Operation Sindoor showed the world the way India would respond if its sovereignty was attacked and that the cross-border military offensive has created a new self-confidence across the country.

Operation Sindoor, launched in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, also proved that for enemies and terrorists targeting India, there is no safe haven, Modi said in his address at an event here to



honour the Tamil emperor Rajendra Chola-I.

The event marks the birth anniversary of the Rajendra Chola-I which is celebrated

as the 'Aadi Thiruvathirai' (the birth star of the king is Thiruvathirai in the Tamil month of Aadi) festival.

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## Jammu Rlys gets first direct unlocking system to improve efficiency

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**JAMMU:** The first direct unlocking system has been installed at Dinanagar railway station in Northern Railway's Jammu division, a step that is expected to improve efficiency and safety in railway operations, a senior official said.

Divisional Railway Manager, Jammu, Vivek Kumar said the system, installed on Saturday, directly controls the railway signalling and point machinery, thereby reducing the risk of human error.

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## LG reiterates commitment to ensure safe, hassle-free Budha Amarnathji Yatra



LG Manoj Sinha at the inaugural session of Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**JAMMU:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday addressed the inaugural session of Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra, at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu.

The first batch of the holy pilgrimage will be flagged off tomorrow morning on Monday July 28 at 6 am from Yatri Nivas Bhagwati Nagar.

In his address, the

Lieutenant Governor extended his greetings and best wishes to the devotees, Baba Amarnath and Budha Amarnath Yatri Nyas, Vishwa Hindu Parishad,

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## Logistics management was deciding factor in success of Op Sindoor: Rajnath

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**VADODARA:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday said logistics management by various agencies was a deciding factor in the success of Operation Sindoor.

In a video message launched by the Indian armed forces in May, targeting terror infrastructure in Pakistan post the Pahalgam attack.

Singh was addressing students and faculty members virtually at the 3rd convocation ceremony of Vadodara-based Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, a university under the Ministry of Railways.

"The speed at which the

world is changing is both impressive and shocking. The defence sector is also transforming, and major changes are being witnessed in the methods of warfare. In today's era, wars are not won by guns and bullets alone, but by their time-bound delivery," the minister said.

Singh stressed that the handling of logistics decides a country's fate on the battlefield. Victory and defeat are decided by logistics, and the whole world had witnessed this during Operation Sindoor, he said.

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## CJI presides over North Zone Regional Conference in Srinagar



Chief Justice of India, Justice B.R. Gavai along with other dignitaries at the event in Srinagar on Sunday.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

**SRINAGAR:** On the second day of the North Zone Regional Conference hosted at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC), Srinagar, the legal fraternity witnessed an unprecedented gathering of luminaries from the Supreme Court of India and High Courts across Northern India.

Organised under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) in collaboration with the

High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and J&K Legal Services Authority, the theme of the event "in conversation with the Bar a shared vision for legal transformation", focused on building institutional bridges and reaffirming constitutional commitments in the legal ecosystem.

The conference brought together Judges of the Supreme Court of India, Chief Justices and Judges from various High Courts across

Northern India, senior advocates, members of the Bar, and judicial officers for a day of focused deliberations on the evolution and empowerment of the legal profession in service of constitutional justice.

The conference was presided over by Justice B.R. Gavai, Chief Justice of India.

Dignitaries in attendance included - Justice Surya Kant, Justice Vikram Nath, Justice Pamidighantam Sri Narasimha, Justice Pankaj Mithal,

Justice Rajesh Bindal, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Judges, Supreme Court of India, Justice Arun Palli, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Sindhu Sharma, Judges High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, opened the proceedings by welcoming dignitaries, Bar leaders and young advocates from

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**WEATHER**

**Temperature (Jammu)**  
Max: 35.8°C Min: 26.6°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 72 Min: 64

**Temperature (Srinagar)**  
Max: 30.7°C Min: 20.5°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 75 Min: 55

Sunset : 19:33 Hours  
Sunrise : 05:41 Hours